

MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.

NEWSFLASH:

Jesus Does Not Bring Peace

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

“Then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.” — Jeremiah 20:9

Sentences of Scripture

Rev. Jen Porter

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

“Land of Rest” arr. Wilbur Held

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Susan Jennings

++ Call to Worship

One: The Word of God is very near,

All: It is on our lips and in our hearts.

One: Isaiah asks, “Have they not heard?”

All: “Indeed they have.”

One: God’s Word has gone out,

All: day by day it is proclaimed,

One: The mighty God with power speaks,

All: and all the world obeys.

One: Praise be to the One who breathes life,

All: And by whose Words all things come into being.

++ Hymn 13

“The Mighty God with Power Speaks”

Kingsfold

Call to Confession

Kyle Kooyers

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

Prayer of Confession

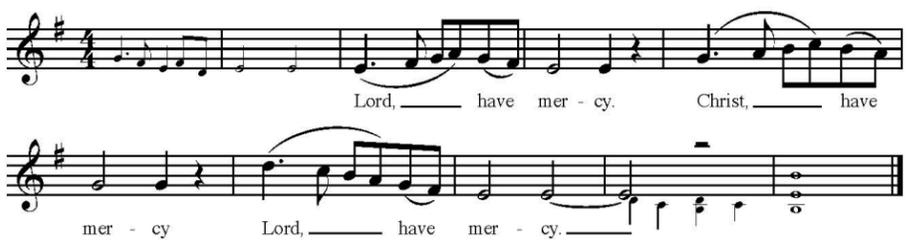
Gracious God, we pray your kingdom come, wanting it to come in supernatural ways that don't ask too much of us. We have longed for your reign, but don't recognize the gift you have already given. We have not received it as fully as you intend. Holy One, let your kingdom come into our hearts and into our hands, active in our lives through the choices we make and the relationships we enter. May we choose lives of compassion and love. Lord, hear our prayer...

Silent Confession

Kyrie - Unison

“Lord, Have Mercy”

John Weaver



The Assurance of God's Grace (adapted from Deut. 4 & 6)

One: How wide is God's mercy?

All: How deep is God's grace?!

One: The Lord has not abandoned us—God's promises are true!

All: Though once scattered, we are gathered here. Though once bound, now we're free.

One: Friends, hear these gospel words. Talk about them. Write them on your hearts.

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

One: Thanks be to God! Amen.

++Response Hymn 63

(Stanzas 1 & 2)

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.

With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might, O people, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.

++The Passing of the Peace

(A sign of forgiveness and reconciliation.)

One: Jesus embodied God's message of peace on earth, blessing all creation.

All: To live in such a way takes practice.

One: So we practice now.

May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Ministry of Music

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” Psalm 23

Diane Helle, Violin

arr. Cathy DeRousse

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 or parents 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 together.

In the pews: Go in peace!

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

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

Scripture Reading

Luke 12:49-56

New Testament p. 75

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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Rev. Jen Porter

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Commissioning for Service

Hannah Nelson

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: We open our hearts.

All: We open them to God and to one another.

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

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

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.

Charge and Blessing

THE OFFERING

Receiving the Offering

Signing of the Friendship Register

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

Offertory

“Berceuse”

Armas Jämfelt

Diane Helle, Violin

++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

Holy God, everything belongs to you. And it is only in your light that we come to awareness of your grace and power among us. May we engage the gifts that you have given and use them generously on behalf of others. As we dedicate these gifts and all of our living to you, may we participate together in your process of co-creation. Amen.

++Hymn 485

“We Know That Christ Is Raised”

Engelberg

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

“Praise Ye the Lord”

arr. Johann Walther

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

August 25 - The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Paula Anema Sohl, Guest Preacher
Rev. Sohl is a United Church of Christ minister from Ashland, Oregon. She attended Calvin College and completed her MDiv at Pacific School of Religion. Rev. Sohl incorporates music, dance, ritual, and manual arts into all facets of her ministry.
Music: Lee Copenhaver, Cello

**September 1 - The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Labor Day Weekend**

Rev. David Baak Preaching at Westminster

**Westminster-By-The-Lake at Camp Henry
10:00a**

Rev. Jen Porter Preaching
Music: Sanctuary Choir

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

PreacherRev. Jen Porter, Assoc. Pastor for Faith Formation & Pastoral Care
LiturgistsSusan Jennings, Minister for Pastoral Care & Membership
.....Kyle Kooyers, Candidate for Ministry
Minister of MusicHelen Hofmeister

Music for Worship
Diane Helle, Violin

USHERS - Team B

10:00a: 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

TODAY'S GREETERS are from the Music Committee

10:00a: Atrium Cindy Baron
E. Narthex Linda Bieze
W. Narthex..... Lambert Zuidervaart

NURSERY 10:00a:..... Staff

SUMMER WORSHIP CENTER for children ages 3 thru those finished with 2nd 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) - 10:00a - *The Wonderful Towers of Watts*
Leader Nancy Greidanus
Greeter..... Leslie Fiore

TODAY - we will read *The Wonderful Towers of Watts* by Patricia Zelter. **FOCUS:** Beauty can come from things that are thought to be ugly or trash. Sam Rodia had no formal engineering or architectural training, yet, over the course of three decades, he constructed an artistic masterpiece in his backyard - the Watts Towers. He used all kinds of things people had thrown away, like broken bottles, tiles, mirrors, seashells, pottery, and adorned 17 interconnected towers. **ACTIVITY:** We will see the towers on YouTube and make ceramic tile trivets using pickle jar lids.

