

**Willow Grove Presbyterian Church**  
**May 17, 2026**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

*They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me,  
and those who love me will be loved by my Father,  
and I will love them and reveal myself to them.*

*John 14:21*



**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

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

**People: Come, let us adore him.**

Leader: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

**People: Come, let us adore him.**

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

**People: Come, let us adore him.**

Leader: Lord, open our lips.

**All: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

#### †OPENING SONG

“You Are Holy”

You raised the mountains up and laid the valleys low.

You lift the humble heart and break the prideful soul.

You chase the darkness from my life, Lord, you make me whole.

You are holy, holy is the Lord. (x4)

In your power and Your glory I can see,

The God of love and grace reaching out to me.

I've been made righteous by your blood, Lord you set me free.

—Rick Cole

## WE COME BEFORE GOD TO CONFESS

### **INVITATION TO CONFESSION** —from Ezekiel 36:26

Leader: This is what the Lord says: “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.” Believe these good words and be at peace.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: Gracious God, you have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus to direct us in the way of life. You offer us your Holy Spirit so that we can be born to new life as your children. Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of death have a strong attraction and that we often succumb to their lure. Give us the vision and courage to choose and nurture life, that we may receive your blessing. Amen.**

### **SILENT PRAYER**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

### **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 Best Supper Ever” (Matthew 26)

NEWS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Lay Reader

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

- *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!*

- *Join us for our Thursday Bible Study—The Gospel on the Move: A Journey through Acts—at 10:30 a.m., either in person or on Zoom!*
- *The Session will meet today in Alexander Hall following the worship service. All are welcome to attend.*

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

- *Lumos Candlelight Concert, Friday, June 5th, 2 sittings: 7-8 pm & 9-10 pm*
- *The youth will lead the service on June 14th for Youth Sunday at Willow Grove.*

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 4:1-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Puffed Up No More”

Rev. Se Hyuk Park

†SONG OF RESPONSE

“Before the Throne of God Above”

F/C C F/C C F/C C

Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per - fect  
 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with -  
 Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less Right - eous -

5 Em C/E F C/E G Am F6 Dm7 F/G

plea: a great High Priest whose name is love, Who ev - er lives and pleads for  
 in, up - ward I look and see him there, Who made an end of all my  
 ness. The great un - change - a - ble I AM, the King of Glo - ry and of

9 C C/E F C/E C G C/E F Em F G

me. My name is grav - en on his hands. My name is writ - ten on his  
 sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
 Grace. One with him - self, I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his

13 Am G F C/E G Am Am F6 Dm7 F/G

heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can bid me thence de -  
 free. For God, the Just, is sat - is - fied to look on him and par - don  
 blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my

17 Am F6 Dm7 F/G C

part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
 me, to look on him and par - don me.  
 God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: God our Maker, you have walked the Emmaus Road with your faithful people in many generations, people facing challenge and uncertainty, people seeking your purpose and promise. Thank you for your faithfulness to us in all situations. Walk with us and with those for whom we pray this day, that your grace and mercy may sustain our faith and hope. God in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayers.**

Leader: We pray for children and young people who must think about the future in these uncertain times. Give them hope rooted in the knowledge that their lives matter to you. Show them how to make a difference in the world, whatever threats and challenges they face as they grow. God in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayers.**

Leader: We pray for those for whom age or experience, illness or disability allow for the creation of barriers to full participation in your world. Give each one a sense of dignity and purpose. Show them where their gifts are needed and how much they matter to you. God in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayers.**

Leader: We pray for communities challenged by forces beyond their control: economic uncertainty, environmental stress, natural disaster, political strife. Give courage to those facing these crises day by day, and wisdom to those who lead others through them, so that wellbeing may be restored and hope for the future prevail. God in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayers.**

Leader: We pray for our congregation, for our life together, and our future in mission. That future feels so challenging. It is hard to read the signs of our times and respond wisely. Sustain our fellowship and give us courage to take new paths, so that you will find us faithful on our journey into that future. We pray for the wellbeing of those lives linked to ours who bring us both joy and heartache because they matter so much to us and to you. God in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayers.**

