



APRIL 26TH, 2026  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# 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, and hope that you'll feel right at home.

 **Please take a moment to silence your cell phone.** 

Friendship Pew Pads can be found in each row.



Please fill them out and pass along to your neighbors.

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

WPC Directory Our church uses the online directory feature of Planning Center.



Find it online or on the Church Center app. Contact the church office with questions.

WPC Happenings Stay informed! Physical copies available out in the Narthex.



If You Need a Little Help Hearing, portable listening devices are available, or sync your Bluetooth enabled hearing aids to our sound system. Scan the QR code for instructions.



An All Gender, ADA Restroom is located in the Narthex.

An Infant Changing Station and Quiet Room for parents is located in the Narthex.



Activity Packets are available for children to use during worship.



Fidget Toys for children (and adults) are available at the Narthex entrance.



Gluten Free Cookies are labeled and available during coffee hour.

Communion is served the first Sunday of the month.

WPC uses bread that is gluten free and made without tree nuts or peanuts.

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

## STAFF & HOURS

### CHURCH OFFICE

• Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm

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## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

### This Week

COFFEE HOUR: Worship Council

### Next Week

USHERS: Jenny Sheaffer

Steve Sheaffer

LITURGIST: Jenny Miller

COFFEE HOUR: Deacons

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WORDS FOR MEDITATION

"It is the unspeakable privilege and comfort of all those that are in Christ Jesus that there is therefore now no condemnation to them. [Paul] does not say, 'There is no accusation against them,' for this there is; but the accusation is thrown out, and the indictment quashed. He does not say, 'There is nothing in them that deserves condemnation,' for this there is, and they see it, and own it, and mourn over it, and condemn themselves for it; but it shall not be their ruin. He does not say, 'There is no cross, no affliction to them or no displeasure in the affliction,' for this there may be; but no condemnation. They may be chastened of the Lord, but not condemned with the world." -Matthew Henry Commentary on the Whole Bible, on Romans chapter 8.

### GATHERING

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We sow in weakness, but God raises us in power.

**What is perishable is made imperishable through Christ!**

Death is swallowed up in victory; the sting of the grave is gone.

**Thanks be to God, who gives us the triumph!**

Let us stand firm and worship, for our labor in the Lord is never in vain.

**Let us worship God!**

#### \*OPENING HYMN #840

When Peace Like a River

VILLE DU HAVRE

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, We confess that we are experts at "laboring in vain." We have spent our time finding ways to be offended, and keeping score of every slight, rather than seeking reconciliation. We have obsessed over our image and the accumulation of things we cannot keep, while ignoring the physical hunger and loneliness in our own neighborhood. We have looked the other way when injustice is convenient for us. Forgive us for the ways we have been selfish, dishonest, and lazy in our love. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: The sting of death is gone and the power of sin is broken. Through Jesus Christ, we are given the victory and the promise of a new beginning. In Him, you are forgiven, you are restored, and you are sent out with purpose. **Thanks be to God!**

\*RESPONSE #582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

(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.***

#### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*All children are invited to come forward at this time. Parents are encouraged to accompany younger children and sit with them on the chancel steps or in the front seats. After the lesson, children grades K-6 are invited to Sunday School classes or to stay with us in worship. The Nursery is open to children between 12 months and pre-K for the duration of worship. If this is your child's first time going to Sunday School or the Nursery, please accompany them so that we may register your child.*

#### MUSICAL MEDITATION

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. M. Hayes

#### WORD

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 6:11-13, 8:20-21

NRSV OT 5

<sup>11</sup>Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. <sup>12</sup>And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. <sup>13</sup>And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth."

<sup>20</sup>Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar. <sup>21</sup>And when the Lord smelt the pleasing odor, the Lord said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done."

#### ANTHEM

The Lord is My Shepherd

Schubert

The Lord is my Shepherd, My needs are well supplied. He is my Shepherd, my ever faithful guide. In pastures green, I lie in safety, By waters still He gently guides me, In pastures green I safely lie. By waters still He gently guides me. My soul He doth restore within me. In righteous paths He ever guides me, e'en for His own name's sake. Yea, though I walk thro' death's dark vale of shadows, No harm will e'er befall me, For He is ever near. Yea, though I walk thro' death's dark vale of shadows, no harm shall e'er befall me, For He is ever near, His rod and staff they comfort me, My table He hast set before my foes, He annointeth me with oil, my cup overflows. Yea, goodness and mercy shall surely follow me. Then, in my Lord's house, forever shall I dwell, Yea, surely goodness and mercy shall follow me, through all my days, and I shall dwell within His house evermore and evermore.

