



## Welcome to Wilton Presbyterian Church

June 13, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / REV. WHITE'S FAREWELL TO WPC

*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

*There's a Spirit of Love in the Place*  
Mark Miller

Zachary Wright

### \* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Through Jeremiah, God told the people: Behold, I know the plans that I have for you;

**People: Plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.**

Leader: Let us worship this God who makes the same promises to us.

**People: Alleluia! Let us worship God!**

### \* UNISON OPENING PRAYER

based on Psalm 138

Faithful God, we come into Your presence with thanksgiving, deeply grateful for the unfailing love and faithfulness You have shown toward us, Your people.

When we call out to You, You answer. When we are exhausted, You give us the strength to go on.

When we find ourselves in trouble, You are there, standing beside us.

And so we come before You gratitude and praise, offering You the worship of our hearts and lives.

Open our eyes to see and know You here among us; open our ears to recognize Your voice. And then send us out from here, to live and work in the world as Your faithful disciples. Amen.

*(From Christine Longhurst)*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sally Carta

### EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

**SERMON**

A Whole Lot of Blessings

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Portions of "A Brief Statement" PCUSA

**Leader:** In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

**Left Side:** We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

**Right Side:** Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

**Left Side:** teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

**Right Side:** eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

**All:** Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

**Left Side:** We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

**Right Side:** In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

**Left Side:** But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

**Right Side:** Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth,

**Left Side:** exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

**All:** We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

**Right Side:** Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

**Left Side:** Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

**Right Side:** Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

**Left Side:** like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,

**All:** God is faithful still. Amen!

**ANTHEM**

*On Eagles Wings*

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**

*Blessing*  
Katie Moran Bart



*All are invited to a reception for the Rev. Shannon White immediately following the service.*



## **WILTON PRESBYTERIAN STAFF**

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