

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits.

— Psalm 103:1-2

Sentences of Scripture

Rev. Laurie Hartzell

Opening Voluntary

(A musical prayer offered on behalf of the people of God.)

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” arr. Gerhard Krapf

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Jen Porter

Call to Worship

Rev. David Baak

(We gather around sacred symbols to become aware of God's presence and our presence here.)

++ Hymn 366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Hyfrydol

Call to Confession

Mark DeVries

(Trusting that God is love, we express our lament, our brokenness, and our failings to God.)

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, you created us to receive your Word with grateful hearts and to carry it into the world. You show us your glory. You touch our very lips and we are overcome. And yet, your presence confuses and terrifies us. We are sure and then we doubt. We begin and then we hesitate. Forgive our un-lived intentions. Help us to say yes with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. Lord, hear our prayer...

Silent Confession

Kyrie - Unison

“Lord, Have Mercy”

John Weaver



The Assurance of God's Grace

One: In a world full of questions and uncertainties, fears and failures, we find our center in this amazing grace:

All: Nothing can separate us from the love of God. Nothing.

One: Believe this good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, we are accepted, and everything is made new.

One: We are beloved children of God,

All: Free to make our home in God's new creation. Alleluia, Amen.

++ Response Hymn 749 “Come! Live in the Light!”

(sing twice)

We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

We Are Called

++The Summary of the Law and the Passing of the Peace

(A sign of forgiveness and reconciliation.)

One: With what shall we come before the Lord?

All: What can we bring?

One: God has told us what is required:

All: “To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.”

One: Love calls us into community and into the world.

All: And to empower us in this way, May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

One: And also with you.

Ministry of Music

Songs for Voice and Violin

Gustav Holst

“Jesu Sweet, now will I sing to Thee”

“That we may do His will”

Jeff Wilkinson, Tenor

Leslie Wilkinson, Violin

Blessings with Younger Disciples

(Children three years old through second grade may finish their time of worship in the Worship Centers. Children's worship leaders will shepherd them from the Sanctuary to their rooms. Parents may pick them up in their worship rooms following the service.)

In the pews: May the Lord be with each of you as you worship together.

Children: And may the Lord be with you as you worship here.

In the pews: Go in peace!

THE WORD

Introduction to the Scripture

Prayer for Illumination

(We pray that the words of Scripture may be encountered as God's Word.)

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

Old Testament pgs. 635-636

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Saying Yes

Rev. Laurie Hartzell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People - (The cup contains grape juice and the bread is gluten free.)

Communion will be served by intinction. Please come forward row by row starting in the front. On the pulpit side, use the aisles on the left of your section to come to the front and return by the aisle to your right. On the lectern side, use the aisles on the right of your section to come to the front and return by the aisle to your left. If you prefer to remain seated, a youth will come to you with the elements. Take the bread and dip it in the chalice. It is appropriate to respond by saying “Amen” upon receiving the sacrament.

Communion Music

“Adagio”

J. S. Bach

from Prelude, Adagio and Fugue for Organ

Closing Prayer

THE OFFERING

Receiving the Offering - Signing of the Friendship Register

(Please sign the friendship pad and pass it down the pew. Thank you!)

Offertory

“Bist du bei mir”

J. S. Bach

Jeff Wilkinson, Tenor

++Doxology (means “words of glory”—they are a traditional expression of praise to God.)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Prayer of Dedication

Renewing God, like seed and grain you grow us to envision whose we are. Together we have shared these gifts that you give. Together we arise from this meal of love and grace. May our yes yield fruit and may we offer it to your whole creation. We dedicate our lives to following you and to remembering well the future you have called us to receive. Alleluia, Amen.

++Hymn 536

“Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”

Surge Ecclesia

++Charge & Benediction

Closing Voluntary

“Today the Son of God Triumphs”

J. S. Bach

The Charge

Go into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold on to all that is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak and help the suffering. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

AHEAD IN WORSHIP

One Service at
10:00a

RESPONSES OF FAITH

August 12—The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

The Yes Behind the No

Rev. Jeremy Bork
Scripture: Ephesians 4:25-5:2
Music: Cheri Reid, Soprano

August 19—The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Jen Porter preaching
Music: Trio: Kathy VanderVelde,
Mary Geurink, and Linda Nelson

DEVOTION FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 5 -

God's promise: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine...for I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (Is. 43:1,3).

