

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church
June 7, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter

*For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.*

Hosea 6:6



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 —Psalm 18

Leader: In my distress I called upon the Lord,

All: And cried to my God for help;

Leader: He heard my voice from His temple,

All: And my cry for help before Him came into His ears.

Leader: Therefore I will give thanks to You among the nations, Lord,

All: And I will sing praises to Your name.

†OPENING SONG "The Name of the Lord"

Blessed be the name of the lord

Blessed be the name of the lord

Blessed be the name of the lord, Most high

The name of the lord is a strong tower

The righteous run into it and they are safe

—Rich Gomez

WE COME BEFORE GOD TO CONFESS

INVITATION TO CONFESSION —based on John 3:6-8; 16:8,

Leader: Do not marvel that Jesus says to us, “You must be born again.” What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit, who convicts us of sin and leads us into all righteousness.

Let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious Lord, we confess that we dishonor you in our words, thoughts and deeds. Depending on our strength, we stumble. Glorifying in our own righteousness, we reject you. Turning our faces from you, we desire the things of this world to satisfy us. We pray now, Lord, for you to forgive all of our many sins; to cleanse the darkness from our lives, and to turn our faces and our hearts back towards you. We pray these things in the name of your most precious son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON —Psalm 130:3-4

Leader: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore with reverence, we can serve you.

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 Case of the Secret Stash” (Acts 5)

NEWS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Lay Reader

This Week at Willow Grove

- *Please join us following the service for refreshments in Alexander Hall*
- *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!

- *Please join us following the service for refreshments and fellowship in Alexander Hall.*
- *Thursday Bible Study has concluded for the summer break. Sessions will resume in early September. Thank you for your participation, and we look forward to seeing everyone again in the fall.*

What's Ahead at Willow Grove

- *The youth will lead the service on June 14th for Youth Sunday at Willow Grove.*
- *The Willow Grove Session has called a regular meeting of the congregation for Sunday, June 21, immediately following the morning worship service, for the purpose of reviewing summaries of the Session reports for the previous year, and any other business appropriate for a regular meeting.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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

WE FEAST AT THE LORD’S TABLE

CONFESSON OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 75

Minister: How does the holy supper remind and assure you that you share in Christ’s one sacrifice on the cross and in all his benefits?

All: In this way: Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup in remembrance of him. With this command come these promises:

First, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup shared with me, so surely his body was offered and broken for me and his blood poured out for me on the cross.

Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of the one who serves, and taste with my mouth the bread and cup of the Lord, given me as sure signs of Christ’s body and blood, so surely he nourishes and refreshes my soul for eternal life with his crucified body and poured-out blood.

SURSUM CORDA

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: We thank you, our Lord, for the hope this meal gives us, that Jesus will return as triumphant King, that the dead will be raised, and that all people will stand before his judgment. We face that day without fear, for you, our Judge, are our Savior. May our daily lives of service aim for the moment when the Son will present his people to the Father and God will be shown to be true, holy, and gracious.

All: With the whole creation we wait for the purifying fire of judgment. For then we will see you face to face. You will heal our hurts, end our wars, and make the crooked straight. Then we will join in the new song to the Lamb without blemish, who made us a kingdom and priests. You, our God, will be all in all, righteousness and peace will flourish, everything will be made new, and every eye will see at last that our world belongs to God! Hallelujah! Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Minister: Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**All: Dying, you destroyed our death;
Rising, you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Minister: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord, for the mission of the church,

All: that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to You, O Lord.

(Please pray silently for the world.)

Leader: For those who do not yet believe and those struggling with their faith,

All: that they may receive the light of the gospel, we pray to You, O Lord.

(Please pray silently for those yet to believe.)

Leader: For the peace of the world,

All: that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, according to Your will, we pray to You, O Lord.

(Please pray silently for the world.)

Leader: For the poor, the persecuted, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger;

All: that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to You, O Lord.

(Please pray silently for those who suffer.)

Leader: And now hear us as we pray as our Savior taught us, saying:

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

“Keep the Feast”

BENEDICTION

THE DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.



KEEP THE FEAST

D D/F# G D/F# G A G A

1. Joy - ful - ly we join You at Your ta - ble, plead - ing not our right - eous - ness.
 2. Who is fit to feast with such a Sav - ior? Who His san - dals could un - tie?
 3. Hap - py sign of friend - ship and re - un - ion with the bles - sed Three in One.

D D/F# G D/F# G A G A^{sus} D

By Your wealth of mer - cy, we are a - ble now to feast in con - fi - dence.
 Who are we that He would show us fa - vor? Gran - ting us this gift of life.
 Fore - taste of that glo - ri - ous com - mun - ion, Vi - sion of the world to come.

Chorus

F#m Bm D/A G A^{sus} A

Take this bread and eat. Take this cup and drink. Re -

Bm D/A G G A 1. D D/F#

mem - ber how He loved us; re - jice and keep the feast.

Our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

📅 Tuesday, June 16

🕒 11:00am

📍 FPUC Headquarters
905 Watchung Ave
Plainfield, NJ 07060

📞 Hosted by Family Promise Union County
908-289-7300 x208

📱 Scan to RSVP

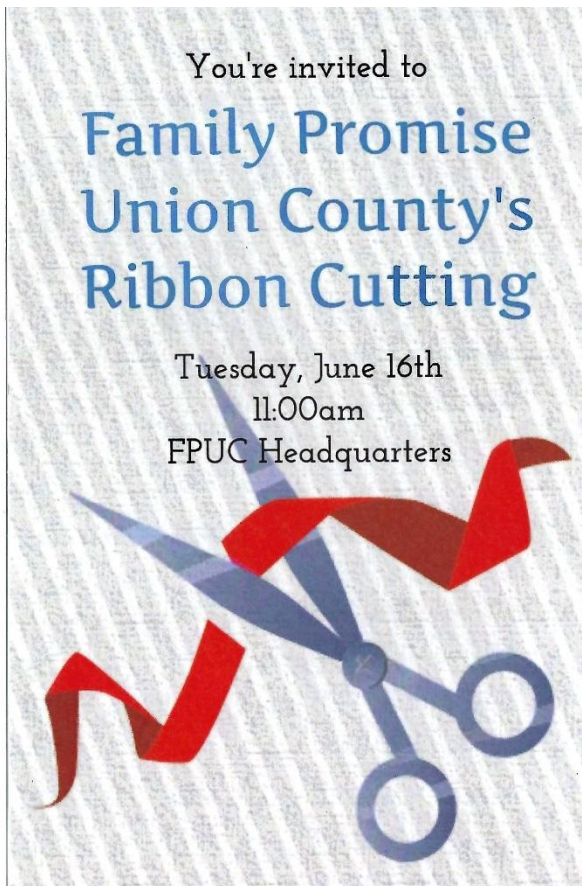


📄 Additional Information

Join us for a celebratory hour, take a tour of our new home, and meet the leadership and staff of Family Promise Union County.

RSVP's are helpful. Email Diane Esty at desty@familypromiseuc.org by June 10th to confirm your attendance.

On-street parking is available, with overflow parking in the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church parking lot located on First Place.



RSVP: DESTY@FAMILYPROMISE.UC.ORG BY JUNE 10, 2026

Contact Bonnie Ruggiero

Carpooling is suggested

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 the Viteka family*

Today's Worship Assistants

Bonnie Ruggiero – Lay Reader

Karen Wirth – 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 or contacting the church office

Willow Grove Mission Statement

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

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