

**Willow Grove Presbyterian Church**  
**June 21, 2026**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death,  
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,  
so we also might walk in newness of life.*

*Romans 6:4*



**WORSHIP + SHARE + GROW + SERVE**



WELCOME, Visitors and Guests!  
We pray for God's blessing for us all  
as we worship together today.  
Please silence your cell phones  
and pass the peace of Christ.

*†Please rise in body or spirit.*

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

—from Psalm 9:7-10

Leader: The Lord reigns forever;

**All: he has established his throne for judgment.**

Leader: He rules the world in righteousness

**All: and judges the peoples with equity.**

Leader: The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,

**All: a stronghold in times of trouble and listens to their cries.**

Leader: Those who know your name trust in you,

**All: for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you**

#### †OPENING SONG

“He Reigns on High”

Praise the Lord, worship His majesty He reigns on high.

Praise the Lord, worship His majesty He reigns on high.

One thing have I desired O Lord.

That I may dwell in Your house forever,

that I may always see Your beauty,

and know the Fullness of Your power. *(repeat)*

Praise the Lord, worship His majesty He reigns on high.

Praise the Lord, worship His majesty He reigns on high.

Praise the Lord!

—Steve Young

## WE COME BEFORE GOD TO CONFESS

### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed.  
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

### SILENT PRAYER

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

—Psalm 103:10; Isaiah 53:5

Leader: God does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For Jesus Christ was pierced for our transgression; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

### RESPONSE

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Lord, Listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

—Ken Meedema

## WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

**MESSAGE FOR YOUTH**

“The Sermon No One Wanted to Hear” (Acts 7)

**NEWS FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

Lay Reader

### ***This Week at Willow Grove***

- *The Willow Grove Session has called a regular meeting of the congregation for today, Sunday, June 21, immediately following the morning worship service, to review summaries of the Session reports for the previous year and any other business appropriate for a regular meeting.*
- *Join us for our weekly prayer meetings! The Zoom links are available on the church website.*

*Wednesdays at 7:30 pm: Led by Judy and Paul.*

*Let's come together in prayer and seek the presence of God as we lift up our hearts and intercede for one another. Everyone is welcome!*

### ***What's Ahead at Willow Grove***

- *The Willow Grove Session will meet on Sunday, July 28, after the morning worship service, room location TBA. All are welcome to attend. A Zoom link is available by request.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Philippians 4:6-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“The Fruit of the Spirit: Peace” Rev. Se Hyuk Park

**†SONG OF RESPONSE**

“Be Still, My Soul”

*(Please see page 9 for words and music)*

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

*Elders to Be Ordained and Installed:*

*Edwin Velez, and Matt Murphy*

*Elders to Be Installed:*

*August Ruggiero, Bonnie Ruggiero, and Beth Klingelhofer*

*Questions for the officers*

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

**I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

**I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

**I do and I will.**

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

**I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

**I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

**I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

**I do.**

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

**I will.**

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

**I will.**

### *Questions for the Congregation*

Do we, the members of Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, accept Mavis, Edith, Judy, and August as ruling elders chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

**We do.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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**

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

### OFFERING

*[Now let us bring our gifts to God through our offering.  
Please stand or sit as the Spirit leads and join us as we sing our song of thanks.]*

### †RESPONSE

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks, because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. *Repeat*

And now, let the weak say I am strong,

Let the poor say I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us. *Repeat*

Give thanks.

*Words and Music: Henry Smith*

### †SONG OF DEPARTURE

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

*(Please see page 10 for words and music)*

### BENEDICTION

### THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**All: Thanks be to God.**





# "BE STILL, MY SOUL"

F C7/G F C/Bb F/A Bb F

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side: Bear pa - tient -  
 2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take to guide the  
 3. Be still, my soul: when dear - est friends de - part, and all is  
 4. Be still my soul: the hour is hast - 'ning on, when we shall

C7/G F C/Bb F Bb F Dm F/A

ly the cross of grief or pain. Leave to your God to or - der and pro -  
 fu - ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con - fi - dence let no - thing  
 dark - ened in the vale of tears, then shall you bet - ter know His love, His  
 be for - ev - er with the Lord, when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are

C Gm F/C Bb A

vide; in ev - 'ry change He faith - ful will re - main.  
 shake; all now mys - ter - ious shall be bright at last.  
 heart, who comes to soothe your sor - row and your fears.  
 gone, sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

F Dm F/A C Gm

Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n - ly Friend  
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
 Be still, my soul: your Je - sus can re - pay  
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,

F/C C7 F

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.  
 from His own full - ness all He takes a - way.  
 all safe and bless - ed we whall meet at last.

# HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

**A** **A/C#** **D** **D** **E** **A** **A**  
 1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempt-er  
 2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre-cious in his  
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Just - ice has been

**A/C#** **D** **D** **E** **A** **F#m** **E/G#** **E** **A** **D**  
 would pre - vail, He will hold me fast. I could nev - er keep my hold  
 ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His  
 sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end - less life,

**D** **C#** **F#m** **F#m** **E/G#** **E** **A** **D** **D** **E**  
 Through life's fear - ful path; For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me  
 Prom - is - es shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me  
 He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at

**A** **D** **E** **F#m** **F#m** **E/G#** **A**  
 fast. He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
 fast.  
 last!

**A** **Bm7** **A/C#** **D** **D** **E** **A**  
 For my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

## ***Prayers***

*Each week as we pray together, we pray for people whose names and stories we may not know. Yet we faithfully pray for them as we know God is aware of each and every need.*

*Grateful prayers for the continued healing of  
Mital and Ed*

*Healing prayers for  
Andy, August, Sandra, Irany, Carol, Gary, Olivia, Ed, Sue,  
Frank, Gisela, and Bonnie*

### ***Today's Worship Assistants***

*Edith Konopka – Lay Reader*

*Aiden Velez – Greeter*

*We thank all our volunteers who make our service welcoming.*

*Paul DiDario – Director of Music and Pianist*

*Rebecca Pacella – Song Leader*

*Doris Dias – Secretary*

*Office hours Mon-Thu 9:30 am to 2:30 pm*

*Paul Whitehurst – Custodian*

*Rev. Se Hyuk Park – Pastor*

### ***Rev Park's office hours are:***

*10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wed. and 12-3 p.m. on Thu.*

*Appointments during this time or at another time can be scheduled by emailing him at [pastor@willowgrovechurch.org](mailto:pastor@willowgrovechurch.org) or contacting the church office*

Willow Grove Mission Statement

**Reflecting God's love, we love and serve all neighbors**

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