<sup>42</sup>So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup>It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual that is first but the physical and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, made of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As one of dust, so are those who are of the dust, and as one of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne the image of the one of dust, we will also bear the image of the one of heaven. <sup>50</sup>What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup>Look, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup>For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup>When this perishable body puts on imperishability and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." <sup>55</sup>"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" <sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>58</sup>Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

SERMON

How Can We Move From Adam To Christ?

Frank Noyes

HYMN OF RESPONSE #697

Take My Life

HENDON

### **MISSION AND MINISTRY**

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. D. Wagner



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\*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 DEDICATION

**Generous God, We offer these gifts as the fruit of our labor, trusting that in your hands, no effort is ever wasted. Take our resources and our lives to build a kingdom that cannot be shaken. Use what we give today for work that truly lasts. Amen.**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 glory forever. Amen.**

**SENDING**

\*CLOSING HYMN #236

The Strife Is O'er

VICTORY

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.*

*This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Earl Varney  
In loving memory of Mina Hale Varney*

**THIS WEEK AT WPC ....**

**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/call the church office with the grad's name, school and degree. For HS, include their plans for the fall. **The deadline is Monday, May 11.**

**AT THE RIVER** Watch "At the River: Struggle and Grace in the Segregated South," a film chronicling the actions of several Presbyterian ministers in the South who spoke out during the Civil Rights Era and the consequences of those actions, **11:30am, Sunday, April 26.** Pizza will be served.

**VBC PLANNING MEETING** A Zoom meeting for our teachers to plan VBC with the theme "Road Trip: On the Go with God," **8pm, Thursday, April 30.** We will dream, review details and game plan together. Watch for the Zoom link.

**PROVIDENCE GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE** Choose among tried-and-true perennials, native plants, annuals, herbs and planted containers, **5-8pm, Friday, May 1 and 8am-noon, Saturday, May 2.** Proceeds support community organizations. Payment by cash, check or credit card. Held in WPC parking lot – rain or shine. Zac's Hamburgers food truck will offer fare for purchase on Friday night.

**ARCHIE PAUL MEMORIAL SERVICE** A memorial service for Archie Paul will be held **11am, Saturday, May 2,** at WPC. A visiting hour will begin at 10am and a catered luncheon will follow the service.

## LOOKING AHEAD ....

**BREAKFAST CLUB** Tweens and teens – meet in the youth room, **10am, Sunday, May 3**, for breakfast, games, discussion and fellowship. Open to grades 6-12.

**KIDS CAFÉ** Kids – meet Pastor Taylor and Miss Lee in the choir room, **11am, Sunday, May 3**, for songs, games and refreshments. Open to children age four and older.

**AN AFTERNOON OF CHORAL MUSIC** Enjoy the Baldwin School and Haverford School choral ensembles in a program featuring classical concert pieces to contemporary pop, in addition to excerpts from Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana," **3pm, Sunday, May 3**. The \$15 suggested donation will benefit Musicopia, a non-profit organization whose mission it is to inspire, educate and connect children, youth and their extended communities through collaborative music and dance experiences. Part of WPC's Concerts for a Cause.



**"CARMINA BURANA" CHOIR** Join the choir to sing selected movements from the cantata during the Concerts for a Cause. Singers will rehearse at **1:30pm for the 3pm, May 3 performance**. Use the QR code for more info.



**SPROUTS END OF YEAR CELEBRATION** End the year with a splash with sprinklers and a big celebration, **5-7pm, Friday, May 8**. Open to children grades K-5. Please bring a dish/drink to share. Use the QR code to register (and send the link to friends to register, too).



**SPROUTS PIZZA VOLUNTEER** Offer dinner for the Sprouts End of Year Celebration, **Friday, May 8**, by providing four large plain cheese pizzas. Have them delivered/drop them yourself in the WPC kitchen around 4:45pm. Use the QR code for details and to register.

