



Wasatch Presbyterian Church
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*Wherever you are on your journey of faith,
You are welcome here!*

Let Us Worship Together!



*“The heart of a mother is a deep abyss
at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness.”*
—Honoré de Balzac

Mother’s Day / Ascension Sunday

May 12, 2024

10:00am

About This Week...

Welcome to Worship Today. We gather in this beautiful place to reconnect with old friends and meet new friends, to reflect upon life and its complexities from fresh spiritual perspectives, and to connect with the One who created us, loves us dearly, and connects us into one fortunate family. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here, as we journey together in faith and hope.

About Today's Service

The Seventh Sunday of Easter falls on Mother's Day, a day set aside in the United States to remember and celebrate mothers of all kinds. Knowing that all love comes from God, we can explore some images from scripture that portray God's intimate love for all people in all times, reminding us that God's love is often seen in those closest and dearest to us.

Prayer for Today

Tender God, with Mother's Day and all of its hoopla so near, it is easy for me to think about my personal family situation. Some of it makes me smile; some of it makes me cry. Thank you for allowing me not only to come here with these people I love, but also for always surrounding me with a love that no one on earth could ever provide. When I am with you, I am complete and whole. Amen.

The Chiming of the Bell

For centuries, church bells have called worshippers to the church and to worship. We connect with this heritage by chiming our bell as a call to worship together.

Notes for Worship

Additional children's worship materials are near the side door.

Childcare is available for ages 4 & under in the nursery.

* Indicates that you may stand if you desire.

Prayer requests are gathered by Deacons during children's message.

Please note that all worship services are live streamed and recorded.

Deacon on Duty: Valerie Greer

Ushers: Mark Huff, Rocky Cox &
Peter Stirba

Prior to the service, you are invited to prepare yourself for worship. Some people prefer to meditate or pray, while others may chat quietly with their fellow-worshippers as a way to connect and focus.

Organ Prelude Prayer of Christ Ascending Toward His Father Dr. Ken Udy
by Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992)

Gathering Together

Our worship leaders call us together to draw our attention forward and upward. We all sing together to join our voices and our hearts.

***Gathering Hymn** Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth Hymn #7

***Welcome**

***Chiming of the Bell**

***Call to Worship** Psalm 131:2-3

But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;

My soul is like the weaned child that is with me.

O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time on and forever.

*We focus our attention first on God's glory,
and offer our praise in word and song.*

***Opening Prayer**

Bless us, Loving Lord, with your presence this day as we gather for worship and to celebrate your goodness.

Prod us with your presence today as we consider your wonderful, unimaginable grace. You are above and beyond anyone or anything that we can imagine or express. Your goodness may be glimpsed in our human relations, but all pale in comparison to the infinitely unconditional love we have experienced in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun Hymn 265

Reflecting on God's glory makes us aware of our human sinfulness and need for forgiveness. This honesty before God and each other opens our hearts to receive God's forgiveness, which we celebrate with song and sharing.

Prayer of Confession

We confess our sins before you today, All-Seeing God, knowing that your forgiveness surrounds us—both when we sin and when other people sin against us.

As we remember mothers, we acknowledge that all of us have parents who suffer the same short-sightedness and short-comings of their children and all humanity. We confess that we have been parents who often made love conditional upon our terms. Parent or child, we all need your restoring love. Help us all, Holy Spirit, to use this time together to embody your forgiving grace, so we will be the people who will heal the wounds of our world. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Like all people, we have sinned and require forgiveness.

God has heard our anguished pleas and, instead of condemnation, God provides tender loving care.

Then let us all claim God's good news for all.

In Jesus Christ, we all are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen!

***Gloria Patri**

Hymn 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be

World without end. Amen. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

May the peace of Christ be with you

And also with you!

All who are able and willing may greet those people near them by saying "Peace be with you" or other words of greeting.

Listening Together

*The scriptures hold a central place in our worship, so are read often.
We ask God to inspire both the reading and the hearing of these words.*

Then we listen for what God may reveal to us in their reading.

*The music and sermon are designed to help interpret the scriptures
and help us apply them to our daily living.*

Anthem

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!
(for text refer to Hymn 258)

Chancel Choir

Children's Message

Hymn 591

All children are invited to come forward for a special message for them.

Parents are invited to bring smaller ones.

*Children are then invited to exit the sanctuary
and participate in a special time of learning and worship.*

Prayer for Illumination

We have learned of your truth on the knees of other older, wiser people who read these words before us. Loving Parent of us all, let us learn again today of your mysterious, nurturing love. Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 17:6-19

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“What a Little Mothering Can Do”

Bob Sheldon

Responding Together

Once we hear God's Word, we want to respond in word and in deed, so we say what we believe, we give of what God has given us, and we pray together as an active part of our worship and witness.

