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WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 7, 2023

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.

Please take a moment to silence your cell phone.

Face Masks for personal protection are optional for all activities on our campus. If you would like to wear one, we have KN-95 masks available for your use when you come to worship.

Friendship Pew Pads can be found at the end of each pew. Please fill them out and pass along to your neighbors.

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

Visual Worship Schedules are available upon request.

If You Need a Little Help Hearing, portable listening devices are available.

If a Fidget Toy Would Be Helpful For You, they are available at the Narthex entrance.

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.

A Parents' Room Is Available downstairs for those with small children,

Activity Packets are available for children to use during worship.

Gluten Free Cookies will now be available during coffee hour. The tray of yummys will be marked – please save them for those with specific dietary restrictions.

Chancel Flowers are sponsored under a suggested donation of \$50. To order, use the Church Center App, the chart in the Fellowship Hall, or visit <https://bit.ly/3Wzyj1l>

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

Sunday, May 7

9:00 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Faith Formation

10:00 am- Worship

11:00 am- Coffee Hour

11:00 am- Kids Cafe

Monday, May 8

10:00 am- Adult Bible Study

10:00 am- Staff Meeting

7:30 pm- WPC Connections

Tuesday, May 9

11:00 am- PrimeTime Program

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing

7:30 pm- Worship Council

Wednesday, May 10

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

Wednesday, May 10 (cont.)

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

3:00 pm- Private Brass Lessons

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons

7:00 pm- WOW

Thursday, May 11

7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019

Friday, May 12

6:00 pm- Valerie Haber Voice Recital

Saturday, May 13

Sunday, May 14

9:00 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Faith Formation

10:00 am- Confirmation

10:00 am- Worship

11:00 am- Coffee Hour

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS OF MEDITATION

The death of Jesus is for us nothing if we have not died with him; the resurrection of our Lord is for us nothing if we have not been raised with him. - Emil Brunner

GATHERING

WELCOME, HYMN, PRAYER, AND CONFESSION

WELCOME, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND BIRTHDAY WISHES

*Happy Birthday to you; we give thanks for your life;
We give thanks for your presence here; we give thanks to God for you.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Followers of Jesus, we are gathered by our loving God to worship together.

Alleluia!

Today and always we remember that by Jesus' rising we are free from the fear of death.

Alleluia!

Let us give thanks to God that by God's love we are made new.

Alleluia!

Christ is Risen.

He is risen indeed!

Let us worship God.

*HYMN #250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in God's love in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

SILENT CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that we have not obeyed your word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments; through gossip we have slandered one another. Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. Help your children long for your love and mercy that we may grow into the joy of your salvation. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, siblings in the risen Lord. As is stated in First Peter, once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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.***

WORD

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 front pews. Children are invited to Faith Formation classes (ages 18 months – 5 years and 6-11 years) or to stay with us in worship. There are activity packets at each entrance for children to enjoy during worship time.

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.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

I Need Thee Every Hour

R. Lowry, arr. F. Ritter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

NT 233

GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-14

NT 108

SERMON

ANTHEM

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

Don Marsh

Let not your heart be troubled, you believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you, that where I am there you may be also. I am the Way, I am the Truth, and the Life. And no one comes unto the Father, no one comes but by me.

MISSION AND MINISTRY

MOMENT FOR MISSION - Red Wagon Ministry

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Might God be calling you to join the ministry and mission of this church and congregation?

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As people of God, let us offer ourselves and the fruit of our labor for God's work in the world.

OFFERTORY

It Is Well With My Soul

L. Rogers



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

*DOXOLOGY

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

Almighty God, receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your astounding goodness. Make our lives to be an acceptable offering in union with our risen Lord we pray. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. If some of those who come have not yet been baptized, an invitation to baptismal preparation and Baptism is graciously extended. Worshipers prepare themselves to celebrate the Lord's Supper by putting their trust in Christ, confessing their sin, and seeking reconciliation with God and one another. Even those who doubt may come to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ. W-3.0409 Directory for Worship, Book of Order, PCUSA)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Please hold the bread so that we may receive it together to represent our corporate experience of God. You may drink the cup as it comes to you, representing our personal experience of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

ACTS OF COMMITMENT, CHARGE, PEACE, AND SERVICE IN THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN #249

Because You Live, O Christ

Vruechten

TIME OF GREETING AND "PEACE"

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

And also with you

(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 Patricia Tillson, and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Patricia Tillson,
in memory of Eugene Courtney*

1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

John 14:1-14

¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

249 Because You Live, O Christ

1 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the gar - den of the world has come to
 2 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the spir - it bird of hope is freed for
 3 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the rain-bow of your peace will span cre -

flow - er; the dark-ness of the tomb is flood - ed with your
 fly - ing; our ca - ges of de - spair no lon - ger keep us
 a - tion; the col - ors of your love will draw all hu - man -

Refrain

res - ur - rec - tion pow - er.
 closed and life - de - ny - ing. The stone has rolled a - way and death can -
 kind to ad - o - ra - tion.

not im - pris - on! O sing this Eas - ter day, for Je - sus Christ has

This New Zealand author's text contains no familiar images of springtime to bolster its message, because Easter in the Southern Hemisphere comes in autumn. This hymn resulted both from her dissatisfaction with existing hymns and from her love of this exuberant Dutch tune.

ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en!

