



## Welcome to Wilton Presbyterian Church

May 30, 2021

TRINITY SUNDAY

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

#### PRELUDE

*Gather Us In*  
Marty Haugen

Zachary Wright

#### \* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 29

One: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**All: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of God's name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

One: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

**All: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

One: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**All: The LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.**

One: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**All: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in God's temple all say, "Glory!"**

One: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

**All: May the LORD give strength to all people! May the LORD bless all people with peace!**

#### \* OPENING PRAYER

God of delight, Your Wisdom sings Your Word at the crossroads where humanity and divinity meet. Invite us into Your joyful being where You know and are known in each beginning, in all sustenance, in every redemption, that we may manifest Your unity in the diverse ministries You entrust to us, truly reflecting Your triune majesty in the faith that acts, in the hope that does not disappoint, and in the love that endures. Amen.

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reshan Richards

*When this symbol (\*) precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit*

**EPISTLE LESSON**

Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

**GOSPEL LESSON**

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, 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.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**SERMON**

Born of the Spirit

The Rev. Dr. Laurie McKnight

**ANTHEM***Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart*

Arr. Mark Hayes

**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**

*How Great Thou Art*  
Arr. Chris Rice



*We welcome the Rev. Dr. Laurie McKnight to our pulpit this morning. Laurie lived in Wilton from kindergarten through eighth grade. Laurie's parents, Bud and Ellie Ford, were members when the Wilton Presbyterian Church broke ground in this location. After a 20-year career with AT&T, Laurie attended Princeton Theological Seminary (where she received M.Div. and Th.M. degrees), and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary (where she received a D.Min. degree). Laurie has served Presbyterian churches in Heuvelton and Lisbon, NY and Maysville, KY. She has also worked as a hospice and hospital chaplain. She lives in Westbrook, CT.*



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