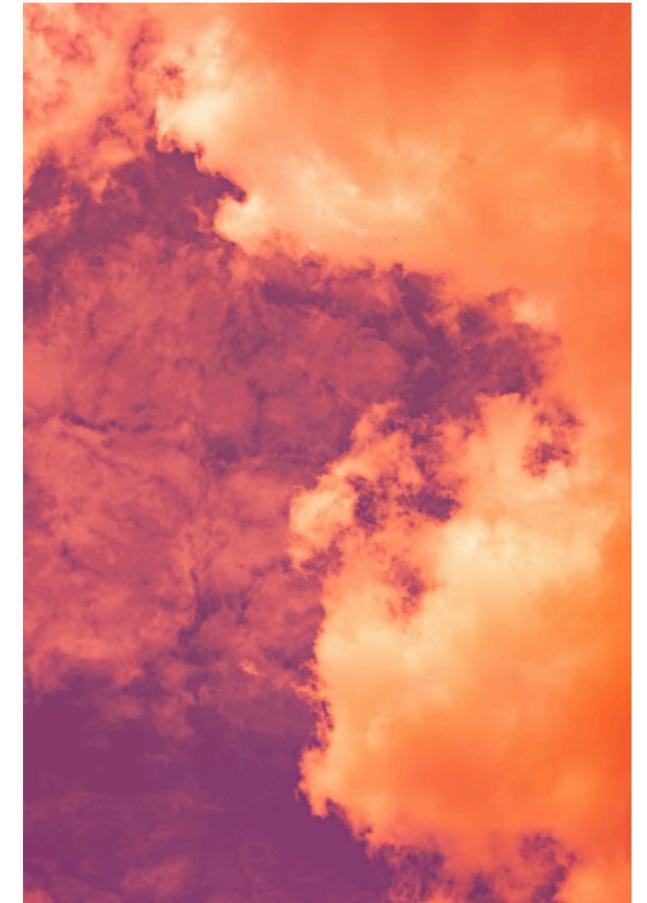
AUGUST 25 - Next week's book will be *Shelter* by Celine Claire and Qin Leng. **FOCUS:** Jesus says, "Do for others what you would want them to do for you." As a storm approaches, two strangers arrive in the forest. All the animal families, in their safe homes, are worried. They wonder, what are they doing here, what do they want? As the strangers knock on the doors of several animal families they are turned away. An accident happens and the local fox family is forced out into the snow and must ask the outsiders for help. Will they find it in their hearts to help the fox family? **ACTIVITY:** Make or bring something for our church neighbors that will share our love for them.

FLOWERS - The flowers on the chancel today are given by Carol Lautenbach in loving memory of her sister, Lori Redmer.

DEVOTION FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 18 - PSALM 90:12

"So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart." Psalm 90:12
Have you ever made a paper chain to count down the days until Christmas? The anticipation counting is fun, but this is not the type of counting of days that the psalmist is talking about. Instead, the psalmist says that if we make our days count, we gain a heart that is close to God's heart (a wise heart). One of the wisest hearts I knew was a 97-year old woman who made each day count by writing encouraging letters and cheerful cards to missionaries and anyone in need. How can you make today count?

SEASON
OF THE SPIRIT



NEWSFLASH:
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The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

AUGUST 18, 2019
10:00 A.M.

Please remember in your prayers this week...

The family and friends of Hoyt Kremer who died on August 9. A funeral will be held at Westminster on Wednesday, August 21 at 1:00p.

Hannah Nelson as she prepares for her time in Colombia as a YAV (young adult volunteer) through the PCUSA Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Welcome to Westminster

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

WELCOME

Join us after the 10:00a service in the Gathering Place or Parlor for coffee and cookies and community.

ASSISTANCE

If you'd like a large-print bulletin or a hearing device, please ask one of the ushers at a sanctuary entrance. For T-loop hearing assistance, set your hearing aid to T.

CHILDREN

Children are welcome throughout the service! Please don't worry about their coos, questions, laughs, cries, or dropped markers. Stop by the Gathering Place shelves for special worship bags/folders and children's bulletins to help children engage with worship.

Staff and volunteers offer nursery care to little ones (0-3 years) from 9:45a until 15 minutes after the 10:00a service ends. A Moms Nursing Room is available down the Children's Ministry hallway, accessible through the nursery.

Children ages 3 through 2nd-grade will be invited to continue worship in an interactive setting in our Nurturing (ages 3-4) and Worship (K-2nd grade) Centers. They'll wait for you at the end of the service in the Children's Ministry hallway off the Gathering Place.

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