

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers that grace today's worship service  
are in honor of  
**Carol Droege**  
and her birthday on September 4<sup>th</sup> from her loving husband.

**Flower Ministry:** If you would like to honor a special someone, or occasion, please consider supplying flowers for a future service. Contact the office for assistance.

**For Prayer:** Joe Higgins • Linda Basilio's family who recently lost her mother June Rosko • The people of Maui • Hurricane victims.

**Homecoming Meeting:** On September 5<sup>th</sup>, please join us in arranging baskets and décor conversation for our Fall Gala. See you there at 6pm!!

**WoW:** First meeting after summer is on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am. Bring a lunch and come share your ideas for this ministry.

**Equity Meeting:** Share your ideas at the next in person meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the library.

**Diaper Awareness Week:** September 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. You can purchase diapers or donate monetarily to Moms Helping Moms. Look for our drop off location near Fisher Hall.

**Music Ministry:** The music collective will resume their Tuesday night sessions on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-8pm. All are welcomed.

**Caring Hearts Grief Support:** 6-week sessions starting September 27<sup>th</sup>. For more information email [barbaragracepeters@gmail.com](mailto:barbaragracepeters@gmail.com).

**Frippery:** Opening day is September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am!!

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



**September 3, 2023**

*Hats and Hymns*

10:00 a.m.

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Summer Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Hats and Hymns

10:00 AM

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle today as we ask God to hear our praise through word and song.

GATHERING ANTHEM

Bless Me

WELCOME

Rev. Michael Droege

PSALTER

Russ Harding

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32, 41-43

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters; they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep. For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity; they reeled and staggered like drunkards and were at their wits' end. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress; he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven. Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. Let them extol him in the congregation of the people and praise him in the assembly of the elders. but he raises up the needy out of distress and makes their families like flocks. The upright see it and are glad, and all wickedness stops its mouth. Let those who are wise pay attention to these things and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

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.

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Wilson Memorial Staff

*Rev. Michael Droege, Pastor*  
*Timothy Walton, Director of Music & Worship Arts*  
*Matthew May, Lay Minister*  
*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*

**HIGH CHURCH HYMNS**

- #260 *The Old Rugged Cross (vs 1,2&4)*
- #59 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (vs 1,3&4)*
- #358 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (vs 1&3)*  
*Goodness of God*
- #447 *Because He Lives*

**SENDING SCRIPTURE**

*Matthew May*

1 Corinthians 15:20-28  
But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human, for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in its own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “All things are put in subjection,” it is plain that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all. 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.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE ANTHEM**

#500 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

**PREPATORY HYMNS**

- #35 *Morning Has Broken*
- #419 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee (vs 1&3)*
- #74 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save (vs 1,3 &4)*  
*We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder*

**SCRIPTURE OF PEACE**

*Michelle Marigliano*

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers and sisters, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. Brothers and sisters, pray for us. Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all the brothers and sisters. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

#557 *Pass It on (vs 1&3)*

One: Peace be with you.  
All: And also with you.

**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

HYMNS OF INTERSPECTION

- #437 *Jesus Loves Me*
- #471 *As the Deer*
- #300 *In the Garden (vs 1&2)*
- #428 *When Peace Like a River (vs 1&3)*  
*Somewhere Over the Rainbow*

SCRIPTURE OF PRAISE

*Rev. Michael Droege*

Revelation 19:6-10

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunderpeals, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure”—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are true words of God.”  
Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers and sisters who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

DOXOLOGY

*#738 Holy, Holy, Holy*

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

SONGS OF ADORATION

- #601 *I’ll Fly Away*  
*Hallelujah*
- #451 *Be Still, My Soul (vs 1&3)*
- #614 *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

SCRIPTURE OF THANKSGIVING

*Gerald DiAndrea*

Isaiah 12

You will say on that day: “I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid, for the LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.” With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say on that day: “Give thanks to the LORD; call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

GLORIA PATRI

*#359 Give Thanks*

GOSPEL LESSON

*Nancy Scott*

Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So, they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.