

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WHIPPANY
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

May 11, 2025, 10:15 AM

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AS YOU SETTLE IN, BEGIN WORSHIP WITH A PRAYER PRACTICE:

You are invited to read these verses three times, then sit in silence, prayerfully imagining what it feels like to rest in the love and care of God.

“You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.”

-Psalm 23:5b-6

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Sarah J. Cairatti

INTROIT

Christie Seyfarth

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Written by Beth Merrill Neel

Leader: Rejoice, people of God:

People: This is our Sabbath day.

Leader: Rejoice, friends in Christ:

People: This is our time for worship.

Leader: God ordained the Sabbath,

People: for rest and restoration.

Leader: God is worthy of worship,

People: our Creator, Healer, and Inspiration.

*HYMN

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

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*SHARING SIGNS OF CHRIST’S PEACE

Leader: As Jesus says to the disciples, when he appears to them after his resurrection, “Peace be with you.”

People: **And also with you.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Joanne Willans

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Written by Beth Merrill Neel

Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life:

Hear our prayer.

**There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us
From one another and from You.**

**We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow,
For fear of admitting our part in the separation,
For fear of being rejected when we reach out.**

**You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships,
To a wholeness with each other and with You, to restoration.**

**Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations
Through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Silent prayer...

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, Siblings: hear this good news and see the grace of God:
You are forgiven. You are free to go and live, to walk in green pastures
and linger beside still waters. In Jesus Christ, your cup overflows.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

ANTHEM

“From the Day You Were Born”

The Senior Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23:1-6

Peter Raises Tabitha
"The Lord is my shepherd"

SERMON

The Rev. Sarah J. Cairatti

*HYMN

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to share your joys and concerns.

"For N. and N. we pray to the Lord." **Amen.**

"For N. and N. we praise the Lord!" **Amen.**

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. Amen.

*OFFERTORY HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Christie Seyfarth

Please remain seated in quiet reflection as the Postlude is played.

*Those who are able may stand

WELCOME, VISITORS AND OLD FRIENDS...

We're glad you are with us this morning, and we invite you to participate fully in all parts of the worship service. Throughout the week, if you would like more information about the church, to ask a question, or if you would like to share a prayer concern, please email fpcwhippany@gmail.com or call the church office and leave a message 973-887-2197.

Calendar of Events -For a full calendar of church events, please visit www.whippanychurch.com

Sunday, May 11 - Mother's Day

9:30 AM Choir Warm Up

10:15 AM Worship

Monday, May 12

6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 14

10:00 AM Bible Study

Sunday, May 18 - 50 Year Member Celebration

9:30 AM Choir Warm Up

9:45 AM Handbell Choir Warm Up

10:15 AM Worship, Ben Willans preaching

11:15 AM 50 Year Member Coffee Hour Celebration

11:15 AM Choir Rehearsal

2:00 PM Blessing of the Animals

If you would like to make a donation to the church, please access our online giving page at www.whippanychurch.com/give or mail your gift to the church office.

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Francis of Assisi, 1225
Trans. and para. William Henry Draper, c. 1910; alt.*Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623; alt.
Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Unison

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice
2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail
3. Thou flow-ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make mu - sic for
4. Thou fer - tile earth, that day by day Un - fold - est bless -

Harmony

and with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
in heaven a - long, O sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia!
thy Lord to hear, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
ings on your way, O sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, Thou sil - ver moon with
Thou ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice, Ye lights of eve - ning,
Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, That giv - est us both
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, Let them God's glo - ry

Harmony

soft - er gleam,
find a voice! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
warmth and light,
al - so show!

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Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5. And everyone of tender heart,
 Forgiving others, take your part.
 O sing ye! Alleluia!
 Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
 Praise God and cast on God your care!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6. All creatures, your Creator bless,
 And worship God in humbleness.
 O sing ye! Alleluia!
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
 And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 172

RESIGNATION CMD

Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835
Harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986

Para. Isaac Watts, 1719; alt. 1972

C C G C G Am AmG C Am Em F C G C

1. My Shep-herd will sup-ply my need; Je-ho-vah is His name:
2. When I walk through the shades of death Your pres-ence is my stay;
3. The sure pro-vi-sions of my God At-tend me all my days;

F C G C Em Am F G C F C F C G C

In pas-tures fresh He makes me feed, Be-side the liv-ing stream.
One word of Your sup-port-ing breath Drives all my fears a-way.
O may Your House be my a-bode, And all my work be praise.

G C F C Dm G C Am Em F Dm Am

He brings my wan-dering spir-it back, When I for-sake His ways;
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, Does still my ta-ble spread;
There would I find a set-tled rest, While oth-ers go and come;

F C G C Em Am F G C F C F C G C

And leads me, for His mer-cy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.
My cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows, Your oil a-noints my head.
No more a strang-er, or a guest, But like a child at home.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 280

AMAZING GRACE CM

Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1779
Stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

Virginia Harmony, 1831
Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;
3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

5. When we've been there ten thousand
years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Choctaw
Shilombish holutopa ma!
Ishmminti pulla cha
Hatak ilbusha pia ha
Is pi yukpalashke

Kiowa
Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy he tsow'haw
Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy hee.
Bay dawtsahy taw, gaw aym ow thah t'aw,
Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy h'ee.

Cherokee
Ooh nay thla nah, hee oo way gee'.
E gah gwoo yah hay ee.
Naw gwoo joe sah, we you low say,
E gah gwoo yah ho nah.

Creek
Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
Ah non ah cha pa kas
Cha fee kee o funnan la kus
Um e ha ta la yus.

Navaho
Nizhónígo jooba' diits' a'
Yisdáshíftinígí,
Lah yóóiyá, k'ad shénáhoosdzin,
Doo eesh'íí da út'ée.

Text: Phonetic transcription Cherokee, Kiowa, Creek, and Choctaw: Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference;
Navaho: phonetic transcription by Albert Tsosie.

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