

MORNING WORSHIP AT 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
A God-Infused Imagination

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sentences of Scripture

Rev. Laurie Hartzell

Opening Voluntary

"Siciliana"
Janlee Richter, Organ

Johann L. Krebs

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Kyle Kooyers

++Call to Worship

Ted Hartzell

One: You who are weary and you who are energized,

All: God is here! Come and worship.

One: You who have deep faith and you who doubt,

All: God is here! Come and worship.

One: You who are broken and you who are being healed,

All: God is here! Come and worship.

One: Come one, come all.

All: God is here! Come and worship!

++Hymn 612

"We Praise You, O God"

Kremser

Prayer of Confession

(adapted from a prayer in "Guerillas of Grace" by Ted Loder)

All loving God, we confess that we seek satisfaction in the ways of the world. Sometimes we love things and use people. We struggle to gain power and prestige and allow the shrinking of our souls. We are often ready to criticize and reluctant to create. We clamor for privilege and are silent in the face of injustice. Forgive us, God of mercy. Expand our imaginations that we may ground ourselves more deeply in Your love and Your ways. . .

Silent Confession

Kyrie - Unison

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Lee J. Afdahl

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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.

++Stand in body or in spirit

++Passing the Peace of Christ

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

Ministry of Music

"Aria" from Suite in D Major
Lee Copenhaver, Cello
Janlee Richter, Piano

J. S. Bach

Blessings with Younger Disciples (11:00 a.m.)

(Children three years through fourth 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 also 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

I Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23

Old Testament

Claire Spagnuola, Kyle Kooyers

Sermon

"A God-Infused Imagination"

Rev. Laurie Hartzell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Affirmation of Faith (from The Confession of Belhar)

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church by Word and Spirit, as God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that God has entrusted the church the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker; that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

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

"Allemande" from Suite for Solo Cello # 3 in C major
Lee Copenhaver, Cello

J. S. Bach

++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!

++Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

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.

Sending God, receive these gifts and ourselves that we can help make hope visible, forgiving delightful, loving contagious, faith liberating, peace-making joyful and Your Kindom come. Expand our imaginations and empower us do justice, love kindness and walk with you all our days. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 339

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Lift Every Voice

(Sung in honor of Juneteenth)

"On June 19, 1865, slaves in Texas were the last to learn of their emancipation following the defeat of the Confederate States of America. In African-American communities throughout the United States, this good news of liberation to the captives is still celebrated as Juneteenth."

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary (8:30 a.m.)

"Bourrée"

Sir C. H. H. Parry

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.

PIANO QUARTET CONCERT

12:10 p.m. in the Westminster Sanctuary

Quartet in G minor, K. 478 (1785)

Wolfgang A. Mozart (1756-1791)

I. Allegro

II. Andante

III. Rondeau

MUSICIANS:

Linda Nelson, violin
Andrew Pool, viola
Lee Copenhaver, cello
Janlee Richter, piano

You are invited to join us here on August 22, when we will perform the Piano Quartet in C Minor by Gabriel Fauré.

Welcome to Westminster

WELCOME

We are currently offering two in-person worship services for a maximum of three hundred people, one 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:

- 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 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.

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.

AHEAD IN WORSHIP

In-Person Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
(Pre-registration encouraged, but not required)
Livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.

June 27 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost "A Generous Undertaking"

Rev. Lynette Sparks
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Music: Hannah DeBoer, Soprano

July 4 – Sixth Sunday After Pentecost "How Much Do You Really Need?"

Rev. Lynette Sparks
Scripture: Mark 6:1-13
Music: Helen Hofmeister, Harpsichord

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher Rev. Laurie Hartzell, Interim Pastor for Youth and Mission
Liturgists Ted Hartzell
..... Claire Spagnuola
..... Kyle Kooyers, Elder for Adult Faith Formation
Worship Musicians Janlee Richter, Organ
..... Lee Copenhaver, Cello
Technology Team..... Dan Cisler
..... Rachel Kamstra
..... Stella Sheckler

SUMMER BOOKS FOR CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

This week: *Nasreddine* by Odeile Weulersse
Next week: *Three Hens and a Peacock* by Lester Laminack

It's time to go to market, so Nasreddine loads up the donkey and sets off with his father. But when onlookers criticize his father for riding while Nasreddine walks, the boy is ashamed. The following week, Nasreddine persuades his father to walk and let Nasreddine ride to avoid criticism—but then people criticize the boy for making his father walk! No matter what Nasreddine tries, someone always finds something to disapprove of. Nasreddine is a legendary character popular in stories throughout the Middle East. Accompanied by stunning artwork, this tale offers a gentle reminder to readers that it isn't always necessary to listen to the world's criticisms.

Main Focus: We can do what we think is the right and good thing to do rather than worry about those who mock us or tell us we are not smart.

Activity: Make a card or picture for your dad for Father's Day or for your mom. Say or do something nice for your father or mother. Make them feel that you appreciate their advice.



"David and Goliath" John August Swanson, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 20, 2021
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