

MORNING WORSHIP
Selah

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

—Proverbs 3:5

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Opening Voluntary "Let Us with a Gladsome Mind"

Janlee Richter, Organ

C.S. Lang

++Call to Worship

Rev. Jen Porter

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

**All: Serve the Lord with gladness; come into divine presence
with singing.**

One: Know that the Lord is God.

**All: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with
praise.**

One: Give thanks for the Lord is good.

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever and God's faithfulness
is for all generations.**

++Hymn 35

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Lobe Den Herren

Prayer of Adoration

We praise you, O God of love, for your abundant grace. In you, we
find a light that guides us even in our darkest moments and our
deepest fears. We praise you, O God, for showing us what is good
and what you desire of us: to do justice and to love kindness and
to walk humbly with you. We praise you, O God, for the joys of
creation that bring us pause: the laughter of a child, the company
of a loved one, the splendor of stars, the singing of birds, the
beauty of flowers, the sunset over a sandy beach. We join in the
mighty chorus of praise to you, O God, whose love reigns over us,
and who leads us in the triumph song of life. Amen.

++Response Hymn 246

"Christ Is Alive!"

Truro

(stanza 1)

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.

Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

++Passing the Peace of Christ

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

All: And also with you.

Ministry of Music

"Give Me Jesus"

arr. Moses Hogan

Cheri Reid, Soprano

Blessings with Younger Disciples

Nancy Greidanus

(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

Psalm 67

Old Testament p. 529

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Selah"

Rev. Kyle Kooyers

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Affirmation of Faith

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of our minds.
Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and
goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power
in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and
goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ
to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and
Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love. God has
created the world of space and time to be the sphere of his dealings
with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and
awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith
the majesty and mystery of its Creator.

++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:

"Benedictus" from Missa Brevis

W.A. Mozart

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Cheri Reid, Soprano

++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: Gracious and loving God, we offer these gifts to you in hope
and expectation that your work of peace and justice in the
world may be increased. As we pause to dedicate these gifts,
we exalt your name and pray that we may be moved to a
more profound alleluia. Receive these gifts and our very
being, that together our whole lives may be poured out in
worship. Even as we give, grant us faith to sing always. In the
name of our Risen Lord. Amen.**

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Beecher

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Michael Burkhardt

Janlee Richter, Organ

CONGREGATIONAL 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

May 29 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Worship in the Sanctuary
For You to Know**

Rev. Jen Porter

Acts 1:1-11

Music: Sanctuary Choir

Worship at Camp Henry

Sara Zallar

Music: Janlee Richter

Lee Copenhaver, Cello

June 5 – Pentecost

Don't Forget!

Rev. Lynette Sparks

John 14:8-17, 25-27

Music: Mozart's Missa Brevis in B-flat Major K. 275

Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra

Upcoming in Adult Faith Formation

Offerings begin 15 minutes after the service concludes.

May 22: Matthew 25

With the PC(USA), Westminster's leadership is actively exploring how our denomination's Matthew 25 initiative fits with our ministry. We already live out much of its heart. How can it further call us into faithful ministry and engagement in the world around us? This conversation offers the opportunity for congregation members to learn about what the Matthew 25 initiative is as we anticipate further study in the months ahead. Led by a team of church elders, members, and Rev. Lynette Sparks.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher Rev. Kyle Kooyers, Parish Associate
Liturgists Rev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor
..... Rev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor
..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister for Children and Their Families

Musicians Janlee Richter, Organ
..... Cheri Reid, Soprano

Ushers..... Team B
..... Bernie and Kathy Smith, Gordon Griffin, Stephen Marshall
..... David Abbott, Randy Block, and Chris Mayhew

Worship Center 1 John Meyers
Worship Center 2..... Tim Born
Nurturing Center Carla and Joel Fortuna

Welcome to Westminster

MEMBERSHIP

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!

MASKING

Based on the most current guidance from the CDC, the Way Forward Committee has decided that masking in our facilities is optional, including in Sunday worship.

ASSISTANCE

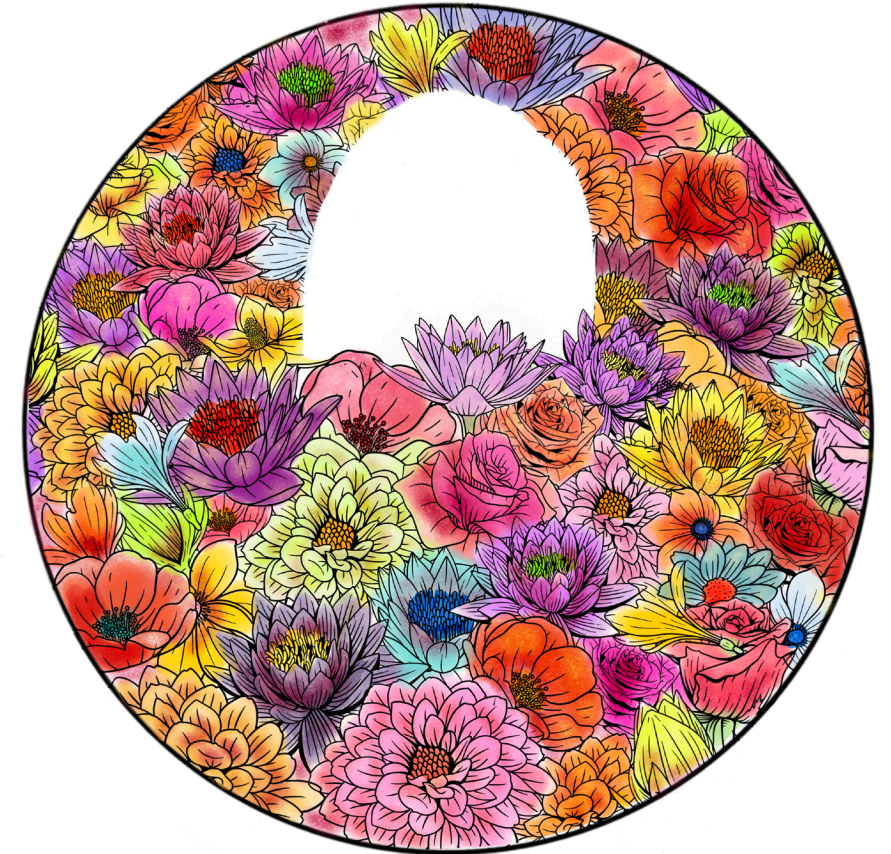
If you'd like a large-print bulletin or a hearing device, please ask one of the ushers at a Sanctuary entrance. For T-loop hearing assistance, set your hearing aid to T.

