

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

“Welcome Home!”

Sentences of Scripture

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Opening Voluntary

“Ach bleib’ bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ” BWV 649

J. S. Bach

Norene Walters, Organ

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Susan Jennings

++Call to Worship

One: Let us lift up the name of our God.

All: Let us praise the faithfulness of the Lord!

One: For just as God’s greatness fills the heavens,

All: God’s love embraces the earth.

One: In all times and in all places, God is with us.

All: God has found us, and brought us home.

++Hymn 611

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Hymn to Joy

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, have mercy on us, for we have failed to be faithful to you- even though you have remained faithful to us. You show us your wisdom, but we prefer to go our own way. Our broken relationships with you and one another have created poverty in us and our neighbors. In your mercy, reconcile us to you and to one another for the work of justice, peace, and love, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer...

Silent Confession

Kyrie - Unison

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Lee J. Afdahl



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us,



Christ, have mer - cy up - on us, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Assurance of God's Grace

One: Friends, believe the Good News.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

++Response Hymn 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

Gloria Patri

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 the Peace of Christ

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

Ministry of Music

“Amazing Grace”  
Josh Leckrone, Baritone

arr. John Ness Beck

Blessings with Younger Disciples (11 a.m. only)

(Children three years 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.)

Congregation: As you worship together, may God be with you.

Children: And may God be with you.

Congregation: Go in peace!

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

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

Scripture

Mark 3:20-35

New Testament

Sermon

"A Family Reunion"

Rev. Lynette Sparks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Laurie Hartzell

(from “A Brief Statement of Faith,” Presbyterian Church (USA)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Recognition of Graduates

Offering our Lives

Offertory

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

arr. John Ness Beck

Josh Leckrone, Baritone

++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!

The Sacrament of The Lord’s Supper

(For those worshipping in the sanctuary, we are using pre-packaged communion elements with gluten-free bread and juice. If you didn’t receive one before you entered the sanctuary, simply raise your hand, and an usher will bring you one. Children are welcome to participate in this Sacrament.)

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer of Response

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world, because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 327 “All That Dwell Below the Skies”

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

“Toccata in B Minor”

Eugène Gigout

Norene Walters, Organ

The Charge - Go into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold on to all that is good. Return no one evil for evil. Do justice. Walk with those who are fainthearted. Help those who suffer. Honor all people. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

"Amazing Grace", "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY’S SERVICE

Preacher ..... Rev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor

Liturgists ..... Rev. Laurie Hartzell, Interim Pastor for Youth and Mission

..... Susan Jennings, Minister for Membership and Pastoral Care

Worship Musicians ..... Norene Walters, Organ

..... Josh Leckrone, Baritone

..... Dan Cisler

..... Rachel Kamstra

..... Peter Larson

## Bulletin Announcements

**VOLUNTEERS FOR WORSHIP ARE NEEDED** We need six volunteers each Sunday morning (starting June 13) to help people sign-in and to greet people as they come to church. Volunteers would arrive to help for the 8:30 a.m. service and could leave after the 11:00 a.m. service begins. Sign up through the forms on the homepage of our website, or email susanj@wpcgr.org.

**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 at firsthandaid.org.

**OUR NEXT LABYRINTH WALK OF THE SUMMER** June 13, 2:00 p.m., Orchard Hill Reformed Church 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. Email saraz@wpcgr.org to sign up.

**CAMP HENRY IS FUNDRAISING FOR CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS:** Camp Henry still needs your help to get kids to camp! We've already raised around \$75,000 in scholarships to support kids who want to come to camp, but we're still around \$35,000 short of our goal for this year. Please consider making a donation to help fund the life-changing experiences campers can have at Camp Henry. Donate to the fund at camphenry.org.

**HELEN HOFMEISTER: SUMMER CARILLON RECITALS:** Our Minister for Music, Helen Hofmeister, is performing a series of carillon recitals across the Midwest this summer. If you are interested in attending, please see the news and updates on our website for the full list of dates and times or email helenh@wpcgr.org.

**PIANO QUARTET PERFORMANCE:** June 13, 12:00 p.m. Following the 11:00 a.m. service on June 13, you are invited to stay in the sanctuary to hear the beautiful Piano Quartet in G Minor by Mozart played by Linda Nelson, violin; Andrew Pool, viola; Lee Copenhaver, cello; and Janlee Richter, piano.

**NEEDED - ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIR FOR INDOOR USE:** A church member is looking to rent an electric wheelchair for a few weeks as they await delivery of one to replace a manual wheelchair. If you have access to one or know of someone that can help with this request, please contact Susan Jennings at susanj@wpcgr.org.

