

MORNING WORSHIP

Together in the Kin-dom: A Community of Peace

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"How can we live in harmony? First we need to know we are all madly in love with the same God."
— Thomas Merton

Sentences of Scripture

Rev. Jen Porter

Opening Voluntary

"Mingxing Canlan Ye Wei Yang" *arr. Michael Bedford*
(Midnight Stars Make Bright the Skies)
Helen Hofmeister, Organ

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Introit (11:00 a.m.)

"For the Beauty of the Earth" *Conrad Kocher*
Carol Choir

++Call to Worship

Jeanne DeWaard

One: We were created in relationship and for relationship.

All: Our identity is rooted in community.

One: Through Jesus Christ, God entered into human relationship with us.

All: We share in Christ's Spirit, Christ's table, Christ's love.

One: We are called to unity and peace with all.

All: We come, as children of God, to worship together as one.

One: Amen and Hallelujah.

++Hymn 401

"Here in This Place"

Gather Us In

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you have offered us unity through your son. You call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity. You call us to seek justice and peace. You call us to acts of love for the sake of all people. Yet we get distracted by our own desires and do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, and turn us to your will; teach us again to follow in the fullness of Christ. Hear our prayer...

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 817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Dunlap's Creek

**We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My Peace be with you here."**

++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

8:30

"Panis Angelicus"
Viviana Kloostra, Soprano

César Franck

11:00

"River in Judea"
*Oftentimes I dream of music, of the river that freely flows.
And it sings a song sweeter than honey, one everybody knows.
Late at night, I hear it singing, then again when I wake at dawn.
And it fills me up with hope and goodwill, the will to go on.
There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago.
And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know.*

John Leavitt

*I believe it keeps on trav'lin', but it rests on the Sabbath day.
And the time when it pauses in stillness, I almost hear it pray.
When I'm weary and downhearted, how I long for the song it sings,
For the calm within its gentle blue, the peace that it brings.
There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago.
And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know.*

May the time not be too distant, when we meet by the river, meet by the shore.

'Til then, dream of that wonderful day as we sing once more:

There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago.

And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know. Hallelujah!

Kirk Singers

Blessings with Younger Disciples

(Children three years through second 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

Scripture

Colossians 3:12-17

New Testament, p. 201

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Together in the Kin-dom:
A Community of Peace

Rev. Jen Porter

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Affirmation of Faith *(adapted from the Belhar Confession)*

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another; that we share one baptism together; that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together; that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope—which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

Offering Our Lives

Offertory 8:30:

"¡Cuán grande es Él!" (How Great Thou Art)
Viviana Kloostra, Soprano

11:00:

"We've Come a Long Way"
Traditional Liberian Song

arr. John A. Behnke

Walkin' with my brother, walkin' with my sister, walkin' all together, step by step.

We've come a long way, Lord, a mighty long way, such a long way.

You took our burden in the heat of the day, we know our God's gonna find a way.

Walkin' with my Jesus, step by step. The journey is long, Lord.

It seems we've traveled all the day and the night, and struggled on with all our might.

Oh, show us the way, Lord, so we will land upon the other side

And find a paradise where all abide. Oh, show us the way, Lord, a beautiful way.

John Schlafley, Tenor
Sanctuary Choir

++Doxology

**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

Gracious God, we offer our thanks for the communion of saints' witness to this feast and for the ministry of churches around the world who worship you today. By this broken bread, may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup, may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your kingdom. At this shared table, may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 515

"I Come with Joy"

Dove of Peace

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"¡Aleluya! Cristo Resucitó"
(Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen)

Luis Bojos
arr. Michael Bedford

The music today was chosen to represent different cultures in recognition of World Communion Sunday. The Opening Voluntary is based on a Chinese melody. "Panis Angelicus" is by César Franck, a Belgian-French composer. The 8:30 Offertory will be sung in Spanish, and the 11:00 Offertory is based on a melody from Liberia. The closing voluntary is based on a melody by Dominican composer Luis Bojos.

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 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.

