

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church
April 12, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead
and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,
kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God
through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*
1 Peter 1:3-5



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 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us and we are his;

People: we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise; give thanks to
him and praise his name.

**People: For the LORD is good and his steadfast love endures forever; his
faithfulness continues through all generations.**

†OPENING SONG

“Let Us Rise”

1. Break down the walls, let love prevail

Pour out Your truth

Teach us Your ways, oh God

Teach us Your ways, oh God

All Your sons and daughters reaching out

(Chorus)

(Chorus)

Let us rise, let us rise
Make us one, we cry
Let us love like You love, let us rise
Every tongue, every tribe
Every heart unified, let us rise, let us
rise

2. Humbly we stand, longing
for change
Bring us to You
Show us Your heart, oh God
Show us Your heart, oh God
All Your sons and daughters
reaching out
(Chorus)

3. Let us rise unto the nations
With the story of a Savior
Who has come to bring His children
home
Let us sing across the waters
With a voice in one accord
We are Yours, we are Yours, we are
Yours

(Chorus)

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WE COME BEFORE GOD TO CONFESS

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. In the bright light of Easter morning, O God, our sin is exposed, and your grace is revealed. Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded others; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

—2 Corinthians 5:17 -18

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

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

“Who Is My Neighbor?” (Luke 10)

NEWS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Lay Reader

This Week at Willow Grove

- *Join us for our weekly prayer meetings! The Zoom link is 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!*

What’s Ahead at Willow Grove

- *The Session will hold a regular meeting on Sunday, April 19, following the morning worship service. All are welcome to attend; a Zoom link is available on request.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Jonah 1:1-4

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“How (Not) to Run Away from God” Rev. Se Hyuk Park

†SONG OF RESPONSE

#384 “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Jesus, remember us when you come in your kingdom,

All: Have mercy upon us and hear our prayers.

Leader: For all who carry out your ministries within your church,

All: We ask for grace and wisdom.

(Pray for those who minister the gospel.)

Leader: For those who don’t yet believe the gospel,

All: We ask for your faithful love.

(Pray for the unbelieving.)

Leader: For governors and rulers in every land,

All: We ask for your guidance.

(Pray for our leaders.)

Leader: For people who suffer and grieve,

All: We ask for your healing peace.

(Pray for the suffering.)

Leader: Holy God, your Son, Jesus Christ has spoken to us the word of reconciliation. We come to you now in the words He 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

“Here Is Love, Vast as the Ocean”

BENEDICTION

THE DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

HERE IS LOVE, VAST AS THE OCEAN

F Bb F C

1. Here is love, vast as the o - cean, lov - ing - kind - ness as the flood:
 2. On the mount of cru - ci - fix - ion, foun - tains o - pened deep and wide.
 3. On the morn of res - ur - rec - tion, mer - cy filled the thirst - y grave;
 4. Oh, this love, vast love of Je - sus, bids us come and drink and live.

F Bb F C7 F

when the Prince of Life, our ran - som, shed for us his pre - cious blood.
 Through the flood - gates of God's mer - cy flowed a vast and gra - cious tide.
 where the stone of death burst o - pen, springs of life flowed un - re - strained.
 To this wear - y world of long - ing, what more could our Sav - ior give?

F/A Csus C Gm7 Csus F

Who his love will not re - mem - ber? Who can cease to sing his praise?
 Grace and love, like might - y riv - ers, poured in - ces - sant from a - bove.
 Love no heart could ev - er mea - sure, joy no sor - rows will out - run,
 Now to Christ who ful - ly loved us, and who freed us from our sin,

Dm Bb F/C C7 F

He can nev - er be for - got - ten through - out heav'n's e - ter - nal days.
 Heav - en's peace and per - fect jus - tice kissed a guilt - y world in love.
 rush up - on the soul be - liev - ing in the ris - en, reign - ing Son.
 be all glo - ry and do - min - ion, ev - er - last - ing praise to him.

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*

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

Today's Worship Assistants

Edwin Velez – Lay Reader

Linda DiDario – 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.

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Willow Grove Mission Statement

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

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