

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



**June 18, 2023**  
Third Sunday after Pentecost  
10:00 a.m.

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

**Bold print** indicates a unison reading

**PRELUDE**

*Various Melodies*

Pianist, Ricky Francese

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

We light this candle as a reminder that God watches over us with fatherly love.

**OPENING HYMN#88**      *Lord I Lift Your Name*

Lord, I lift your name on high, Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the crosses, my debt to pay; from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift your name on high.

**WELCOME**

Matthew May

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist, Thomas Henry

Let us lift up a joyful noise to the Lord!

**We come to this space of worship with Thanksgiving.**

Hear us, God!

**We offer our thanks to you, Lord.**

While we are weak, you are strong.

**Provide for us, our Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer.**

We come to offer ourselves to you this morning.

## OPENING PRAYER

You hear us when we call, most Holy One. We come to this place to find you once again after a long week of distractions from our walk with you. We invite you not only into this place of worship, but also into our hearts. Enrich us again Lord. Make our temples sacred places of your dwelling at all times. Move us to be your laborers in the vast fields of plenty that we might embody Christ in all we do. We offer ourselves to you in Christ's name. Amen.

## HYMN #437

### *Jesus Loves Me*

**Verse 1:** Jesus loves me, this I know, for the bible tells me so! Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

**Verse 3:** Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way; he's prepared a home for me, and some day his face I'll see.

**Refrain:** Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The bible tells me so.

## PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

*(All 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

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

## **PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

Please respond with "Lord, hear our Prayer"

### **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**

*Love Has a Name*

Wilson Music Collective

### **\*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**

### **GATHERING OF OUR CHILDREN**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

## **\*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.**

## **SENDING OUR CHILDREN**

### **SERMON**

*Do You Want To Do Something About It?*

Charles May

**ANTHEM**

*You Raise Me Up*

Wilson Music Collective

**BLESSING OUR CHILDREN**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Pianist, 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](http://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

You can call the office for Pastoral assistance at  
(908) 755-5020 or email [admin@wilsonmemorialchurch.org](mailto:admin@wilsonmemorialchurch.org)  
Our Pastor, Rev. Michael Droege, will be on leave until the end of June. In his absence, pastoral concerns will be attended to by Matthew May, our Seminarian from Drew Theological School and Rev. Beth Scibenski, a longtime friend of Pastor Michael and friend of Wilson.  
Please contact Tina in our office and she will direct your concern.

Rev. Michael Droege, Pastor  
Timothy Walton, Director of Music & Worship Arts  
Matthew May, Seminary Intern  
Ricky Francese, Accompanist  
Pam Cox, Bell Choir Director  
Jacob Feldman, A/V Specialist  
Tina Kelly, Administrator  
Harold Kreis, Sexton  
*The Rev. Barbara Peters, Pastor Emerita*

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wilson warmly welcomes **Charles May**.

**For Prayer:** Joe Higgins, and his family • The family of Karen Cito

Thanks go to Linda Bascilio for chairing the Homecoming Committee.

If anyone would like to donate a basket for our auction, please contact Tina at the church office. Baskets and basket items are also welcome.

Thanks go to Lisa Renaud and the Frippettes for another record-breaking year. After expenses, the Frippery was able to donate over \$17,000 to various organizations including Wilson Church.

### **Organ Donors Needed:**

Our 30-year-old organ is in need of repair that will cost \$2,350.

Our musicians will be entertaining us during coffee hour to raise money for the repairs. Please consider donating to this important part of our music ministry.

Donations can take place in the TIP jar, the offering plate or online at [wilsonmemorialchurch.org/give](http://wilsonmemorialchurch.org/give).

**Massage Envy gift cards:** Cards for a one-hour session in the Warren Branch will be available for a discounted price of \$30 during coffee hour while supply lasts.

Perfect for birthdays, Father's Day or Graduation presents.

**VBS:** We have been very busy planning for this year's Vacation Bible School. Positions are filling up , but we still need class assistants and guest readers for the week of July 24- 27. See Kendal MacTaggart for details or call the church office.

Parents registration for VBS is open! Sign up today for this fun week! Use the QR code or go to [www.wilsonmemorialchurch.org/vbs](http://www.wilsonmemorialchurch.org/vbs).