October 10 – Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost Together in the Kin-dom: A Community of Sacrifice

Rev. Lynette Sparks
Scripture: Mark 10:17-31
Music 8:30: Mark Jackson, Tenor
11:00: Chapel Singers, Sanctuary Choir

October 17 – Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost Together in the Kin-dom: A Community of Servanthood

Rev. Lynette Sparks
Scripture: Mark 10:35-45
Music 8:30: Josh Leckrone, Baritone
11:00: Carol Choir, Sanctuary Choir

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

Parents of three year olds to fifth graders, come to the children's check-in tables in the gathering place before the service to sign in.

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) is available during the service. Children (ages 3 through 2nd grade) will begin worship in the sanctuary and be invited to continue worship in the interactive settings of our worship centers. Leaders will shepherd them to their centers, but parents are welcome to lead them as well. Children will wait for you at the end of the service in the Children's Ministry hallway off the Gathering Place.

MASKING UPDATE

Per CDC guidelines, we ask that you wear a mask for all indoor gatherings at church. This includes worship and meetings. The Way Forward Committee and staff continue to monitor CDC recommendations and infection levels in our community. We will have masks available at church if you need one.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher Rev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor
Liturgists Rev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor
..... Jeanne DeWaard, Elder for Social Justice

Musicians..... Helen Hofmeister, Minister of Music
8:30 Viviana Kloostra, Soprano
11:00 Carol Choir
..... Emma Taranko, Carol Choir Director
..... Kirk Singers
..... John Schlafley, Tenor
..... Sanctuary Choir
..... Janlee Richter, Accompanist

Acolytes..... Emma and Katie Kloostra

Ushers..... Team A
8:30 Mary Dirkse, Lou VanderHave, Chuck Wylie
11:00 Bill Baguley, Tom Kormos, Jeanne Marshall, Michael Marshall,
..... Peter Persons, Bill Warren, Todd Helle, Heather Lermont-Pape

WORSHIP CENTERS - The Good Shepherd and World Communion

8:30 a.m. Nancy Greidanus

11:00 a.m.

Worship Center 1 (Young 5's and Kindergarten).....Katie Prince

Worship Center 2 (1st and 2nd Grade)..... Tim Born

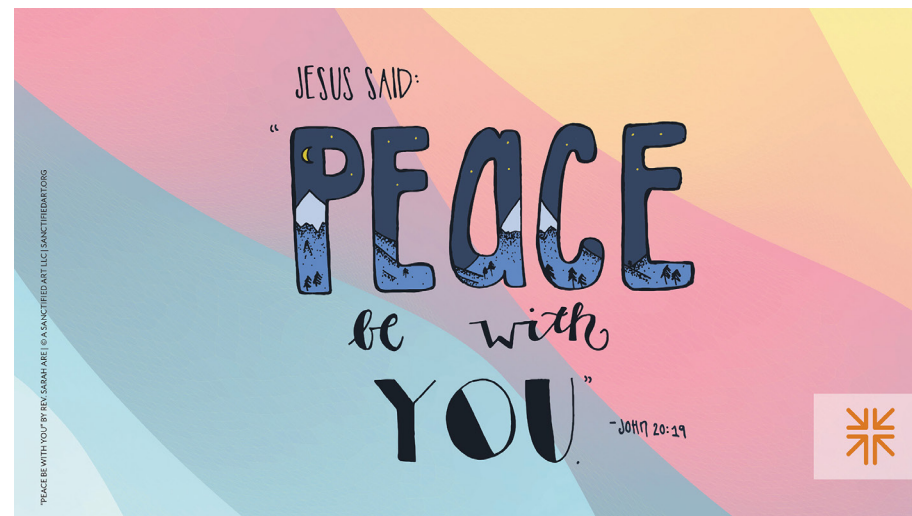
..... Molly Born

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NURTURING CENTER (Age 3 and 4) Heidi McPheeters

