A Holy Invitation

Trinity Sunday

May 30, 2021
10:00 A.M.
Gathering: Preparing To Hear The Word

In Preparation for Worship

“The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son. Generous inside and out, true from start to finish.”

— John 1:14 (The Message)

Opening Voluntary                               “Aria” from Organ Concerto #10
                                               G. F. Handel
                                                 Helen Hofmeister, Organ

Sharing the Life of Westminster                  Susan Jennings

Call to Worship                                   Nathaniel Fryer

++Opening Hymn 1                               “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”  
                                               Nicaea

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, 
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; 
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, 
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, 
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see, 
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, 
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Prayer of Confession (Adapted from Re:Worship)

Holy and triune God, You alone live in perfect relationship, one God in three persons, mutual and loving, ever seeking reconciliation and unity.

You have called us to live in your completion, yet we confess that our relationships are imperfect and we are incomplete without you. We are selfish and greedy. We are anxious and resenting. We feel the shame of our foolish behavior and brokenness. We have allowed sin to drive us apart from one another and from you.

Forgive us and restore us. Draw us close and bind us together in your mercy.
May we long for wholeness and peace, may we strive toward gratitude and grace.
In the saving name of your son, Jesus Christ, and by the working power of your Holy Spirit, we offer our prayers of confession. . .

Silent Confession

++Stand as you are able
++Response Hymn 2

Come Thou Almighty King

(Stanza 4)

To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be,
hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.

Assurance of Grace

++Passing the Peace of Christ

(A sign of forgiveness and reconciliation.)

Ministry of Music

“Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown”

Text: Charles Wesley, based on Genesis 32:22-30
Mark Jackson, Tenor

arr. K. Lee Scott

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

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

Scripture

Isaiah 6:1-8

Old Testament

Sermon

A Holy Invitation

Rev. Laurie Hartzell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith (from Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church, USA)

(We affirm our faith together to remind us who and whose we are.)

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.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can
separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayers of the People

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.

Offering Our Lives

Offertory

“Send Me, Jesus” (Thuma mina)
Thuma mina, Somandla.
Send me, Jesus. Lead me, Jesus. Fill me, Jesus.
Mark Jackson, Tenor

South African
**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!

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**Prayer of Dedication**

Triune God, here we are. Send us. Send us to do justice. Send us to love mercy. Send us to walk with you. Send us that the world may know of your love for all creation. Send us teeming with your creative power, overflowing with the grace of Jesus and empowered by the vigor of the Spirit, we pray. Amen.

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**GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH**

++Closing Hymn 69

**Here I am, Lord**

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people's cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

**Refrain**

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord. If you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (refrain)

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**Charge and Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

“Allegro” from Organ Concerto #13

Helen Hofmeister, Organ

G. F. Handel
PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY’S SERVICE

Preacher ........................................... Rev. Laurie Hartzell, Interim Associate Pastor for Youth and Mission
Liturgists .................................................. Susan Jennings, Minister for Membership and Pastoral Care
............................................................ Nathaniel Fryer, Princeton Seminarian
Rev. Kyle Nolan, Presbyterian Foundation

Minister of Music ................................................................. Helen Hofmeister
Worship Musicians ................................................................. Mark Jackson, Tenor

Technology Team ................................................................. Dan Cisler, Rachel Kamstra, and Peter Larson
Chat Host ................................................................. Neil Topliffe

AHEAD IN WORSHIP

June 6 — Second Sunday after Pentecost
The Family Reunion
Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
In-Person Worship at 8:30am and 11:00am
(Pre-registration required)
Livestreamed at 11:00am
Rev. Lynette Sparks
Scripture: Mark 3:20-35
Music: Josh Leckrone, Baritone
Norene Walters, Organ

June 13 — Third Sunday after Pentecost
Living in the Tension
In-Person Worship at 8:30am and 11:00am
(Pre-registration required)
Livestreamed at 11:00am
Rev. Lynette Sparks
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Music: Kate Reed, Soprano
Sarah Johnson, Mezzo-Soprano

We’re glad you worshiped with us today!
If you would like to know about the life and ministry of Westminster, visit our website at westminstergr.org or contact Susan Jennings at susanj@wpcgr.org.
IN PERSON WORSHIP  We are excited to announce that COVID-19 metrics from the CDC indicate that we are able to resume in-person worship. As long as the metrics remain favorable, our first Sunday of in-person worship will be June 6. Click here for the full update.

WELCOME BACK CHILDREN!  During our 11:00 a.m. service, Summer Children’s Worship is all ready for children ages three through those going into fourth grade, and the nursery will be available for babies through two-year-olds. Attendants and teachers will be masked and vaccinated. We are very eager to share Christ’s love in person again! Each Sunday, indicate on your online registration what children will be attending which program so we can be prepared.

