

MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.

Verbs for Tough Times

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

“... in the Resurrection... the love of God comes into the midst of violence and is not undone by it but creates another story.”

— Dr. Serene Jones

Trauma and Grace: A Theology for a Ruptured World.

Sentences of Scripture

Rev. Laurie Hartzell

Opening Voluntary "Let Us Break Bread Together"

arr. Moses Hogan

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Lynette Sparks

++Call to Worship (from Psalm 105 in "The Message")

Sherrill Vore

One: Hallelujah! Thank God! Praise God by name!

All: Tell everyone you meet what God has done!

One: Sing God songs! Belt out hymns! Translate God's wonders into music!

All: Honor God's holy name with Hallelujahs.

One: Keep your eyes open for God. Be alert for signs of God's presence.

All: For God is our God! God remembers God's covenant and God's steadfast love endures forever.

++Hymn 39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Faithfulness

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, here is what we want to confess this morning: it's getting harder and harder to listen to one another. For so long we have been speaking to screen images. We forget now, to look at eyes and the lift of a hand. For even longer we have allowed words and ideas to harden into positions that seem so fixed we don't even know how to explore them anymore together. While someone else is speaking we find ourselves thinking about what we will say next to make our point; how we may prove them wrong and even thoughtless. We believe that we know your will and perhaps, God, we have even stopped listening to you, anew each day. Forgive us, please. Refresh in us your gift of imagination that we may tell the stories of our living and listen authentically to the stories told by others. Give us ears to hear and hearts that are open, we pray.

Silent Confession

Kyrie - Unison

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Lee J. Afdahl

Musical notation for the Kyrie Unison. It consists of two staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff starts with a fermata and a '2' above it, indicating a second ending. The lyrics are: Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.

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The Assurance of God's Grace

One: Friends, believe the Good News.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

++Stand in body or in spirit

++Response Hymn 693

Though I May Speak

(stanza 3)

Gift of Love

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.

++Passing the Peace of Christ

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

Ministry of Music

"My Lord, What a Morning"

arr. Sue Ellen Page

Cheri Reid, Soprano
Kathleen Vandervelde, Soprano

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

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

Scripture

I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

New Testament

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Verbs for Tough Times"

Rev. Laurie Hartzell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Affirmation of Faith

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.

Offering Our Lives

Offertory

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Felix Mendelssohn

Cheri Reid, Soprano
Kathleen VanderVelde, 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!

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

For those worshiping 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. You may place the used packaging materials on the communion racks on the back of the pews, and then dispose of them in bins when you exit the sanctuary at the conclusion of the service.

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

Nourishing God, thank you for inviting us to this table where all are welcome, and for feeding us with the bread of life and quenching our thirst with the cup of blessing. You tell us that all things are possible with you, so continue to pour your spirit on us. May we can ground ourselves in the ways of your kingdom. May we be a source of hope and love for all who hunger and thirst for good news. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 526 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Kees and Vivi Duncan, Percussion

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++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"Scherzo"

Helen Hofmeister, Organ

Alan Ridout

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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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher Rev. Laurie Hartzell, Interim Pastor for Youth and Mission
 Liturgists Rev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor
 Sherrill Vore
 Music Minister Helen Hofmeister
 Worship Musicians Cheri Reid, Soprano
 Kathleen Vandervelde, Soprano
 Kees Duncan, Percussion
 Vivi Duncan, Percussion
 Tech Team Dan Cisler
 Rachel Kamstra
 Brad Sparks

AHEAD IN WORSHIP

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

August 8 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

"No Cheap Imitations"

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Scripture: Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2

Music: Austin McWilliams, Countertenor

August 15 – Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

"Being the Guest"

Rev. Laurie Hartzell and WPC Youth

Scripture: John 4:4-42

Music: Andrew Pool, Viola

SUMMER BOOKS FOR CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

This week: *The Ocean Calls: A Haenyeo Mermaid Story* by Tina Cho

Next week: *The Name Jar* by Jangsook Choi

Leaders: Katie Prince and Malorie Ninemeier

A breathtaking picture book featuring a Korean girl and her haenyeo (free diving) grandmother about intergenerational bonds, finding courage in the face of fear, and connecting with our natural world. Dayeon wants to be a haenyeo just like Grandma. The haenyeo dive off the coast of Jeju Island to pluck treasures from the sea--generations of Korean women have done so for centuries. To Dayeon, the haenyeo are as strong and graceful as mermaids. To give her strength, Dayeon eats Grandma's abalone porridge. She practices holding her breath while they do the dishes. And when Grandma suits up for her next dive, Dayeon grabs her suit, flippers, and goggles. A scary memory of the sea keeps Dayeon clinging to the shore, but with Grandma's guidance, Dayeon comes to appreciate the ocean's many gifts.

Main Focus: When we try something even when we are afraid, we can discover wonderful things about ourselves and the world.

Activity: Color sea animals with crayon very heavily, then paint sea colors over them with water color paints.

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. Virtual resources for children's worship can be found on our website and our YouTube channel.

This Week's Calendar

SUN. AUGUST 1	
10:00 am	Worship..... Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Game On Board Game Group..... Online
TUES. AUGUST 3	
All day	Election Day..... Gathering Place and Chapel
7:00 pm	Session Check In Youth Room
WED. AUGUST 4	
9:00 am	Stained Glass Task Force Conference Room
1:30 pm	Exploring Faith Book Group Parlor
7:00 pm	Youth Committee..... Offsite
THURS. AUGUST 5	
10:30 am	Food Pantry Front Lobby
SAT. AUGUST 7	
10:30 am	Charles Shantz Memorial Service..... Sanctuary
SUN AUGUST 8	
10:00 am	Worship..... Sanctuary



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**TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**AUGUST 1, 2021
10:00 A.M.**