

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"If God doesn't build the house, the builders only build shacks."

- Psalm 127:1 (The Message)

Sentences of Scripture

Rev. Laurie Hartzell

Opening Voluntary

"Capriccio"

W.A. Mozart

Janlee Richter, Organ

Sharing the Life of Westminster

++Call to Worship

John Nienhuis

One: In the darkest valley and at the banquet table;

All: In the hard work of life and at moments of ease;

One: In our day-to-day reality and at times set aside

All: Like this time now - for worship, for listening,

for paying attention

One: With every step we take;

All: Goodness and mercy follow us. God's love never fails.

Come let us worship.

++Hymn 401

"Gather Us In"

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Prayer of Confession

Patient and Faithful God, we have worked without letting you work in us; we have not let you watch over us; we perversely cherish our busy days and our worldly success. By your very present Spirit give us the freedom to let you work in us, to let you care for us, to let you fill our days, that we may live, not in the strength of our own hands, but in the strength that comes from life in you. Meet us and heal us as we pray our prayers of confession...

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 693

Though I May Speak

Gift of Love

(stanza 3)

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship, and are freed.

++Stand in body or in spirit

++Passing the Peace of Christ

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

Ministry of Music

"Exsultate, Jubilate" K. 165

W.A. Mozart

Viviana Kloostra, Soprano

Janlee Richter, Piano

Blessings with Younger Disciples

(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

Elizah Hyde

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

Scripture

2 Samuel 7:1-14

Old Testament

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"God the Builder"

Rev. Laurie Hartzell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Affirmation of Faith

Steve Baron

from A Brief Statement of Faith (Presbyterian Church USA)

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

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

John Rutter

Viviana Kloostra, Soprano

++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.

Always creating God, we thank you for the honor and grace to be part of your work in the world. We offer our resources and ourselves to you once again. May we do justice, love kindness and walk with you as you build your Kingdom of love among us and in our world. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Cwm Rhondda

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"Fanfare"

Andrew Carter

Janlee Richter, 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.

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AHEAD IN WORSHIP

In-Person and Livestreamed at 10:00 a.m.

July 25 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

"Status Update"

Kyle Kooyers, Guest Preacher

Scripture: Matthew 19:16-26

Music: John Schlafley, Tenor

August 1 – Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

"Blessed by a Stranger"

Rev. Laurie Hartzell

Scripture: Luke 24:25-32

Music: Cheri Reid, Soprano;

Kathleen VanderVelde, Soprano.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

Liturgists Steve Baron

..... Elizah Hyde

..... John Nienhuis, Elder for Membership Growth and Development

Worship Musicians Janlee Richter, Organ

..... Viviana Kloostra, Soprano

Bulletin Announcements

WESTMINSTER CAMP 2021: Camp is for everyone, and there's so much to do—ride horses, go on the zip line, swim in the lake, fish, play games, relax, sit around the campfire, do arts and crafts, worship, grow spiritually and intellectually, and eat some good food! Most importantly, though, camp is a time when the church can be together to laugh, learn, and love each other. You can read more about camp and sign up by going to the "All Ages" page underneath the "Congregational Life" tab of our website or by emailing Nancy Greidanus at nancyg@wpcgr.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BIKE TRIP: CANCELED We will be going to Gene Ryan's Ordination at Hope Church in Holland instead!

NURSERY ATTENDANTS NEEDED: Parents of our little ones are longing to get to church. We need people (18 years and older) who would be willing to care for these little ones during our church services on Sundays. We have paid and volunteer opportunities, and you can volunteer for just one Sunday! Please contact Nancy Greidanus at nancyg@wpcgr.org for more information. Thank you!

WORSHIP GREETERS NEEDED: Now that we are back to in-person worship, we are in need of greeters each Sunday morning. Help us share a warm Westminster welcome to all who enter our doors! Please sign up below or contact Susan Jennings at susanj@wpcgr.org or 717-5542.

SUMMER CHILDREN'S WORSHIP During the summer months, we read illustrated children's books in the worship center and respond with an activity to provide a time for children to apply Biblical concepts to daily life and reinforce the ideas of the book. An abbreviated lesson plan will be included on our website each week so that everyone (young and older) can enjoy a good book!

JULY LABYRINTH WALK: July 24, 1:00pm, United Methodist Church of the Dunes We have another opportunity coming up to walk the labyrinth together! Our next gathering will be in Grand Haven at United Methodist Church of the Dunes on July 24 at 1:00pm. Sign-up information and details coming soon. Hope to see you there!

HELEN HOFMEISTER: SUMMER CARILLON RECITALS: Our Minister for Music, Helen Hofmeister, is performing a series of carillon recitals across the Midwest this summer. Today, she is performing at 5:00 at Rockefeller Chapel at the University of Chicago. The public is invited to attend!

2022 YOUTH TRIENNIUM July 22-July 28, 2022 The Presbyterian Church Youth Triennium will happen the summer of 2022 in Indianapolis, and our youth team is making plans for our high schoolers to attend. The dates, which will also include some touring of the Kirk Singers, are July 22 through July 28, 2022—so please mark your calendars! More details to come.

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.

STAINED GLASS TASK FORCE UPDATE: Thank you to our members for your input and comments to date regarding the Stained Glass Task Force's proposal. In the coming weeks, you can expect a theological statement and answers to frequently asked questions, as well as more information about future gatherings to discuss the possible changes. In the meantime, contact Stained Glass Task Force staff liaison Susan Jennings (susanj@wpcgr.org), Elder for Social Justice Jeanne DeWaard (jeldersdewaard@comcast.net), or the pastoral staff with any questions and concerns.

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 kathrync@wpcgr.org or call 616-717-5533.

This Week's Calendar

Sun. July 18	10:00 amIn person and livestreamed Worship
MON. JULY 19	9:00 am Sandwich Brigade
	6:30 pmTrustee Meeting
WED. JULY 21	1:00 pmStained Glass Task Force Meeting
THURS. JULY 22	10:30 amFood Pantry
SAT. JULY 24	1:00 pm	...Labyrinth Walk at Grand Haven Church of the Dunes
Sun. July 25	10:00 amIn person and livestreamed Worship

Welcome to Westminster

WELCOME

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!

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 during the 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.

SUMMER BOOKS FOR CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

This week: *Juna's Jar* by Jane Bahk
Next week: *The Camping Trip* by Jennifer K. Mann

Leaders: Jana, Maren, Robin Gregg, and Heidi McPheeters

Juna, an imaginative Korean American girl, and her best friend, Hector, have many adventures together, and they love to collect things in empty kimchi jars. Then one day, Hector moves away without having a chance to say good-bye. Juna is heartbroken and left to wonder who will go on adventures with her. Determined to find Hector, Juna turns to her special kimchi jar for help each night. She plunges into the depths of the ocean, swings on vines through the jungle, and flies through the night sky in search of her friend.

Main Focus: Adventure and friends can be found in unexpected places.

Activity: Plant a cutting in a glass jar.

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God the Builder

**EIGHTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**JULY 18, 2021
10:00 A.M.**