Our response: My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast. I will sing and make melody (Ps. 57:7). (From A Guide to Prayer for All Who Seek God, Upper Room)

Welcome to Westminster

If you are new to Westminster, this information may help you get oriented.

First of all, if you have any questions, please feel free to talk to any of the ushers or greeters or staff members. It's a pretty big church and not always easy to find your way around.

- Worship bags (younger children) and worship folders (older children) are available on the bookshelf in the narthex, and contain age-appropriate materials to help children engage with what they're seeing and doing.
- LARGE print bulletins—much easier on the eyes.
- Hearing devices are also available, as well as:
 - T-loop hearing assistance: set your hearing aid to "T"
- More about **children:** We intend to be welcoming to all children. *Please let us know how we are doing.* Contact Nancy Greidanus—nancyg@wpcgr.org.
 - o All children are welcome to stay throughout the entire worship service. OR:
 - o **Nursery** rooms are located down the hall to the right of the Parlor, which is in the northeast corner of the Gathering Place. Nursery care is available from 9:45a - 11:30p (or 15 minutes after the conclusion of worship).
 - o **Nurturing Centers:** Children ages 3 and 4 may leave the service after the time of Blessings for stories, songs, and free play.
 - o **Worship Centers:** Children 4 years through second grade may also leave at the time of the Blessings to complete their worship in an interactive setting.
- **Coffee Hour:** Absolutely everyone is welcome, even if coffee is not your cup of tea!

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher Rev. Laurie Hartzell, First Presbyterian Church, Benton Harbor
Liturgists Rev. Jen Porter, Assoc. Pastor for Faith Formation & Pastoral Care
..... Rev. David Baak, Executive Pastor
..... Mark DeVries, Elder for Youth

Minister of Music Helen Hofmeister

10:00 am: Music for Worship
Jeff Wilkinson, Tenor
Leslie Wilkinson, Violin

USHERS - Team B

10:00 am: Bernard and Kathy Smith, Rolleen and Bill Westfall, David Abbott, Randy Block, Daryl Fischer and Dan Gleason, Larry Hollenbeck, Mary Jane Lamse, Steve Marshall, Barry McKey, Wayne Spillane, Rob Wybrecht

GREETERS

10:00 am: Atrium..... Leza Moerland
Narthex Susan McCaffrey

NURSERY 10:00 am: Staff

SUMMER WORSHIP CENTER FOR CHILDREN AGES 3 – SECOND GRADE:

During the summer months, we vary our curriculum to provide a time for children to apply biblical concepts to daily life situations by reading excellent children's illustrated books. Children will think and talk about how we should treat God's creation, each other, people who have lives that are unfamiliar to us; and what we can do to share God's love and beauty with others. We conclude our time together by lighting the Christ Candle and praying.

WORSHIP CENTER (one center) - That's Good! That's Bad!

Center 1 - 10:00 am:

Leader Tim Born

TODAY - our book will be **That's Good! That's Bad!** by Margery Cuyler. A little boy has a series of adventures and misadventures with a bunch of wild animals. Children can see how what we often think is a good thing may not be and vice-a-versa. The book leads to questions about our actual life experiences and correlates with our August sermons on "Yes, No, Maybe, So." **FOCUS:** God is always with us in all the times that are considered "BAD" times and "GOOD" times. He can make "YAYS" out of "BOOS." **ACTIVITY:** Children will play the game "YAY" "BOO" with the events from the life of Joseph (son of Jacob).

AUGUST 12 - Next week our book will be **Mrs. Spitzer's Garden** by Edith Pattou. Mrs. Spitzer is a wise teacher who knows many things. She knows about children. She knows how similar they are, and how both will flourish if tended lovingly. Children can relate the story to the Bible's sower and seed parables: Mark 4:26-29 and 4:3-8; Matt. 13:3-8, and Luke 8:5-8. **FOCUS:** We are like seeds who need God's love to grow and be beautiful. **ACTIVITY:** Children will plant seeds in plastic cups.

Please remember in your prayers this week...

Congratulations and blessings to Marlin Feyen and Ruth Posthumus on the birth of their grandson, Jax Posthumus on July 11 in San Diego.

You are invited to visit our columbarium on Sunday mornings from 9a - 12p to remember the saints and their loved ones in a quiet reflective space. You may also visit during our office hours (Monday through Thursday, 9a - 4p); please check in with the greeter for weekday access. The columbarium is accessible through the chapel in the southeast corner of the building.



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

RESPONSES OF FAITH

YES



Saying Yes...

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 5, 2018
10:00 A.M.