

MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.

No Cheap Imitations

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship
"You shall be holy, for I am holy."

- Leviticus 11:45

Sentences of Scripture

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Opening Voluntary "This Day Is So Joyous"

J.S. Bach

Sharing the Life of Westminster

++Call to Worship (from Psalm 34)

Chris Dugan

One: I will bless the Lord at all times.
All: Praise will continually be in my mouth.
One: My soul shall rejoice in the Lord.
All: Let the humble hear it and rejoice.
One: Come, glorify our God with me.
All: Let us exalt God's name together!

++Hymn 15 "All Creatures of Our God and King" Lasst uns erfreuen

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against others. We have hoarded the fruits of our labors rather than sharing our bounty with those in need. We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness, but have indulged in hurtful words. We have not forgiven wrongs others have done, even though we long for your forgiveness in Jesus Christ. Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.

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.

"Kyrie" used with permission of Lee J. Afdahl

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.

++Passing the Peace of Christ

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

++Stand in body or in spirit

Ministry of Music

"Nisi Dominus" from Psalm 26
Nisi Dominus aedificaverit domum,
in vanum laboraverunt qui aedificant eam.
Nisi Dominus custodierit civitatem,
frustra vigilat qui custodit eam.

Antonio Vivaldi

Unless the Lord build the house,
they labour in vain that build it.
Unless the Lord keep the city,
he watcheth in vain that keep it.

Austin McWilliams, Countertenor
Helen Hofmeister, Harpsichord

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

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

New Testament

One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"No Cheap Imitations"

Rev. Lynette Sparks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Affirmation of Faith

Cheryl Bremer

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.

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

"Buß und Reu" from St. Matthew Passion

J.S. Bach

Buß und Reu, Buß und Reu
Knirscht das Sündenherz entzwei.
Das die Tropfen meiner Zähren angenehme Spezerei,
treuer Jesu, dir gebären.

Repentance and regret, repentance and regret
rips the sinful heart in two.
Thus the drops of my tears, desirable spices,
are brought to you, loving Jesus.

Austin McWilliams, Countertenor
Helen Hofmeister, Organ

++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.

Generous, transforming God, thank you for the blessing of honest labor, through which you have provided these gifts for our hands to share with those in need. We dedicate them now as an expression of your love for the world, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 738 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

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++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"Prelude in A Minor"

J.S. Bach

Helen Hofmeister, Organ

Our guest soloist today, Austin McWilliams, is a countertenor. The countertenor range is higher than a tenor voice and lies in the range of a female alto. Austin is the Assistant Conductor and Director of Music Education at Opera Grand Rapids. He is also Adjunct Professor of Choral Studies at Western Michigan University and is Co-Artistic Director of a classical music festival in Russell, Kansas.

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.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher Rev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor
Liturgists Chris Dugan, Clerk of Session
..... Cheryl Bremer, Elder for Stewardship
Music Minister Helen Hofmeister
Worship Musician Austin McWilliams, Countertenor
Tech Team Harry Coffill
..... Dan Cisler
..... Stella Sheckler

AHEAD IN WORSHIP

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

August 15 – Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost "Being the Guest"

Rev. Laurie Hartzell and WPC Youth
Scripture: John 4:4-42
Music: Andrew Pool, Viola

August 22 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost "Difficult Teaching"

Rev. Lynette Sparks
Scripture: John 6:56-69
Music: Maria Schoon

Join us for a Piano Quartet performance
immediately following the August 22nd service.

SUMMER BOOKS FOR CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

This week: *The Name Jar* by Jangsook Choi

Next week: *The Proudest Blue – A Story of Jijab and Family* by Ibtihaj Muhammad with S.K. Ali

Leader: Tim Born

Being the new kid in school is hard enough, but what about when nobody can pronounce your name? Having just moved from Korea, Unhei is anxious that American kids will like her. So instead of introducing herself on the first day of school, she tells the class that she will choose a name by the following week. Her new classmates are fascinated by this no-name girl and decide to help out by filling a glass jar with names for her to pick from. But while Unhei practices being a Suzy, Laura, or Amanda, one of her classmates comes to her neighborhood and discovers her real name and its special meaning. On the day of her name choosing, the name jar has mysteriously disappeared. Encouraged by her new friends, Unhei chooses her own Korean name and helps everyone pronounce it—Yoon-Hey.

Main Focus: We can be proud about who we are.

Activity: Make a fancy signature using the letters of your name (like Unhei's stamp from her grandma). Learn how to write with a calligraphy pen.

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 8	10:00 a.m.	Worship.....	Sanctuary
MON. AUGUST 9	7:00 p.m.	Facilities Committee.....	Online
TUES. AUGUST 10	6:30 p.m.	High School Youth Water Balloon Fest	Offsite
WED. AUGUST 11	7:00 p.m.	Children and Family Ministries Committee	Offsite
THURS. AUGUST 12	10:30 a.m.	Food Pantry.....	Front Lobby
	1:30 p.m.	WPA Meeting.....	Conference Room
SAT. AUGUST 14	11:00 a.m.	Robert Wylie Memorial Service	Sanctuary
SUN AUGUST 15	10:00 a.m.	Worship.....	Sanctuary



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**ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**AUGUST 8, 2021
10:00 A.M.**