



Welcome to Wilton Presbyterian Church

May 9, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

We are glad that you found us and that you are here. We are a progressive, welcoming and inclusive congregation seeking both to know Christ and to make Christ known to people from all walks of life. We pray that we will become better acquainted with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Shannon White

PRELUDE

“Bring Many Names”
Brian Wren

Zachary Wright

* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God our Creator, we call You Father, Mother, Author of Life:

People: **Draw us closer to You, O God.**

Leader: Christ our Savior, we call You the Son, the Messiah, the One who Saves:

People: **Draw us closer to You, O God.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, we call You the Advocate, the Inspirer, Breath and Wind of God:

People: **Draw us closer to You, O God.**

Leader: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty; Heaven and earth are full of Your glory:

People: **Draw us closer to You, O God.**

Leader: Draw us in, Spirit, Christ and Creator,

People: **that we might journey with You more fully and deeply, in this life and beyond. Amen.**

* OPENING PRAYER

MEDITATIVE MUSIC

“I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry”
John Ylvisaker

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cathy Ratcliffe

EPISTLE READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your

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mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 66:10-14

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her—
that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious bosom.

For thus says the Lord:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,
and dandled on her knees.

As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;
and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants,
and his indignation is against his enemies.

SERMON

Grandmother God

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

From the United Church in Canada

ANTHEM

"It Is Well With My Soul"
Arr. Cindy Berry

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ann White

The Lord's Prayer

**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 and ever. Amen!**

BENEDICTION

*** POSTLUDE**

"Amazing Grace"
Arr. Joel Raney



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