



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
FORTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN  
ALMOST ORDINARY TIME  
MAY 15, 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 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

## Monday, May 16

10:30 am- Adult Bible Study

2:30 pm- Staff Meeting

7:30 pm- Education Council

7:30 pm- Stephen Ministry

## Tuesday, May 17

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing

7:30 pm- Deacons

7:30 pm- Sanctuary Committee

## Wednesday, May 18

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

## Wednesday (Continued)

7:00 pm- Media Chamber Chorale Rehearsal

7:30 pm- Peacemaking and Social Justice Event

## Thursday, May 19

6:30 pm- Bell Choir

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

7:30 pm- BSA 277 & 2019

## Friday, May 20

7:30 pm- Media Chamber Chorale Concert

## Saturday, May 21

7:30 pm- Young Adults @ IceWorks

## Sunday, May 22

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Forty-Seventh Sunday in Almost Ordinary Time

Teacher Appreciation Day

10:00 am- Worship Service

Pastor Taylor Preaching

11:00 am- Fellowship Time

11:00 am- Peacemaking and Social Justice

4:00 pm- Youth Arcade Night

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



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# Order of Worship

## GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

### WORDS OF MEDITATION

*“Even Kings and emperors with heaps of wealth and vast dominion cannot compare with an ant filled with the love of God.” ~ Guru Nanak*

### WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.

**Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!**

#### OPENING PRAYER

Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you make all things new. Long ago you called your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit to open their hearts to enact such love. Give us that same spirit of openness, that we too might discern new directions in our day for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation. In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

#### OPENING HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God’s promises are trustworthy and true; your sins are forgiven. Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may you always be known by your love.

#### \*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

O God of promise, your word made flesh in Jesus Christ is trustworthy and true. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may it rise up in us this day like a gift from the spring of the water of life to refresh our thirsty souls. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-6

NT 259

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

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

by P. Scholtes

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:31-35

NT 248

SERMON

Meditation

Pastor Taylor

ANTHEM

This is My Father's World

arr. John Carter

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” Let us with gladness offer to God the gifts of our labor, life, and love.

OFFERTORY

Theme from Sonata in A Major, K. 331

by W.A. Mozart

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

**Loving God, we give you thanks for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us in the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection. Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation. May they be a testament to your love for us as we share them in love for you; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN 300                      They'll Know We Are Christians    THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION                      The Lord Bless You and Keep You    by P. Lutkin

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 Helene Furlong and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.*

*This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Pat Tillson in memory of her father.*

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**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.

Feel free to call the church office (610-566-1644) or email staff members at other times.

**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!

**CHANCEL FLOWERS 2022** If you would like to sponsor the chancel flowers for a Sunday in 2022, you can sign up in Fellowship Hall, online at <https://bit.ly/WPCflowers22> , or by scanning the QR Code to the right.

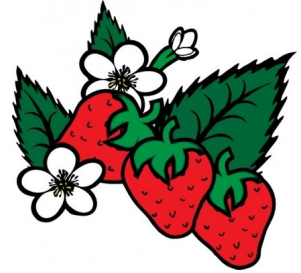


**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR UKRAINE:** <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine/>

**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, etc. (no encyclopedias or textbooks). Books donations can be dropped off in the church library starting Sunday, May 22 through Sunday, May 5 at 2 pm. (Please don't drop them off later -- we need time to get them ready!)
- 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** – watch for sign-up sheets online and in Fellowship Hall.

**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.

### **CALLING ALL GRADUATES:**

If you or a loved one is graduating from high school, technical school, college or grad school, we’d like to celebrate with you! Email Kate or call the church office with the grad's name, school and degree. For HS, be sure to include their plans for the fall.

### **WATERING THE LARGE PLANTERS AT THE CHURCH**

The containers outside the Narthex have been planted – now they need to be watered. Sign up for a week – it just takes about 10 minutes, twice a week (unless there is rain). Use the Church Center app or this link: <https://bit.ly/WPCWatering22>



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