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. 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.

YOUTH

If you would like more information about youth ministry, please contact our Interim Lead Youth Coordinator Christy Roosien at christyr@wpcgr.org. To sign up for updates via email from our youth program, email emmar@wpcgr.org.



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**SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

**MAY 22, 2022
10:00 A.M.**

Announcements

MOLHOEK-MCPHEETERS FUND: As we highlight the need for quality mental health care in the month of May, please consider a donation to the Molhoek-McPheeters fund. The Shine a Light on Mental Health Foundation has generously agreed to match any donation to the fund made in the month of May, dollar for dollar, up to \$25,000! Donations help Westminster offer assistance to clients in need of mental health care. Since 2015, we have had the great privilege to disperse over \$100,000 in financial assistance! Visit the website for more information. You can donate by scanning the QR code at the bottom of the page.

WORSHIP AT CAMP HENRY: **May 29, 10:00 a.m.** In addition to worship in the Sanctuary, we will also hold a worship service at Camp Henry, with Sara Zallar preaching. We look forward to inviting the lake communities around Camp Henry to worship with us.

MOZART MUSIC POSTPONED: **June 5, 10:00 a.m.** The Sanctuary Choir will present the Missa Brevis in B-flat Major K. 275 by Wolfgang Amadeum Mozart (1756-1791) during the Sunday June 5 service. This mass was written in either 1772 (he would have been 16!) or 1777. The music is both cheerful and serious and reflects the gravity of the text, especially in the Credo movement. It ends with a chorus, "Grant Us Peace," that alternates with soloists.

HAVANA NIGHT: **June 10, 6:00 p.m.** First Hand Aid is hosting its annual Havana Night Fundraiser to raise funds that will directly help their efforts in Cuba. Visit westminstergr.org/events/first-hand-aids-havana-night-fundraiser/ for more information.

WESTMINSTER CAMP 2022: **September 1-4, 2022** Camp 2022 begins in the late afternoon of Thursday, September 1, and culminates with worship and camp activities on Sunday, September 4. Camp provides time for spiritual, mental, emotional, physical, and communal joy. Contact Nancy Greidanus at nancyg@wpcgr.org if you have questions. Visit westminstergr.org to register.

CALL FOR GRADUATES: If you or someone you know is a graduate this year, please share your name and where you're graduating from with Emma Richter at emmar@wpcgr.org or 616-717-5544. We will celebrate our graduates in the bulletin in the next couple of weeks.

ALMA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: Hey there seniors, transfer students and parents. Go to Alma's website at alma.edu to see the wonderful educational opportunities available there. The Florence and Minnie Behl Scholarship to Alma is a program available to Westminster members (approximately 10% of tuition, room and board, books and fees) or relatives of members (approximately 5% of the same amounts). If you are interested, contact Angie Kelley at angiek@wpcgr.org or Mary Carrington at mwc545@sbcglobal.net for more information. Go Scots!

SEARCH FOR MINISTER WITH YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS: If you know of someone who might be a strong candidate for our Minister with Youth and Young Adults position or know someone who might know of potential candidates, please share their names and contact information with Rev. Lynette Sparks at lynettes@wpcgr.org or Karyll Russell, search committee chair, at mattandkaryll@hotmail.com.

Donations: Donations can be made by scanning the QR code on this page, through our secure online giving site, or by check sent to the church office. If you have questions about how to give to the church, please email angiek@wpcgr.org or call (616) 717-5533.



This Week's Calendar

SUN. MAY 22

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour Gathering Place
- 11:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation Chapel

MON. MAY 23

- 11:00 a.m. Quilting Group Multipurpose Room
- 6:00 p.m. Social Justice Committee.. Hybrid, Conference Room

TUES. MAY 24

- 2:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee..... Hybrid, Library
- 6:30 p.m. Camp Henry Board Meeting Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Evergreen Circle Library

WED. MAY 25

- 6:30 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast Wolfgang's
- 6:00 p.m. West Michigan Gay Men's Chorus..... Choir Room

THURS. MAY 26

- 10:30 a.m. Food Pantry..... Front Lobby
- 11:00 a.m. Porter Hills Communion..... Porter Hills
- 7:00 a.m. Worship Committee Library
- 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal..... Choir Room

SUN. MAY 29

- 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal..... Choir Room
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Camp Worship Service Camp Henry
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour Gathering Place
- 11:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation Chapel