Leader: God our Maker, hear our prayers, spoken and unspoken, and use us in ways we may not yet even imagine to respond to others with the love and mercy that we see in Jesus Christ who taught us to pray together:

**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

“All I Have Is Christ”

*Please see pages 8 & 9 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.**



# ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

1. I once was lost in dark - est night, Yet thought I knew the way.  
2. But as I ran my hell-bound race, In - dif-f'rent to the cost,  
3. Now, Lord, I would be Yours a - lone, And live so all might see

The sin that pro-mised joy and life Had led me to the grave.  
You looked up - on my help-less state And led me to the cross.  
The strength to fol - low Your com-mands Could nev-er come from me.

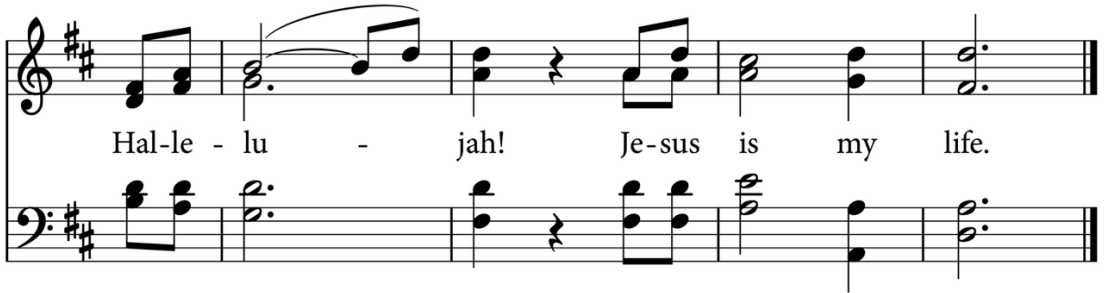
I had no hope that You would own A reb - el to Your will.  
And I be-held God's love dis-played, You suf-fered in my place.  
O Fa-ther, use my ran-somed life In an - y way You choose,

And if You had not loved me first, I would re-fuse You still.  
You bore the wrath re-served for me, Now all I know is  
And let my song for - ev - er be, "My on - ly boast is

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grace.  
You." Hal-le - lu - jah! All I have is Christ.



Hal-le - lu - jah! Je-sus is my life.

## ***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 Frank*

*Healing prayers for  
Andy, August, Sandra, Lorraine, Irany, Gary, Olivia, Ed, Sue, and Fred*

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

*Linda DiDario – 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*

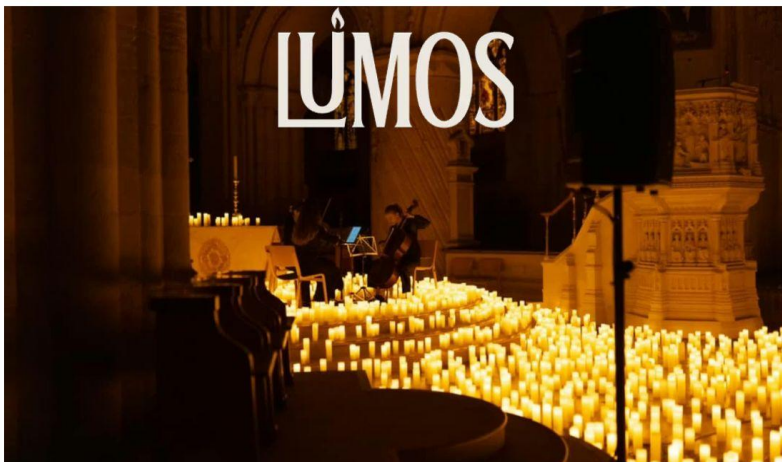
*Paul Whitehurst – Custodian*

*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](mailto:pastor@willowgrovechurch.org) or contacting the church office*



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