..... Will Hausig

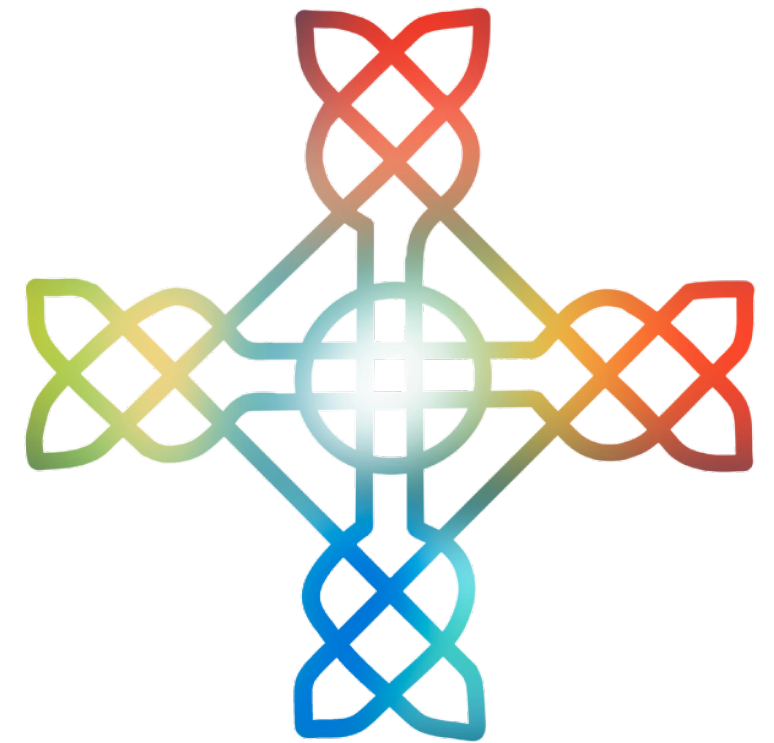
PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING 2021



Peace at all times in all ways: The Peace & Global Witness Offering offers light to those in the shadows and guides us all into the ways of peace. We come together to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world. 25% of this offering stays with our local congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community. Please give as generously as you are able to support this work.



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NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 3, 2021
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Announcements

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9:40 a.m.	Carol Choir Rehearsal.....Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Kirk Singers Rehearsal.....Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation..... Chapel
10:15 a.m.	3rd Grade Worship Seminar.....Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service.....Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.	Game On Board Game Group..... Online
3:00 p.m.	Youth Group..... Meet at Church
4:00 p.m.	Chapel Singers..... Choir Room
5:00 p.m.	Kirk Singers..... Choir Room

MON. OCTOBER 4	
11:00 a.m.	Quilting Group.....Multipurpose Room
1:30 p.m.	Spiritual Formation Group.....Library
6:00 p.m.	Administrative Deacons..... Conference Room
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6:30 p.m.	All Boards Meeting.....Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Session..... Chapel
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TUES. OCTOBER 5	
3:00 p.m.	Meredith Kindschi Memorial.....Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Sandwich Brigade Meeting..... Online

WED. OCTOBER 6	
6:30 a.m.	Youth Prayer Breakfast.....Wolfgangs
1:30 p.m.	Exploring Faith Book Group.....Library
6:30 p.m.	WM Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal..... Choir Room
7:00 p.m.	Youth Committee..... Online

THURS. OCTOBER 7	
10:30 a.m.	Food Pantry.....Front Lobby
1:30 p.m.	WPA Committee Meeting..... Conference Room
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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 angiek@wpcgr.org or call 616-717-5581.

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9:40 a.m.	Confirmation Class..... Conference Room
9:45 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation..... Chapel
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This Week's Calendar

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9:40 a.m.	Carol Choir Rehearsal.....Sanctuary
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10:15 a.m.	3rd Grade Worship Seminar.....Sanctuary
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3:00 p.m.	Youth Group..... Meet at Church
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MON. OCTOBER 4	
11:00 a.m.	Quilting Group.....Multipurpose Room
1:30 p.m.	Spiritual Formation Group.....Library
6:00 p.m.	Administrative Deacons..... Conference Room
6:00 p.m.	Caring Deacons.....Library
6:30 p.m.	All Boards Meeting.....Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Session..... Chapel
7:30 p.m.	Supporting Deacons.....Parlor

TUES. OCTOBER 5	
3:00 p.m.	Meredith Kindschi Memorial.....Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Sandwich Brigade Meeting..... Online

WED. OCTOBER 6	
6:30 a.m.	Youth Prayer Breakfast.....Wolfgangs
1:30 p.m.	Exploring Faith Book Group.....Library
6:30 p.m.	WM Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal..... Choir Room
7:00 p.m.	Youth Committee..... Online

THURS. OCTOBER 7	
10:30 a.m.	Food Pantry.....Front Lobby
1:30 p.m.	WPA Committee Meeting..... Conference Room
7:15 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal..... Choir Room

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