

MORNING WORSHIP

For You to Know

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"The more there is of us, the less there is of God." —Eugene Peterson

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Susan Jennings

Opening Voluntary "Variations on Morning Has Broken" arr. Robert Powell

++Call to Worship (adpt. from Psalm 47)

One: The Beloved of our hearts is mighty, over all creation.

All: The Beloved invites the nations to peace.

One: Clap your hands, let the Love you are sing praises.

All: Let love be awakened in every soul.

One: Sing praises to the Creator,

All: Sing praises to the Beloved,

One: Sing praises, one and all!

++Hymn 15 "All Creatures of Our God and King" *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*
(stanzas 1-4)

Prayer of Adoration

We praise you, O God, for you bring your mercy to all generations. In you the sun endures, the stars shine, the rain falls to water the earth. We praise you for your river of life which flows and your bringing all things into light. We praise your compassion for the weak and your heart which redeems all of life. May we live always as one. May we live always in your steadfast love which never ceases. Alleluia and Amen.

++Response Hymn 581 "Glory Be to the Father" *Gloria Patri*
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

++Passing the Peace of Christ

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

All: And also with you.

Ministry of Music "Shall We Gather at the River" arr. Donald Moore
*Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?*

*Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.*

*On the bosom of the river, where the Savior King we own,
We shall meet, and sorrow never 'neath the glory of the throne. (refrain)*

*Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. (refrain)*
Sanctuary Choir

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

Acts 1:1-11

New Testament p. 118

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"For You to Know"

Rev. Jen Porter

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Affirmation of Faith (from The Confession of 1967)

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate.

Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

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:

"O Love That Casts Out Fear"

Johannes Brahms

German Folk Melody

*O love that casts out fear, O love that casts out sin,
Oh, stay no more without, But come and dwell within.*

True sunlight of every soul, Surround us as we go;

So shall our way be safe, Our feet no straying know

Lord, be Thy word my rule; In it may I rejoice.

Thy glory be my aim, Thy holy will my choice,

Thy promises my hope, Thy providence my guard,

Thine arm my strong support, Thyself the great reward.

Great love of God, come in! O spring of lasting peace,

O living water, come, Spring up and never cease.

O love of the living God, of Father and of Son,

Love of the Holy Ghost, Make now our hearts as one.

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!

++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.

Generous and giving God, we offer our gifts to extend the gospel witness in the world. May these offerings join your loving Spirit given to this world in need of comfort.

May the many gifts of churches become one offering for the world, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 372

"O for a World"

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++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"In Thee Is Gladness"

arr. Ronald Nelson

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

June 5 – Pentecost Sunday

Rev. Lynette Sparks

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

June 12 – Trinity Sunday

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Music: Lee Copenhaver, Cello
Julianne Vanden Wyngaard, Piano

Service at Camp Henry

This morning at Camp Henry, Sara Zallar is preaching a sermon titled "I Will Be a Hummingbird" with Jana Patoka as liturgist, Lee Copenhaver playing cello and Janlee Richter playing piano.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher Rev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor
Liturgist Susan Jennings, Pastoral Care, Mission, and Membership

Musicians Helen Hofmeister, Minister of Music
..... Sanctuary Choir

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

Worship Centers 1 & 2..... Erin Molhoek
Nurturing Center Sarah Schantz

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.



For You to Know

**SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

**MAY 29, 2022
10:00 A.M.**

Announcements

MOLHOEK-MCPHEETERS MENTAL HEALTH FUND: Thank you to everyone that has made a contribution to the Barbara Molhoek-Callum McPheeters Mental Health fund during the month of May! So far we have received \$4,410! The Shine a Light on Mental Health Foundation will match, up to \$25,000, any donation received this month. If you are able, please consider a contribution by May 31. Your donations will help provide access to mental health care that might otherwise be unavailable due to financial constraints. Thank you. To learn more about the fund and the Mental Health Referral Panel, visit westminstergr.org/mental-health-program/. Donations can be made online, brought to the office, or by scanning the QR code at the bottom of the page and selecting the fund.

WE HONOR OUR VETERANS: During this Memorial Day week, stop by our archive display cabinet to view our WPC veterans' album. The names listed are members who served from the Civil War to present.

MOZART MUSIC: June 5, 10:00 a.m. The Sanctuary Choir will present the Missa Brevis in B-flat Major K. 275 by Wolfgang Amadeus 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.

SANDWICH BRIGADE VOLUNTEERS: The Sandwich Brigade is looking for volunteers for the summer months! As summer approaches and folks are heading out of town for vacation, the sandwich brigade is looking for a couple volunteers that could fill in on a Monday as needed during June, July, and August. Each week, Westminster makes 150 sandwiches for our neighbors at Heartside Ministries and we could use your help to continue this ministry throughout the summer. If interested, please contact Anita Sukenik at anitasukenik@gmail.com

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.

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 29

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Camp Worship Service Camp Henry
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour Gathering Place

MON. MAY 30

All Day Church Closed for Memorial Day

TUES. MAY 31

- 7:00 p.m. Children's Program.....Chapel

WED. JUNE 1

- 6:30 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast Wolfgang's
- 6:00 p.m. West Michigan Gay Men's Chorus..... Choir Room
- 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal..... Sanctuary

THURS. JUNE 2

- 10:30 a.m. Food Pantry..... Front Lobby
- 1:30 p.m. WPA Committee Meeting Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Picnic Fallasburg Park
- 6:30 p.m. Issues Conference Dining Room

SAT. JUNE 4

- 1:00 p.m. Dress Rehearsal..... Sanctuary

SUN. JUNE 5

- 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal..... Choir Room
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour Gathering Place
- 1:00 p.m. Game On Board Game Group Online
- 3:30 p.m. Porter Hills Communion.....Porter Hills