***Affirmation of Faith**

A Brief Statement of Faith

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. (11.3)

Offertory

Nuvole Bianchi [White Clouds] Soren Shumway, pianist
by Ludovico Einaudi (b. 1955)

We give and receive an offering as a response

to what we have heard in worship and what we have been given in life.

Our giving is an offering to God. All offerings, whether made in the worship service or outside of it, are part of our worship of God.

Offerings are to be given freely, gratefully, and hopefully.

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures, here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Life of the Church

Prayers of the People

*Everyone is invited to write prayer requests on the pew cards,
and a deacon will gather them during our children's message,
or verbally share a joy or concern when invited by the pastor or leader.*

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 sins as we forgive those who sin
against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil;
for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Going Together

*We are sent into the world to bear witness to God's glory and love,
knowing that God has gone ahead of us to prepare the way
and to prepare the people we will help.*

*Worship ends on this hopeful note—and continues in all we do
and become. Go into the world with confidence and love!*

***Closing Song**

Rescue

Pg. 94 Green Book

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Toccatà
by Alexander Schreiner (1901–1987)

Dr. Ken Udy

Bible Passage

Ezekiel 36 v 24-28
The Holy Spirit promised

Today in church we learned that...

God made a promise to His people through the prophet Ezekiel around 600 years before Jesus arrived on the earth. A time was prophesied when God's people would turn their hearts back to Him and live for Him with the help of Holy Spirit within them.

Why not take some time this week to revisit the Bible Passage, use the questions below to talk and share together and connect with God using these activities. You might like to try and remember the memory verse as well.

Pick the activities that work best for you.

Memory Verse

Acts 2 v 38-39

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. [The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.]"

A question for adults to ask children

What is a behaviour that you know doesn't please God?

A question for children to ask adults

What is a negative behaviour from your past that God has helped you with?

Family Fun Together

Simon Says: Play a game of Simon Says as a reminder of what it means to live, obedient to God. Take it in turns to be the leader and give instructions. Everybody else should only do what you say if it begins with the phrase 'Simon Says...'



Connect with God Together

Our passage today comes from the book of Ezekiel. Ezekiel was a prophet, somebody who received messages from God to share with others. Spend some time together waiting on God and listening for any messages He has to share with you. God can speak to us in many different ways through words, pictures, songs or feelings, we just need to be open to catching those messages.

Change challenge

Share together where there are behaviours that you struggle with and which you know are not pleasing to God. What positive habit could you take up to change those behaviours.

E.g. If you struggle with negative thoughts, could you choose a daily affirmation to speak over yourself.

If you struggle with controlling your temper, could you take time to ask God to fill you with peace at the start of each day?

Choose a positive habit each and help one another to take on the change challenge this week.



Spiritual Development

Spiritual Formation Classes Resume in September.
Check Out Our Bible Study Groups throughout the Summer.

Bible Adventures

a weekly Bible study
All are Welcome

Engaging discussions and sharing

The Gospel of Luke

Tuesdays at 10:30am
Church Library

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

Weekly at 9am in the Library

A Welcoming and Inviting Group,
Questioning is Encouraged.

Group Led, We Read Different
Translations of the Bible to Discern
and Interpret Meaning.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



226 General Assembly
Coming to Salt Lake City
June 24 - July 4, 2024

The Presbyterian world is coming to Utah and we want them to feel welcomed and appreciated. We'll welcome and host over 1,000 delegates from all over the United States and the world!

There will be two **volunteer virtual orientation** and training sessions, **Wednesday June 12 at 7:30 pm** and **Saturday June 15 at 9:30 am**.

More information on these to follow once you have signed up.

Scan QR
to Sign Up



The James Code

Come and explore
putting faith into action

Wasatch Presbyterian Men
& others

at weekly breakfast

Thursday at 8:30am

IHOP (4500 S. Highland Dr.)

Confirmation Sunday

Ceremony during worship
Celebratory luncheon in the loft
(following discernment conversations)

Confirmands, Mentors, Friends, and
Families are All Invited



PENTECOST

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday, May 19
Remember to Wear
Red, Yellow or Orange



With our gifts to the Pentecost offering, we are there to help build a foundation of faith in our youth which will last a lifetime.

Scan QR Code to
Give to the
Pentecost Offering



Ways to Get Involved, Fellowship & Events

WPC Discernment Conversations *May 19 at 8:30am & 11:15am* *May 20 at 7:00pm (zoom only)*

At the annual meeting we laid out the goal of sustainably funding all of our ministries. We're currently pulling money from our reserve funds to cover annual ministry expenses.

We hope to collect your wisdom, ideas and creative energy to prayerfully discern what God is calling us to do with our ministry.

We'll break into small groups of 6 - 8 random people, with a member of session facilitating each group.

Scan QR Code to Register & Save the Event to Your Calendar



Wasatch Preschool Silent Auction

Open for Bidding **May 1 - May 15**

All Proceeds Benefit Our Preschool
Thank You for Your Support!

