

## Wycliffe Presbyterian Church

**WELCOME** - To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who are strangers and seek fellowship - welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Office Phone:** 757-496-2620

**Hours:** Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wycliffe is following Christ to renew our church & the community.

Join in this mission through worship, by connecting with others, by contributing your talents and resources in service to others, and through cultivating your spiritual and emotional health.

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Pastor: *Rev. Garrett Bugg*

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Today we welcome **our guest preacher, Carol Bayma**. (Pastor Bugg was at the seminary this week.) Carol is the Parish Visitor at Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church and a candidate for ministry.

**"Women Sing!"** On **Sunday, June 18**, all women are invited to meet in the music room at 9:30 am to prepare to lead in worship that morning. We'll learn a simple song to sing and review the hymns and service order. (and there's chocolate!)

**"Men Sing!"** On **Sunday, July 2**, all men are invited to meet in the music room at 9:30 am to demonstrate how much better they are at learning their music than the women! We'll learn a simple song, review the hymns and service order and lead the congregation in worship.



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Seventh Sunday of Easter - Ascension Sunday

May 28, 2017

*There is music in the midst of desolation and glory in the tears.  
Age shall not weary them, nor years condemn,  
and as stars shall be bright when we are dust, to the end they will remain.  
And we will remember them.*



*The Wycliffe Ringers*

**"Pedalpoint & Passacaglia"**

*Hopson*

**Welcome & Announcements**  
(Please sign the red Friendship pad)

**A PRAYER TO BEGIN WORSHIP**

**\*HYMN #331 - "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"**

**\*LOVE EACH OTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU** (1 Peter 3 and John 15:13)

*If you suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed.*

**Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.**

*Do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord.*

*Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and with reverence.*

**Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.**

*It is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring us to God.*

**And Jesus said, "Love each other as I have loved you,  
for greater love has no one than this:  
to lay down one's life for one's friends."**

**\*ALL SING** *For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who Thee by faith / before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest, / Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**\*Share the Peace of the Risen Christ**

*~ Children's Time with the Pastor ~*

**THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (all read the bold)

Righteous God, you rule the nations and watch over brave men and women who risk themselves in battle for their country. We confess that we have not done our part by doing all that is possible to promote peace and justice. We have not loved our neighbors, much less our enemies, as you taught us.



**Forgive us for failing to live by your commandments.**  
**Forgive us when we let hate for our enemies harden our hearts;**  
**when we keep score with human lives.**  
**Forgive us when we fail to remember the sacrifices**  
**of those who serve to protect our freedoms.**

*The Assurance of God's Grace & Pardon ~*

*And all say: Thanks be to God. Amen.*

**A MEMORIAL DAY CALL TO REMEMBRANCE** (quoting Revelation 21:4-5) ~ all read the bold

Almighty God, in whom we live, love, and have our being, we remember those for whom Memorial Day represents more than a three-day sale, but is instead a time of painful reflection, lamentation, and enduring bereavement.



**With compassion, we remember your children who lost their lives to war ~**

*Help us honor their memory with a sincere pledge to seek peace.*

**With compassion, we remember the injured ~**

*Grant peace and healing to bodies wounded in combat; to minds sickened by sights and sounds that cannot be erased.*

**With compassion, we remember those who still wait and pray ~**

*Grant comfort to those with missing loved ones, who hope for a precious moment of reunion, day by anxious day.*

*(a time of silence)*

**"And God Shall Wipe Away All Tears"** (E. Daley)

Anna Feucht, soprano

*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, for the former things have passed away.*

*God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;*

**and there shall be no more death; neither sorrow, nor crying,**  
*neither shall there be any more pain*

**for the former things are passed away.**

*(a moment for silent prayer followed by the hymn)*

**\*HYMN 8 - "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"**

**GOD HAS GONE UP WITH A SHOUT!** (Psalm 47 with Acts 1, all read the bold)

*After his suffering, Jesus presented himself alive by many convincing proofs, and said, "This is what you've heard from me: John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."*

**For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,**  
**a great king over all the earth.**  
**He chose our heritage for us,**  
**the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

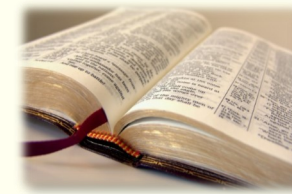
*The disciples asked, 'Is this the time when you will restore the kingdom?' Jesus replied, "It is not for you to know the day or hour that the Father has set.*

*You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth."*

*And as they were watching, he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight.*

**God has gone up with a shout, with the sound of a trumpet!**  
**Sing praises to God**  
**who is king of all the earth!**

**HYMN 273 "He is King of Kings"** (remain seated & sing at the direction of the soloist)



Scripture – Luke 24:44-53

**"Already Risen! Why Would Christ Ascend?"**

Rev. Carol Bayma

*The offering is received*

**"O Thou Who Camest From Above"**

Philip Stopford

*O thou who camest from above, the pure celestial fire to impart, kindle the flame of sacred love on the mean altar of my heart. There let it for thy glory burn with inextinguishable blaze . . .*

**The Pastor's Prayer** followed by **The Lord's Prayer** (p. 35, hymnal)

**\*WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH (THE APOSTLES' CREED)** (stand to say together)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*HYMN 260 - "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"**

**\*BENEDICTION** **\*ALL SING "The Celtic Alleluia"** (Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! ~ repeat)