THE MOLHOEK-MCPHEETERS FUND: YOUR DONATION WILL BE MATCHED UNTIL MAY 31!  As we highlight the need for quality mental health care in the month of May, please consider a donation to the Molhoek-McPheeters fund. The joyful news is that the Shine a Light on Mental Health Foundation has generously agreed to match any donation made in the month of May, dollar for dollar, up to $25,000. We are currently at $9,000 in donations, which makes for a total of $18,000 for the fund with the matching from the foundation. Thank you for considering a donation and thank you to the Shine A Light on Mental Health Foundation. For more information on the Barbara Molhoek-Callum McPheeters fund and the WPC Mental Health Referral Panel, please visit our website. To donate to the fund, click here.

SAVE THE DATE FOR HAVANA NIGHT!  June 11, 6:00 p.m.  All are welcome and invited to First Hand Aid's Havana Night on Friday, June 11. First Hand Aid is supported by Westminster’s Mission Partnership Committee, providing much-needed humanitarian aid while building lasting relationships with our island neighbors. The night will include authentic Cuban food and music, as well as a silent auction. Buy tickets and get more information here.

OUR NEXT LABYRINTH WALK THIS SUMMER  June 13, 2:00 p.m., Orchard Hill Reformed Church  What a beautiful day we had at Camp Henry last Saturday: both the weather and the time spent with God and each other. Join us for our next walk! We will gather as a group in prayer, spend individual time around the labyrinth, and have lunch together outside. Sign up by June 8 to reserve lunch—or if you would just like to walk, drop in on that day as you are able. Sign up here or email saraz@wpcgr.org!

UPDATE ON BUILDING RENOVATIONS AND THE CHURCH: The brick work on the front exterior of the church is now completed! The coating of the bricks will take place in about six weeks once the mortar has had time to cure properly. Landscaping changes are also planned. Thank you to our facilities manager and the facilities committee for their continued work to keep our church safe, clean, and looking its best.

THE TECH ASSISTANCE TEAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS! The Tech Assistance Team (TA team) is a group of Westminster volunteers who assist the Westminster community in navigating the technology that has become vital to keeping in touch during the pandemic! The TA Team can help with questions on YouTube, emails, Zoom, and many other topics. So far, the team has resolved fourteen individual requests for assistance, taking about three days per request to fully resolve the issue.

We would love to have a few more volunteers to help assist the community, especially at times like Sunday services. If you would be comfortable taking questions and providing help, please reach out to Rachel Kamstra at rachel.m.kamstra@gmail.com.

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP: This is a reminder that each Sunday, our Children’s Worship team creates videos for children that go with the themes of Sunday services and our church calendar. You can find these videos on the Westminster YouTube Channel. Contact Nancy at nancyg@wpcgr.org for more information.
SECURITY CARD ACCESS  In recent months, a new security system has been installed at the church. In conjunction with that, the Facilities Committee has established new guidelines for issuing access cards to optimize both security and accessibility for members who need it:

• Access will be given to committee chairs/moderators.
• Regular volunteers will have access based on time and date of service.
• Access with a card will be through the front door only, with exceptions based on specific roles (e.g. WCDC, Food Pantry, communion preparers).
• We request that all others turn in their old cards to minimize the cost of purchasing new cards.
• We also request that all physical keys be turned in to eliminate new purchases.
• When roles change, access cards are to be turned in so they can be given to new members in that role.
• All communication regarding security cards should be directed to Brad Hambelton, Facilities Manager, at bradh@wpcgr.org.

WESTMINSTER CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER RETURNABLES FOR READING  WCDC is collecting bottles and cans to fund our ever-growing library. We strive to provide books that act as a mirror, where our children can see themselves, as well as those that are windows into the outside world, to reinforce the value of our differences and celebrate our diversity. Please join this effort to provide our young learners with the stories that will help them better understand the people and cultures of our world. If you have cans and/or bottles to donate, you can ring the bell under the blue WCDC awning (located on the La Grave side of Westminster Presbyterian Church) from 6:30 – 6:00 Monday-Friday, and a staff member will collect your donation. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of this crucial mission.

ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS:  Please click here for a document that provides information on ways you can give digitally to the church. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office at 616-456-1456.

WESTMINSTER COMMUNITY FACEBOOK GROUP:  If you’re on Facebook and haven’t already, please join our WPC Community Group! We share reflections after services, our pets, our joys, and church updates in the group as another way to stay connected during these times. Click here to join the group.
Westminster’s Building is still closed
All meetings take place virtually
with the exception of the Food Pantry

Sun. May 30
10:00 am .................................................... Online Worship

Mon. May 31
All day ............................................. Staff off for Memorial Day

Tues. June 1
4:30 pm .................................................. Way Forward Meeting

Wed. June 2
7:00 pm ............................................... Youth Committee Meeting

Thurs. June 3
5:00 pm ... Broad Based Organizing Red Cluster Meeting
7:00 pm ..................... Fall Youth Retreat Planning Meeting

Sun. June 6
8:30 am .................................................... In Person Worship
11:00 am ....................... In Person and Livestreamed Worship
1:00 pm ................................. Game On Board Game Group
3:00 pm ................................. Middle School Practice Hike