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) (Em)

F Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) (D)

C7 F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)

F7 B^b Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)

B^b Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."
 Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE WPC has finished the first quarter of 2023 relatively strongly, with both income and expenses below budget. It appears that “plate income,” funds provided by church attendees who have not pledged, is higher than it was during Covid, which is indicative of more church attendance and great news. The budget enables our church to continue its active programs, including the recently completed Easter pageant and egg hunt, upcoming Strawberry Festival, Disabilities Initiative, Wednesdays at Wallingford programs and other fellowship activities. The Stewardship Council asks that members keep up with their pledged contributions and others support the church as they can.

THE 36-HOUR DAY The Disabilities Initiative bookshelf now contains copies of “The 36-Hour Day,” by Nancy L. Mace, MA and Peter Rabins, MD, MPH, which reviews ways to improve the lives of people with dementia and those caring for them. The book is considered THE resource for families and friends – review the content or borrow it from the church library.

PEWS FOR SALE Have you ever thought how much more beautiful your home would be if it had more wood furniture in it? Or maybe you'd like to be reminded daily of your church home? Well, now you can have both! The pews, chairs and other pieces of church history that are currently located along the walls in the Fellowship Hall need a new home. Send your offers to Church Office.

CALLING ALL GRADS If you or a loved one is graduating from high school, technical school, college or grad school, we'd like to celebrate! Email Nathan or call the church office with the grad's name, school and degree. For HS, be sure to include their plans for the fall. **Deadline is Monday, May 8.**

PRIME TIME Hear George Washington (portrayed by Doug Thomas), **Tuesday, May 9**, speak about the American Revolution and the search for unity among a disparate people. Bring lunch and a friend – we will provide beverages and dessert. **Lunch starts at noon, the talk, 12:30pm.**

W.O.W. SPRING DINNER Enjoy our pot-luck salad and dessert supper in the Manse garden, **6pm Wednesday, May 10.** Bring a dish to share and a chair. All women of the church are invited to this enjoyable event.

STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE Saturday, May 13 2023 marks the 31st anniversary of the National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Please leave nonperishable food items at your mailbox or door for your letter carriers to pick up.

DECISION TRAPS “Decision Traps: Biases and Mental Short Cuts that Lead Us Astray,” a follow up to last month’s program on disinformation, will examine consumer decision-making biases and heuristics, with a special emphasis on how preferences are constructed, moods influence consumer information processing and consumers make decisions. The talk will be led by Dr. Margaret “Meg” Meloy, Professor of Business Administration and Marketing in the Smeal College of Business, Penn State University. The program will begin with a **potluck, 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 17**, with the **talk beginning at 7:15 p.m.**

TEACHER APPRECIATION COFFEE Teacher Appreciation Sunday will include a special coffee hour, **11am Sunday, May 21**, just for parents to chat with our Sunday School teachers and members of the Education Council. Join in the Reception Room.

Children – meet with Pastor Taylor in the choir room for songs and snacks.

CONCERT FOR A CAUSE Our last "Concert for a Cause" for the '22-'23 season will feature our very own Pastor Taylor and her husband Doug performing guitar and singing acoustic folk favorites. Join in the fun and see the "Pastors Unplugged" on **Sunday, May 21st at 3pm**. The suggested donation is \$15, with all proceeds benefiting Musicopia, a non-profit organization that provides equitable access to music education and enrichment, encouraging self-confidence, global awareness, dedication and joy in Pre-K to 12th grade students and their communities.

BOOKLOOK Join the discussion, **7:30pm Wednesday, May 24**, of *The Keeper of Lost Things* – “a charming, clever and quietly moving debut novel of endless possibilities and joyful discoveries that explores the promises we make and break, losing and finding ourselves, the objects that hold magic and meaning for our lives and the surprising connections that bind us.” (Amazon). Contact Walt Kaminski to order; the estimated cost is \$12.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL Games, food, books, plants, attic treasures – everyone’s favorite community-wide event will be **5-8pm Monday, June 5**. Start saving books, attic treasures and plants and volunteer using the Church Center app or signup sheet in Fellowship Hall.

BOOKS ABOUT DISABILITIES The church library now has a collection of books addressing various disabilities. The books for kids (autism spectrum, cerebral palsy, diversity, Down Syndrome, dyslexia, visual/hearing impairment) and adults (Alzheimer’s disease, autism spectrum and dementia), which may be checked out, provide a kinder, softer approach for talking about difficult situations with siblings and other relatives. The book cart will be in the Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour **every Sunday**. Suggestions are welcome on additional topics, as are monetary donations for future purchases.

CALL FOR NEW USHERS Ushers who volunteer to serve on a date that is convenient to them, are needed for Sunday worship services. Ushers arrive at the church by 9:40 am, welcome members and visitors, hand out bulletins, offer any needed assistance to worshippers, etc. After the service, the ushers check pews for trash, books out of order, extinguish all lights in chancel, sanctuary, narthex, etc. Please contact Judy Kenworthy if you are willing to offer this service to our congregation.

FILL THE RED WAGONS The Red Wagon supports Chester Eastside and its shelves are bare. Please help stock them with the following items (**especially those in bold**):

Spaghetti sauce (jars or cans); Dry pasta (16 oz packages); Mac & cheese (7-10 oz packages); Pancake mix/syrup; Oatmeal; Peanut butter; Canned fruit, applesauce; Soup (condensed or ready to serve); Canned tuna, salmon, chicken breast; Canned corn, green beans; Canned beans (kidney, black); Canned pasta; Canned chili.