Gift Certificates,
Specialty Items, Games,
Gift Baskets, and More!

Scan QR code to
View & Bid on Items



Wasatch
Presbyterian Preschool
Fun Fair

May 22nd
6:00-8:00pm

FOOD, ACTIVITIES & FUN!

SUPPORT
OUR
PRESCHOOL



Women of Wasatch

Monthly Book Club

Join us each month on the
2nd Tuesday at 5pm
for dinner and discussion.

We read a book every other month and all are welcome to come whether you've read the book or not!

May 14th from 5-7pm

For More Info, Contact
Janet Wortley
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Women's Weekend Book Club

A mission of Wasatch Presbyterian Church's Youth Committee to foster a small group for all moms and other women in the church.

Contact Shannon

(baker_shannon@msn.com) if you would like to join in and get more information.

Join us for our upcoming gatherings!

May 31: Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell

June 22: Mother Daughter Murder Night
by Nina Simon

July 19: East of Eden by John Steinbeck



PRESBYTERY OF UTAH Synod of the Rocky Mountains

Welcome

Celebration

Inclusion

JOIN THE UTAH PRESBYTERY

AS WE CELEBRATE PRIDE!

Let's Walk in the Utah Pride Parade Together

Sunday, June 2

All are welcome!

Wear your brightest **PRIDE COLORS!**

- Feel free to bring flags to wave.
(We will have a large banner to carry as we walk.)
- We'll have one vehicle for anyone unable to walk entire route.
- Participants must check in by 9 am. (Parade starts at 10 am.)
- Parking is limited; consider carpooling or taking TRAX
- We'll get our staging area later in May and let you know.
(Staging grounds are downtown near the Salt Palace.)
- Make sure to review the Parade Rules & Regulations

Please **RSVP** to megan.judkins@gmail.com

Saturday, June 22
10am-1pm

WPC Youth
CAR WASH

Lower Parking Lot

Get your car looking like the day you drove it off the lot for a mere \$10 donation



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

ALL AGES, GENDERS & ABILITIES WELCOME

Open House Work Party at Wasatch

Saturday June 22 9am-3pm

- We Make Reusable items out of *Plarn* (Plastic Yarn)
- Sort, Fold, Cut or Crochet. No Experience Necessary!
- We've kept at least 8,500 plastic grocery bags out of the landfill since our project began 2 years ago!



Scan QR Code to Learn More About Plasticity



Plasticity is a non profit organization and environmental service project Sponsored by the Women of Wasatch

WPC Elders (Session Members)

Kent Anderson	<i>Administrative</i>
Clare Coonan	<i>Buildings & Grounds</i>
Jeremy Cunningham	<i>Membership</i>
Russ Fericks	<i>Personnel</i>
Liz Harald	<i>Preschool & Nominating</i>
Michael Holloway	<i>Budget & Finance</i>
Shelley Horel	<i>Mission Ministries</i>
Stephan Jacob	<i>Personnel</i>
Ethan Kiburtz	<i>Youth Ministry</i>
Stasha Lewis	<i>Children's Ministry</i>
Bretta Pirie-Srivastava	<i>Worship & Music</i>
Stacey Riekhof	<i>Membership</i>
Marty Shannon	<i>Adult Education</i>
Sam Whitaker	<i>Congregational Life</i>
Elizabeth Zeldes	<i>Nominating</i>

Board of Deacons

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Alec Lalonde	<i>Card Ministry</i>
Rachna Masih	<i>St. Vincent's</i>
Patrick Newton	<i>Flowers</i>
Kellie Noring	<i>Funerals/Memorials</i>
Lisa Vitkus	<i>Transportation</i>

UPCOMING WEEK AT WPC

Monday, May 13

7:00pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, May 14

10:00am: WPC Staff Mtg

10:30am: Bible Babes

4:30pm: Buildings & Grounds Mtg

5:00pm: WoW Monthly Book Club

5:30pm: Budget & Finance Mtg

6:30pm: Cub Scouts

7:00pm: Youth Committee Mtg

7:30pm: Congregational Life Mtg

Wednesday, May 15

9:00am: Women's Bible Study

6:00pm: Pastor Nominating Committee

Thursday, May 16

8:30am: Presbyterian Men IHOP gathering

Sunday, May 19 - Pentecost Ordination & Installation of Officers Youth Confirmation

8:30am: Congregation Conversations

9:30am: Choir warm up

10:00am: Worship + Livestream

11:00am: Coffee Hour

11:15am: Congregation Conversations

11:15am: Youth Confirmation Celebration

Coffee Hour

Volunteers Make it Happen!

Thank You!

This Month, Coffee Hour Set Up, Clean Up & the Refreshments are Brought to You By Our Mission Committee.

WASATCH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor: Rev. Bob Sheldon
Associate Pastor: Rev. Andrew Fleishman
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