

MORNING WORSHIP
Together in the Kin-dom: A Community of Servanthood

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"Within our hearts are both humility and arrogance, respect for others and a desire to outshine them, a desire to serve and a craving to be served. The one you feed wins."
 – Alyce M. McKenzie

Sentences of Scripture

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Opening Voluntary

"Auf meinen lieben Gott"
 (In My Dear God [I trust])
 Helen Hofmeister, Organ

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Laurie Hartzell

++Call to Worship

One: We gather to worship God,
All: who stretched the heavens like a tent and set the earth on its foundations.
 One: We gather to worship God,
All: who rides the winds like a chariot and wears light as a garment.
 One: We gather to worship God,
All: who suffered for the sake of our lives and offers us life abundant.

++Hymn 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" *Nicaea*

Prayer of Confession

Susan Jennings

Lord Jesus Christ, you know our sin. We want you to do whatever we ask of you, but we are unwilling to do what you ask of us. We want to sit beside you in your glory, but we fail to stand beside you in your suffering. We want to be first in your great kingdom, but we are among the last to serve the least. Forgive us. Pour out your mercy upon us and wash us clean in your saving grace.

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 188

"Jesus Loves Me!"

(stanza 1)

Jesus Loves Me

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
 Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
 Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
 Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

++Passing the Peace of Christ

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

All: And also with you.

Ministry of Music

"Sometime a Light Surprises the Child of God Who Sings" *Irish Melody*
 Josh Leckrone, Baritone *arr. Alfred Fedak*

Blessing of Third Grade Bibles (11:00 a.m.)

Nancy Greidanus and Tim Born

Third Graders receiving Bibles: Thomas Grayson, Jacob Herrick, Jacob Hyink, Leighton Muir, Duncan Roosien, Estelle VanderVelde, Katelyn Weaver, Olivia Zallar.

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

Mark 10:35-45

New Testament, p. 47

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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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.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Kyle Kooyers

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.

Focus on Stewardship

Diane Helle

Offering Our Lives

Offertory: 8:30

"A Clare Benediction"
 Josh Leckrone, Baritone

John Rutter

11:00

"Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven"
*"Lay up your treasures in heaven, O people,
 Lay up your treasures in glory
 Where nothing in this world can take them away."
 O listen, people, hear the Master say,
 "Come and lay up your treasures in heaven,
 O people, lay up your treasures in glory.
 Your treasures in this world will fade away,
 but the things of the Lord will last forevermore!"
 Well, the Lord looked out and saw the people there,
 Tied up in worry and burdened with care.
 He said, "Seek first the kingdom and you will see
 The things that will last for eternity!"
 Some people trust in their silver and gold,
 They put their faith in the wealth they hold.
 But fortunes will fade and kingdoms fall,
 So put your trust in the Lord of all!"*
 Sanctuary Choir

Pepper Choplin

++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!**

++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 God, we offer you these gifts. Multiply them so that they might help build your kingdom on earth and be of service to the body of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 727

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

The Servant Song

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"Gigue Fugue"
 Helen Hofmeister, Organ

Dietrich Buxtehude

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 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

October 31— Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Together in the Kin-dom: A Community of Love Reception of New Members

Rev. Lynette Sparks
Scripture: Mark 12:28-34
Music 11:00: Sanctuary Choir

Ahead in Adult Faith Formation 9:45-10:40, Chapel

Oct. 17: “Food: The Kin-dom across the table”

Angie Kelley, Food Pantry Director joining

Oct. 24: “Camp: The Kin-dom across creation”

Jake Jacobs, Camp Henry Director joining

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. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor
Liturgists Rev. Laurie Hartzell, Interim Associate Pastor
..... Susan Jennings, Minister for Pastoral Care and Membership
..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister for Children and Their Families
..... Tim Born, Elder for Children's Ministries
..... Rev. Kyle Kooyers, Kaufman Interfaith Institute
Musicians Diane Helle
8:30 Helen Hofmeister, Minister of Music
11:00 Josh Leckrone, Baritone
..... Sanctuary Choir
..... Janlee Richter, Accompanist

Acolytes Gabrielle Wurl
..... Sophia Wurl
Ushers Team A
8:30 Mary Dirkse
..... Louis VanderHave
..... Chuck Wylie
11:00 Bill Baguley
..... Tom Kormos
..... Jeanne Marshall
..... Michael Marshall
..... Peter Persons
..... Bill Warren
..... Carole Warren
..... Todd Helle
..... Heather Lermont-Pape
Greeters Deb Larson
..... Amanda Schnepf
..... Tim Born

WORSHIP CENTERS

11:00 a.m.

Worship Center 1 (Young 5's and Kindergarten) Joel Berends
..... Amanda Stek

Worship Center 2 (1st and 2nd Grade) John Meyers
..... Kate Bylsma

NURTURING CENTER (Age 3 and 4) Nancy Greidanus

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

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**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**OCTOBER 17, 2021
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.**