



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 26, 2022

11:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

Prelude "How Can I Keep from Singing?" arr. by Mark Hayes
*No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

Welcome and Announcements
(During this time the friendship pads are passed to be signed.)

Choral Call to Worship "Rain Down" Jaime Cortez
*Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people.
Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.*

*If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."
John 8:31-32*

Opening Sentences Elder Fred Burroughs
Leader: Throughout the ages, disciples have said, "I will follow you wherever you go."

All: Lord, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.
Leader: We come from busy homes, filled with little time to consider Christ in our lives.

All: Lord, give us the strength to follow you in the ways of peace.
Leader: In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

All: Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.
Leader: Today, we celebrate our freedom in Christ and the joy of following God.

All: Lord, give us the patience to follow you in the ways of faith.

*Hymn #406 "We Are Standing on Holy Ground" HOLY GROUND

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Dear Heavenly Father, we come before you seeking forgiveness and restoration. You alone know the depth of our sin. You alone know our deep need for you. You have set us free by the blood of Christ, yet we use that freedom to serve our own desires and passions instead of serving you. You have given us your Spirit to guide, comfort, and convict of sin, but we harden our hearts and allow ourselves to be guided by the wisdom and the delights of this world. Lord, hear us as we cry out to you! Forgive us our sin and continue your work of sanctification in our lives. This we ask in Jesus' name. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)

"The Christian stands, not under the dictatorship of a legalistic 'you ought,' but in the magnetic field of Christian Freedom, under the empowering of the 'You may.'" Helmut Thielicke (1908-1986), German Protestant theologian and rector of the University of Hamburg

So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."
John 8:36

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon
Leader: God loves us, cares for us, forgives us, and even crowns us with honor and glory. Believe the good news:
All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Lord Jesus Christ, we come again to hear the story of your great love for us. Grant that we listen with open hearts so we may be filled with joy for service in your name. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 12:28-34

Elder Fred Burroughs

Epistle Lesson

Galatians 5:1, 13-26

Sermon

"The Paradox of Christian Freedom" Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with 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 the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings



"Christian freedom does not mean being free to do as we like; it means being free to do as we ought."
William Barclay (1907-1978),
Church of Scotland minister and professor at the University of Glasgow



"May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right."

Peter Marshall (1902-1949), pastor of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church and Senate Chaplain



"Being free means being free for the other, because the other has bound me to him. Only in relationship with the other am I free."

"Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945), German Lutheran pastor and anti-Nazi dissident, killed by the Nazis in April 1945"

Offertory

"Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" arr. by Lloyd Larson
*Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago,
Taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me,"
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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

*The Affirmation of Faith: from "A Declaration of Faith" of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Christ calls us to be disciples and to live in disciplined freedom. Jesus came to set people free by the power of the gospel. In so doing he did not abolish, but fulfilled the law and the prophets. Through his teaching and the teaching of the apostles he showed what it is to be free and obedient. We declare Christ has freed us from trying to save ourselves by obeying the law. He restores to us God's law as a gift and delight. The law describes concretely the shape of our freedom. When we accept its discipline, it keeps our personal lives from being chaotic and increases our effectiveness in the church's mission. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to God's kingdom:
to serve as he has served us;
to take up our cross,
risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;
to walk by faith, not by sight,
to hope for what we have not seen.

*Hymn #825

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

SWING LOW

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

"Amen"
Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

African American

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 26	9:30 am	Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 and via Zoom
	10:00 am	Sunday School Classes Choir Practice
	11:00 am	Worship, livestream and in person
Monday, June 27	7:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday, June 29	10:00 am	Bible Study in Room 304 and via zoom

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Please join** the minister for our weekly Bible Study on Monday, June 27 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. via Zoom or Wednesday, June 29 from 10:00 -11:00 a.m. in Room 304 or via Zoom. This week we will read and discuss Romans 8:1-17 as we prepare for worship on Sunday, July 3. Check your email on Monday for the Zoom links.

* **We will celebrate** the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on Sunday, July 3. All are welcome at the table.

* **The church office** will be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

* **The Quarterly These Days** are located at the front of the church, on tables in the fellowship hall, and the information table in the New Building. Pick up your copy!



**Today
June 26**



06/26:
Noel & Reese
Blue



Joyce Ange
Charley Farris
Hayes Ludlum

**Opening
Church
Building**
June 16-30:
Dave Long



The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given in loving memory of William J. Carone, Sr., from his family, the Carones and the Diers.

*Thank
You!*

I want to thank my church family and friends for your prayers, cards, food, texts, and phone calls before and after my surgery. I appreciate each and every one of them. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

*Love in Christ,
Dotsie Caproni*



In the beginning God spoke creation into being. By the power of God's word, light appeared. The land, air and sea were formed out of nothing. This is a great verse to ponder during your summer rest. There is so much wonder working power in the word of God. Have a wonderful summer!