



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
FORTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN
ALMOST ORDINARY TIME
MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 8, 2022

Welcome to Wallingford Presbyterian Church

Members and friends gather here each Sunday morning (and lots of times during the week!) to celebrate and serve. We rejoice that you are here with us, and hope that you'll feel right at home. During our phased reopening masks must be worn securely over the nose and mouth at all times. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation, as we strive to keep all members of our community of faith safe and healthy!

Masks must be worn at all times when in the building, including during worship.

Visitors are encouraged to reach out about activities they may be interested in attending.

Large print bulletins are available upon request.

If you need a little help hearing, portable listening devices are available.

An All Gender Restroom is located in the Narthex.

An infant changing station and Quiet Room for parents with little ones is located off the Narthex.

Activity packets are available for children to use during worship.

Please ask an usher if you need help; we are here to assist you!

Sunday, May 8

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Forty-Fifth Sunday in Almost Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship Service

Pastor Taylor Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Time

Monday, May 9

10:30 am- Adult Bible Study

3:00 pm- Staff Meeting

7:30 pm- WPC Connections

Tuesday, May 10

7:30 pm- Worship Council

Wednesday, May 11

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

6:00 pm- WOW

Thursday, May 12

7:30 pm- BSA 277 & 2019

Friday, May 13

Saturday, May 14

Sunday, May 15

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Forty-Sixth Sunday in Almost Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship Service

Pastor Taylor Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Time

11:00 am- Faith Formation

3:00 pm- Concerts for a Cause

A community where all who seek God are Welcome...



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

God made mothers because He couldn't be everywhere. – Yiddish Proverb

WELCOME, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, AND MOTHER'S DAY GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Blessing and honor is yours, O God.

Glory to God forever. Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN 7

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

NORWICH

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is present to guide our journey and eager to forgive us when we go astray; therefore, in humility and faith, let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways.

(Silent Confession)

Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us of our offenses; therefore, know that you are forgiven and receive new life in Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

*RESPONSE 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

Glory to God whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen (x3)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Shepherd of Souls, you call us to an abundant feast at the table of your word; open our hearts to feed on your goodness, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might dwell evermore deeply in you. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

OT 501

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward at this time. Parents are encouraged to accompany their younger children and sit with them on the chancel steps or in the chairs provided. After the message, children ages 18mo – 5 years (Young Disciples) and Grades 1 – 5 (Junior Disciples) can go to faith formation or, if parents prefer, return to their pews and worship with their parents (activity packets provided for their use during the worship service.)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:22-30

NT 104

SERMON

Meditation

Pastor Taylor

ANTHEM

God is My Shepherd

by. A. Dvorak, arr. Moore

God is My Shepherd, I want for nothing. My rest is in the pleasant meadows. He leadeth me where quiet waters flow. My fainting soul doth he restore and guideth me in the ways of peace, to glorify his name. And though in death's dark valley my steps must wander, my spirit shall not fear for thou art by me still. Thy rod and staff are with me, and they shall comfort me.

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

“The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.” Trusting in divine care, let us present our tithes and offerings to God who restores our lives eternally.

OFFERTORY

Grandmother's Songs, op. 27 no.10

R. Volkmann

If you wish to give electronically from your smartphone or tablet, please scan the box at the right to go to the website where you can give to WPC via credit card, or give via the Church Center app.



*RESPONSE 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Holy God, Divine Shepherd, you anoint us with the oil of gladness; your love overflows our hearts. Accept our offering for the good of the world as we joyfully give thanks for our life in you. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

TIME OF GREETING AND SHARING THE GRACE AND PEACE WE RECEIVED

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

(Please exchange with one another, by words and gestures, signs of peace and reconciliation.)

***Those who are able, please stand.**

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Thank you to Danielle Haury and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.

This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God.

WORSHIP Just a reminder: If you aren't feeling your best (headache, fever, body ache), please consider staying at home until you feel like your old self again.

PASTOR FRANÇOIS IS ON SABBATICAL He will return August 1. Please contact Pastor Taylor with all pastoral care needs, and refer other concerns to the office.

IN-PERSON STAFF AND OFFICE HOURS

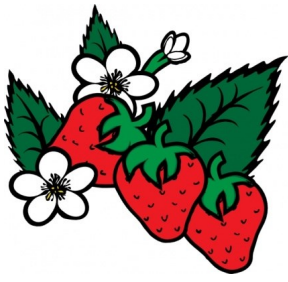
Pastor Taylor will have a heavier load of visitations and other responsibilities in Pastor François' absence. As a result, her office hours will be by appointment.

The Main Office Hours are shown below. Appointments preferred when possible.

- Monday 9:30 am-12pm
- Tues-Thursday 2-4:30 p.m.

NEED A BETTER MASK? WPC Has KN-95 masks available for those who have not been able to get them. Pick one up for your personal use when you come to worship!

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR UKRAINE: <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine/>



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL IS BACK! – clear your calendar for Monday, June 6. Everyone’s favorite community-wide event will include food, desserts, books, plants and games for children. (Note – a special Attic Treasures day is being planned for the fall).

Start saving now:

- Books – kids, fiction and non, cookbooks (no encyclopedias)
- Plants – perennials, vegetables, herbs (marked with type of plant, sun/shade)

Proceeds will be divided among Chester Eastside, Inc. summer camp (75%), Scout troops (15%) and seed money for SF 2023 (10%).

YOU make Strawberry Festival a success. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** – sign up in Fellowship Hall or at <https://bit.ly/WPCStrawberry2022>

AAPI HERITAGE MONTH PEACEMAKING TALK Wednesday May 18, 7:30 pm - Peter Szto, an American-born Chinese who hails from Jamaica, Queens, will speak on “Growing up half & half: an AAPI story.” He will explore his life through the eyes of Moses, who found himself raised in a cultural context different from his clan. His presentation seeks to deepen our ethnic identities while peaking at the AAPI journey in history and social welfare. Sponsored by the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee.

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