# 840 When Peace like a River

## It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

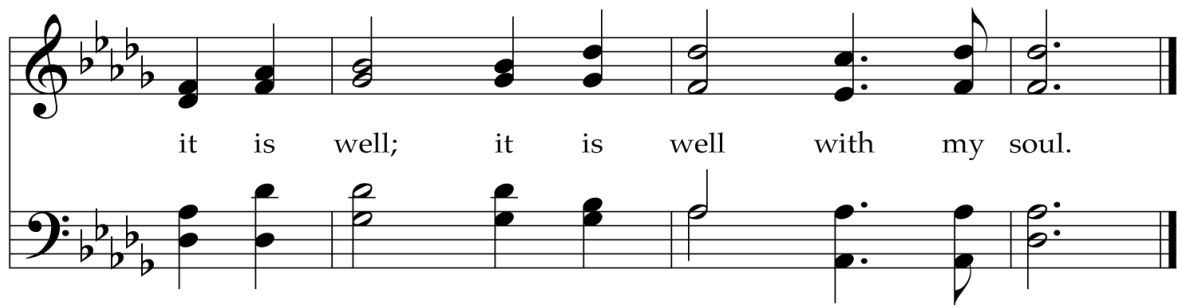
sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well with my soul;  
 It is well with my soul;

This text is a remarkable expression of faith born of grief. The author, an active Presbyterian layman who had just lost four daughters in a tragic shipwreck, wrote it while sailing to Paris to meet his wife, who had survived. The tune was named for the ship that sank.



it is well; it is well with my soul.

## GIVING AND SERVICE ....

**HOUSE FIRE** A co-worker of WPC member Alyssa Nielsen recently experienced a devastating house fire. Thankfully she, her family and their pets are safe but unfortunately, they have been displaced and experienced significant loss.

Alyssa is heading a collection at her workplace for monetary and clothing donations – please text her (484-682-3926) if you can provide any of the following items or offer financial help:

Women's

- Blouses (size large)
- Pants (size 14 petite)
- Shoes (size 7)

Men's

- Shirts (size large)
- Pants (36 waist x 30 length)
- Shoes (size 9.5)

**RED WAGON** WPC supports 3 food pantries – Chester Eastside, LifeWerks & Media Food Bank.

Media Food Bank is requesting:

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| -Dry cereal           | -Pancake syrup       |
| -Applesauce           | -Canned meat/seafood |
| -Canned vegetables    | -Rice                |
| -Grits                | -Dried kidney beans  |
| -Condiments           | -Cooking staples     |
| -Beverages            | -Snacks              |
| -Baby items           | -Tampons             |
| -Household essentials | -Pet supplies        |
| -Egg cartons          |                      |

## Take My Life

697

1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -  
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.  
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne,  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee,  
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

# The Strife Is O'er

# 236

Refrain (before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to -  
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
 3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped; Christ ris - es  
 4 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shouts of ho - ly  
 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
 sting thy ser - vants free, that we may live, and

has be - gun.  
 joy out - burst.  
 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sing to thee:

The Latin text from which this hymn has been translated may well be older than its earliest printing in a 17th-century collection published in Cologne. It is set to an adaptation of a portion of the Gloria Patri section from a 16th-century choral version of the Magnificat.

## WPC Week at a Glance

<b>Sunday, April 26</b>	<b>Thursday, April 30</b>
09.30am- Chancel Choir	08.00pm- VBC Planning Zoom Meeting
10.00am- Worship	<b>Friday, May 1</b>
11.00am- Coffee Hour	<b>Saturday, May 2</b>
11.30am- "At the River" Film Screening	11.00am- Archie Paul Memorial Service
<b>Monday, April 27</b>	<b>Sunday, May 3</b>
10.00am- Bible Study	09.30am- Chancel Choir
<b>Tuesday, April 28</b>	10.00am- Breakfast Club
07.00pm- Trustees	10.00am- Worship
07.30pm- Stewardship	11.00am- Coffee Hour
<b>Wednesday, April 29</b>	11.00am- Kids Café
	03.00pm- Concert for a Cause

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