

# MORNING WORSHIP

Together in the Kin-dom: A Community of Sacrifice

## GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

### In Preparation for Worship

"Sometimes when you sacrifice something precious, you're not really losing it. You're just passing it on to someone else."

— Mitch Albom, *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*

### Sentences of Scripture

Rev. Lynette Sparks

### Opening Voluntary

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. Robert Hobby  
Helen Hofmeister, Organ

### Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Jen Porter

### ++Call to Worship (adapted from liturgy by John van de Laar)

One: Come, seekers of life! Let us sow the seeds of our prayers and songs into the fertile soil of God's presence.

**All: Let life crack open our hearts and give birth to renewed spirits.**

One: Let all that brings death be consumed in the passionate flame of our worship,

**All: and let the resurrection power of God be expressed and made visible in our shared life.**

One: Let us seek signs of God's kin-dom breaking into the world!

### ++Hymn 619

"Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven" *Lauda Anima*

### Prayer of Confession

John Schlafley

**O Lord, you are the maker of justice and the source of righteousness, the one who hears the cries of those who suffer and satisfies all who hunger. Forgive us when we fail to reflect your just love: when we have food and food left over, yet we do not share with any in need; when we have power for good and power for change, yet we use it only for our own self-preservation; when we have the words of the prophets before us, yet we cover our ears lest they make us uncomfortable. Forgive us, O Lord, and teach us to follow in your way...**

*Silent Confession*

### Kyrie - Unison

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Lee J. Afdahl



## AHEAD IN WORSHIP

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

### **October 17 — Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost Together in the Kin-dom: A Community of Servanthood**

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

### **October 24 — Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Rev. Dr. Alonzo Johnson, Guest Preacher  
Music: 8:30: Youth Retreat Music  
11:00: Youth Retreat Music, Sanctuary Choir

## Ahead in Adult Faith Formation

**9:45-10:40, chapel**

Oct. 10: "WCDC: The Kin-dom across generations"  
Oct. 17: "Food: The Kin-dom across the table"  
Oct. 24: "Camp: The Kin-dom across creation"

## 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](mailto:susanj@wpcgr.org). More information about worship and updates from the church can be found at [westminstergr.org](http://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. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor  
Liturgists ..... Rev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor  
..... John Schlafley, Elder for Music  
..... Cheryl Bremer, Elder for Stewardship  
..... Rev. Laurie Hartzell, Interim Associate Pastor

Musicians ..... Helen Hofmeister, Minister of Music  
8:30 ..... Mark Jackson, Tenor  
11:00 ..... Chapel Singers  
..... Sanctuary Choir  
..... Janlee Richter, Accompanist

Acolytes ..... Gabe Larson  
..... Mallory Larson  
Ushers ..... Team A  
8:30 ..... Mary Dirkse  
..... Louis VanderHave  
..... Chuck Wylie  
11:00 ..... Bill Baguley  
..... Tom Kormos  
..... Jeanne Marshall  
..... Michael Marshall  
..... Pete Persons  
..... Bill Warren  
..... Carole Warren  
..... Todd Helle  
..... Heather Lermont-Pape

### **WORSHIP CENTERS**

8:30 a.m. .... Nancy Greidanus

### 11:00 a.m.

Worship Center 1 (Young 5's and Kindergarten) ..... Lisa Smith  
..... Rowen Heethuis  
Worship Center 2 (1st and 2nd Grade) ..... Jessica Herceg  
..... Eliza Dengerink-VanTil

**NURTURING CENTER** (Age 3 and 4) ..... Maggie Atwater  
..... Amanda Schnepf

## A Message for Stewardship Season

This year's stewardship theme is All In: Together in the Kin-Dom. Each of us is a vital piece of the family puzzle of Westminster. If one is missing, the puzzle is not complete. And each of you, as a piece of the puzzle, have a story to tell of how Westminster has shaped your faith and sharpened your vision for God's kin-dom in our community. When every piece is included, it is a beautiful picture of who we are together!

Being all in also invites us to search our hearts for how God is calling us to manage all that has been entrusted to our care for the building up of God's kin-dom at and through Westminster—our time, our talents, and our treasures. The strength of our ministry lies in the generosity of each member, each piece of the puzzle. Every gift is significant. You are invited to give as Jesus gave this stewardship season: unconditionally and joyfully.

Gratefully,  
Cheryl Bremer  
Elder for Stewardship

616-456-1456 / [westminstergr.org](http://westminstergr.org) / Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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**TWENTIETH SUNDAY  
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