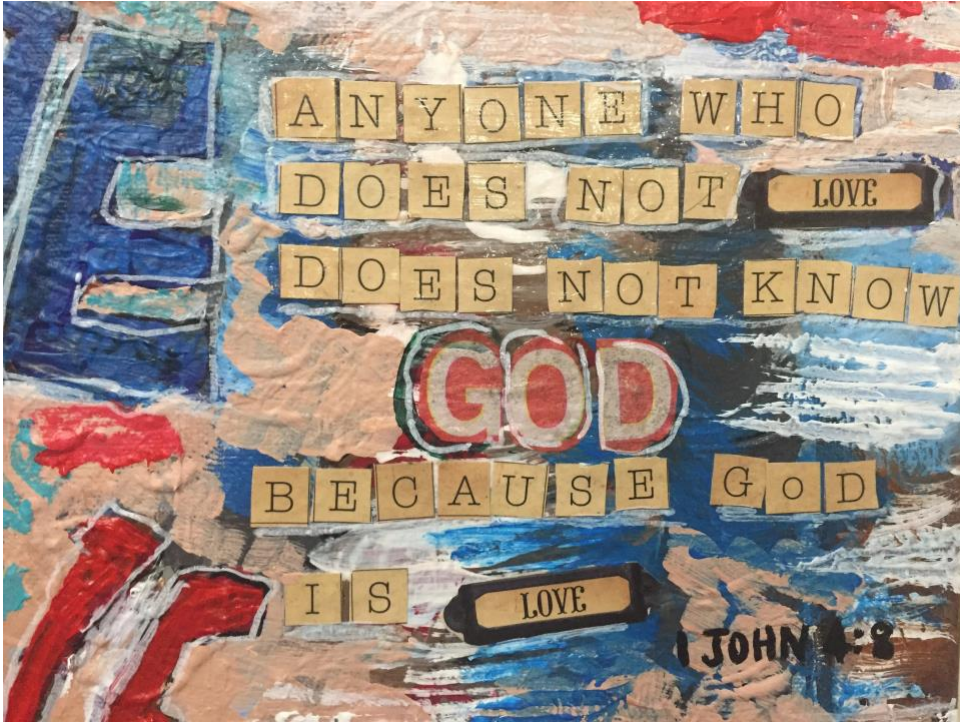


Welcome to
WILSON MEMORIAL UNION CHURCH
A Member Congregation, International Council of Community Churches



April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m.

7 Valley Road, Watchung, NJ

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Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit

Bold print indicates a unison reading.

PRELUDE

Various Melodies

Ricky Francese

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Candle this morning shines to remind us of New Life.

WELCOME

Timothy Walton

Wilson warmly welcomes Rev. Cairn Neely.

Kendal MacTaggart will read the announcements.



OPENING MEDLEY

#652 This is the Day/ #657 He Has Made Me Glad/ #85 I Love You Lord

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist, Nancy Scott

Those who say, "I love God," and hate their family, are liars;

Guide us to our highest self

For those who do not love a sibling whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.

Guide us to our highest self

The commandment we have is this: those who love God must love their sibling also.

Guide us to our highest self

OPENING PRAYER

Nancy Scott

“We travel life’s road, seeking the Divine. All of us humans on a journey, returning home to God.” *Rev. Neely*



HYMN #424

How Can I Keep from Singing



PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Timothy Walton

(All who wish are invited to participate verbally in our prayer of reconciliation.)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

 **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

 **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Timothy Walton

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

SONG

One Love

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

ANTHEM

I Trust in God

 **DOXOLOGY**

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

 **PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

Timothy Walton

SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:7-13, 17-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of Elohim and knows them. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent a Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent a Holy One to be the atoning sacrifice for our errors. Beloved, since The One loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

No one has ever seen The Creator; if we love one another, The Source of All lives in us, and that love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in God and God in us, because They have given us of Their Spirit.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day we stand at the threshold, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because The Source of Life first loved us.

Those who say, "I love God," and hate their siblings, are liars; for those who do not love a sibling whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from Allah is this: those who love Adonai must love their siblings also.

 **GLORIA PATRI**

**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.**

SERMON

Rev. Neely

ANTHEM

I Believe

 **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Various Melodies

Ricky Francese

How to Support the Work of Wilson Memorial Church

In Service: You are invited to place your offerings in the plate at the back of the Sanctuary.

By Mail: Gifts can be sent to the office at:
7 Valley Road
Watchung, NJ 07069

Online: Use our secure giving portal by clicking the “Giving” link on our website; www.wilsonmemorialchurch.org

Text-to-Give: Text WILSONCHURCH to (908) 460-8818 and follow the setup prompts for your first time. Once set up, you can simply text the gift amount to the above number.

Follow us on social media @mywilsonchurch

How to reach Pastor Michael: You can schedule an appointment online at calendly.com/michaeldroege or call the office for assistance at (908) 755-5020. In any kind of crisis, you can always call Pastor Michael at (908) 755-5589

Rev. Dr. Michael Droege, Pastor
Timothy Walton, Director of Music & Worship Arts
Ricky Francese, Accompanist
Jacob Feldman, A/V Specialist
Tina Kelly, Administrator
Harold Kreis, Sexton
The Rev. Barbara Peters, Pastor Emerita
Lisa Renaud, Frippery (908)625-5042
Bridget Granholm, counseling bgranholm.lcsw@gmail.com

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wilson Welcomes
Rev. Cairn Neely

For Prayer: For peace • Joe Higgins • Peter Della Ventura

Starfish food request: Please consider donating toilet paper, paper towels and toothpaste. Please check expiration dates on any items donated.

Wilson U: Classes meet Sunday Mornings at 9am May 5 & 19.

Blanket Sunday: Wilson will be supporting Church World Services this Mother's Day. CWS is a global organization that helps distribute blankets to those in need. To support their mission, take a giving envelope in the narthex.

PJ Parker's Jazz Combo: Please join us on May 19th at Coffee Hour for jazz and brunch.

Church Picnic & Baccalaureate Service: Sunday, June 23rd at 10am.

Mission Trip Corner:

All ages trip to support the work of Urban Promise in Camden, New Jersey. *July 28-August 2*. Contact Kendal MacTaggart at kendalmactaggart@gmail.com

We will all support the trip to Camden by participating in some of the following opportunities:

- **Pasta Dinner** April 28th 4pm **TODAY!!**
Tickets available at coffee hour or at the door tonight. Can't make it? Take out options available.
- **Community Flea Market** June 1st 9am-2pm
Vendors wanted, come sell your stuff! Register for your space online.