

MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.

Becoming A Guest

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

“True missionaries are people who are hunting for the Divine treasure hidden in the heart of people. . . they always expect to see the beauty and truth of God shining through those with whom they live and work.” – Henri Nouwen in “Gracias”

Sentences of Scripture Rev. Laurie Hartzell

Opening Voluntary "Andante con moto" Ralph Vaughan Williams Janlee Richter, Organ

Sharing the Life of Westminster Susan Jennings

++Call to Worship

One: All you who are thirsty, this is the place for water.

All: All you who are hungry, this is the place to be fed.

One: Why spend your earnings on what is not food?

All: Why pay for that which fails to satisfy?

One: Here, without money; here without price.

All: All may drink from the rivers of living water and enjoy the bread of heaven.

One: God speaks,

All: And all who listen will have life! Come, let us worship!

++Hymn 301 "Let Us Build a House" Two Oaks

Prayer of Confession

Emily Anderson and Sylvie DeVries

Good and loving God, thank you for wanting to be near to us.

We are sorry for the ways we push you away, the ways we hurt others, and the ways we choose apathy over action. Forgive us and show us how to live in your world and bring your kingdom near. Hear 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.

++Passing the Peace of Christ

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

All: And also with you.

Ministry of Music "Lento" from Six English Folk Song Studies Vaughan Williams Andrew Pool, Viola 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 Danny Jennings (We pray that the words of Scripture may be encountered as God's Word.)

Scripture John 4:3-30 Kees Duncan, Sami Duroche, Danny Jennings New Testament

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Becoming A Guest" Rev. Laurie Hartzell, Fritz Duncan, Grace Fryer, and Aaliyah Louis

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.

Prayers of Gratitude and Sending for Emily Anderson

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 "Allegro" from Concerto for Viola in G Major G. P. Telemann Andrew Pool, Viola Janlee Richter, Piano

++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.

Gracious One, we offer our resources and our lives to you, in gratitude, once again. May we see your image in all creation. May we welcome you anew into our lives, our church, and our world. May we learn to be welcomed by you wherever we go. To Jesus be all glory forever and ever, Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 749 "Come Live in the Light" We Are Called

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary "Fantasia in A Major" G. P. Telemann 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.

AHEAD IN WORSHIP

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

August 22 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Choose this Day"

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Scripture: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Music: Maria Schoon

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

August 29 – Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Lynette Hartzell

Music: Eric Richter, Tenor;

Tom Macholan, Tenor

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Preacher..... Rev. Laurie Hartzell, Interim Pastor for Youth and Mission Liturgists ..... Emily Anderson  
 ..... Susan Jennings, Minister for Membership and Pastoral Care  
 ..... Sylvie DeVries  
 ..... Sami Durocher  
 ..... Kees Duncan  
 ..... Fritz Duncan  
 ..... Grace Fryer  
 ..... Danny Jennings  
 ..... Aaliyah Louis  
 Worship Musicians ..... Janlee Richter, Organ  
 ..... Andrew Pool, Viola  
 Tech Team ..... Rachel Kamstra  
 ..... Dan Cisler  
 ..... Stella Sheckler

**THANK YOU EMILY!**

Today we will be thanking Emily for her faithful work with our high school youth these past four years. We are going to miss her, but are excited as she begins her new job at Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit. After worship, there will be a reception for her in the Gathering Space so you can share your good wishes in person. If you cannot stay and wish to send her a note, you can email her at emganderson2@gmail.com or send a card to Emily Anderson, Fort Street Presbyterian Church; 631 W Fort St; Detroit, MI 48226.



**SUMMER BOOKS FOR CHILDREN'S WORSHIP**

This week: *The Proudest Blue – A Story of Hijab and Family* by Ibtihaj Muhammad with S.K. Ali  
 Next week: *Alma and How She Got Her Name* by Juana Martinez-Neal

Leader: Kathy Smith

*With her new backpack and light-up shoes, Faizah knows the first day of school is going to be special. It's the start of a brand-new year and, best of all, it's her older sister Asiya's first day of wearing a hijab--a hijab of beautiful blue fabric, like the ocean waving to the sky. But not everyone sees hijabs as beautiful, and in the face of hurtful, confusing words, Faizah will find new ways to be strong. Paired with Hatem Aly's beautiful, whimsical art, Olympic medalist Ibtihaj Muhammad and Morris Award finalist S.K. Ali bring readers an uplifting, universal story of new experiences, the unbreakable bond between siblings, and of being proud of who you are.*

**Main Focus:** Be strong in who God made you to be.

**Activity:** Think of some ways that you can help others on their first days of school this year. Make a necklace, bracelet, or keychain using beads whose colors represent something special to you.

**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**

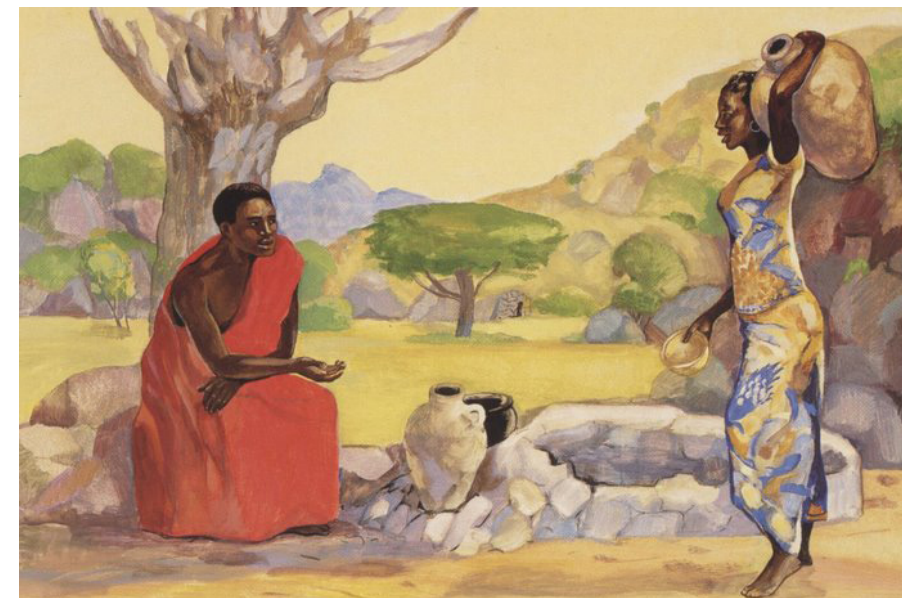
If you'd like a large-print bulletin or a hearing device, please ask one of the ushers at a sanctuary entrance. For T-loop hearing assistance, set your hearing aid to T.

**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**

<b>SUN AUGUST 15</b>	10:00 a.m. Worship.....	Sanctuary
<b>MON. AUGUST 16</b>	9:00 a.m. Sandwich Brigade .....	Dining Room
	6:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting.....	Parlor
<b>TUES. AUGUST 17</b>	1:00 p.m. Elisabeth Circle .....	Parlor
	4:30 p.m. Way Forward Meeting .....	Online
<b>WED. AUGUST 18</b>	5:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting .....	Online
	6:30 p.m. Youth Leaders' Training.....	Youth Room
<b>THURS. AUGUST 19</b>	10:30 a.m. Food Pantry .....	Front Lobby
<b>SUN. AUGUST 22</b>	10:00 a.m. Worship.....	Sanctuary
	11:15 a.m. Music Quartet Performance .....	Sanctuary



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**TWELFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

**AUGUST 15, 2021  
10:00 A.M.**