## Upcoming Calendar of Events

### 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

### MON. JUNE 7

5:30 pm .....Deacon Moderators Meeting  
 7:00 pm ..... Session

### TUES. JUNE 8

5:00 pm .....Communications Committee

### WED. JUNE 9

7:00 pm ..... Children and Families Committee

### THURS. JUNE 10

10:30 am ..... Food Pantry  
 1:30 pm ..... Westminster Presbyterian Adults Committee

### FRI. JUNE 11

6:00 pm .....Havana Night

### SUN. JUNE 13

All Day ..... Middle School Nordhouse Dunes Trip  
 8:30 am ..... In Person Worship  
 11:00 am ..... In Person and Livestreamed Worship  
 2:00 pm ..... Orchard Hill Labyrinth Walk

## AHEAD IN WORSHIP

In-Person Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
 (Pre-registration required)  
 Livestreamed at 11:00am

### June 13 — Third Sunday after Pentecost "Living in the Tension"

Rev. Lynette Sparks  
 Scripture: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
 Music: Kate Reed, Soprano  
 Sarah Johnson, Mezzo-Soprano

### June 20 — Fourth Sunday After Pentecost "A God-Dominated Imagination"

Rev. Laurie Hartzell  
 Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:1a; 4-11;19-23  
 Music: Lee Copenhaver, Cello  
 12:10 p.m. Piano Quartet

## Welcome to Westminster

### WELCOME

We are currently offering two in-person worship services for a maximum of three hundred people, on at 8:30 a.m. and one at 11:00 a.m. We will livestream worship at 11:00 a.m. If you have questions about the life of the church or becoming a member, please email Susan Jennings at susanj@wpcgr.org. More information about worship and updates from the church can be found at westminstergr.org. You are welcome and celebrated here!

### SAFETY PROTOCOLS

To keep each other safe during this time, we require all to abide by the following protocols and have put the following protocols in place:

- All worshipers must wear a mask for the duration of their time in the church building.
- Each service will be limited to 150 people to maintain at least six feet of distance between individuals and groups in the church pews.
- The sanctuary will be disinfected before every service.
- We expect all worshipers to pass a temperature check and health screening, and maintain adequate physical distance while in the church building.
- We will not gather inside after the church service; you are invited to gather outside to join us in conversation.
- Communion elements will be prepackaged and available before entering the sanctuary.

### 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

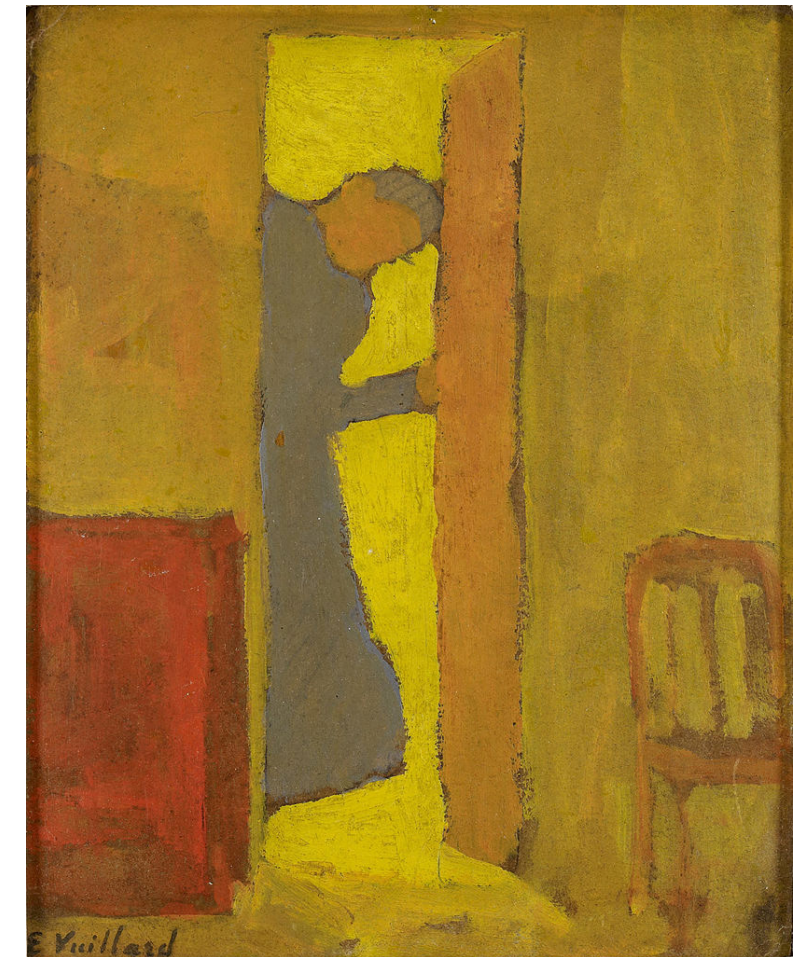
Children are welcome throughout the service! Ask an usher if you'd like special worship bags, folders, or children's bulletins to help your kids engage in worship. The nursery (babies through two-year-olds) and children's worship centers (for ages three through fourth grade) will be available at the 11:00 a.m. in-person service; children attending worship centers will be called to the front about fifteen minutes into the service, and children will wait for you at the end of the service in the Children's ministry hallway off of the Gathering Place. All attendants and teachers in the nursery and worship center will be masked and vaccinated. Virtual resources for children's worship can be found on our website and our YouTube channel.

### DONATIONS



Donations can be made by scanning the QR code on this page, through our secure online giving site, by check sent to the church office, and through other forms. If you have questions about how to give to the church, please email kathyc@wpcgr.org or call 616-717-5533.

616-456-1456 / westminstergr.org / Office Hours: Mon - Thurs. 9:00a - 4:00p



Artist's Mother Opening a Door, Édouard Vuillard

## A Family Reunion

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 6, 2021

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.