

MORNING WORSHIP
Fragrance of Christ

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"May we never sacrifice our health and wholeness on the altar of productivity; let our work be rooted in our full humanity and in grace." —Scott Erickson

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Kyle Kooyers

Opening Voluntary "Come, O Quickening Spirit"

Hans Klotz

++Call to Worship

Rev. Jen Porter

One: There is One who seeks us,

All: One who meets us, One who heals us.

One: There is One whose love washes over us,

All: Who leads us in joy and peace.

One: Here, wholeness waits. Here, renewal and strength weave their way into our lives.

All: Here we seek this One, the Lord, the God of creation.

One: Gathered here, we join our hearts, our spirits, and our minds in worship.

++Hymn 693

"Though I May Speak"

Gift of Love

Prayer of Confession

Elder Martha Velting

Creator God, you know our hearts. You know our intentions and hopes, where we have sought you in faith and the places where we have veered from your way. Help us listen now for your voice and show us all that pulls us away from our desire for you. In your sweet mercy, quench our thirst and feed us with your word. In your steady love, renew us again. What patterns might we shift or turn from all together? Where do you invite us to join in your love? Lord hear our prayer...

Silent Confession

Kyrie - Unison

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Lee J. Afdahl

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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us,
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Christ, have mer - cy up - on us, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of all our sin and brokenness.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

++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

"The Awakening"

Joseph M. Martin

West Michigan Gay Men's Chorus

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

2 Corinthians 2:12-17

New Testament p. 180

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Fragrance of Christ"

Rev. Jen Porter

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in us. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which we are reconciled to God and to one another. God enables us to receive forgiveness as we forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as we make peace among ourselves. God gives us power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all people.

Prayers of the People and 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

Elder Cheryl Bremer and Stu Atwater

Offering Our Lives

Offertory:

"Swingin' with the Saints"

arr. Mark Hayes

West Michigan Gay Men's Chorus

++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, through Christ you call us your own. Through your Spirit, you bring hope to the despairing, healing to the sick, and release to those who are oppressed. We join you in all of these ways, knowing that all of our giving comes from the life we have been given in you. This day, we offer ourselves again to your Word, as we seek to live our deepest call to be one with all creation in your love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 314 "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"

Christ, Be Our Light

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"Toccatina in E Minor"

Johann Pachelbel

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.

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AHEAD IN WORSHIP

June 26

More Than We Can Ask or Imagine

Jeffrey Chu, Guest Preacher

Ephesians 3:7-21

Music: Viviana Kloostra, Soprano

July 3

Rev. Kyle Nolan

Music: Helen Hofmeister, Harpsichord

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher Rev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor
Liturgist Rev. Kyle Kooyers, Parish Associate
..... Martha Velting, Elder for Adult Faith Formation
..... Cheryl Bremer, Elder for Stewardship
..... Stu Atwater, Trustee

Musicians Helen Hofmeister, Minister of Music
..... West Michigan Gay Men's Chorus
..... RT Williams, WMGMC Director
..... Ryan Block, Accompanist

Ushers..... Team C
..... Doug and Joanie Dowling, Keith Combs,
..... Kari and Chris Fuller, Ann and Jim Jarvis,
..... Kevin Larr, Rich Zimmerman, and Sharon VanderWilp



TOGETHER WEST MICHIGAN: ACTION ASSEMBLY,
June 30, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Sign up to attend the Together West Michigan Action Assembly by checking in with a representative from Westminster's team in the Gathering Place after worship! The assembly is the chance to learn about the issues that have been identified through house meetings, affirm proposals, and get ready to take action! We're excited for this gathering that is the culmination of hours of feedback and listening from our community here at Westminster and from our partner organizations. Childcare will be available. Registration is required. You can register on the home page of our website or by signing up with a representative.

SUMMER BOOKS FOR CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

During the summer, children's ministry focuses on reading children's books that teach children how to apply biblical concepts to real world situations. Your children can join the children's centers during worship, or you can follow along with your children at home!

This week: *The Worm Family Has It's Picture Taken* by Jennifer Frank and David Ezra Stein
Next week: *Outside, Inside* by LeUyen Pham

Leaders: Amy and Abby Strand

Emma is excited for her worm family to have their portrait taken. But when she sees her other friends' portraits, she gets discouraged. "We had the most beautiful smiles," Ellie the Chipmunk squeals. Abigail the Cat meows, "I looked gorgeous with my big poufy hair." The worm family doesn't have teeth...how will they show their beautiful smiles? They don't have hair either...how can it look big and poufy?! So Emma gathers wigs, giant fake teeth, and colorful clothing for her parents and sisters. But it's only after taking off their costumes that the worm family is able to wriggle and squiggle and squeeze into a delightful pose that only a worm family can make. And Emma? She thinks it's perfectly perfect.

Activity: Take photos of individuals and the group to hang on a hallway poster as a church family photo.

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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**SEASON OF
THE SPIRIT**

**JUNE 19, 2022
10:00 A.M.**

Announcements

GUEST PREACHER: June 26, 10:00 a.m. Next week in worship, we'll welcome Jeff Chu as our guest preacher. Jeff worked as a journalist before attending and graduating from Princeton seminary shortly before the pandemic. Since then, Grand Rapids has been his home. Jeff is a candidate for ordination under the RCA's Rockland- west Chester Classis. Most recently he brought to completion *Wholehearted Faith*, a book that Rachel Held Evans was working on before her death. He also now co-curates the Evolvong Faith conference which she founded.

ELISABETH CIRCLE: The Elisabeth Circle has selected *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Evans as its study/discussion book for the 2022-2023 year. September 2022 will be our first fall meeting. Elisabeth Circle always welcomes new members and visitors. For information about purchasing the book or any other questions, please call Lois Waldecker at (616)784-0900.


NEW MINISTER WITH YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS! We are excited to share with you that Westminster has hired Kat Jonker to be our new Minister with Youth and Young Adults! Kat brings joyful energy, an education background, significant church volunteer experience with kids, an ability to connect with youth, and a deep sense of call to this work. She is committed to Westminster's core values of mission, justice, and inclusion. Kat will begin full-time at Westminster on August 15. She will be able to join the senior high youth for the first part of their mission trip in July, as well as take part in planning meetings prior to August 15. Later this summer, we will share more details about welcoming Kat to Westminster! Thank you for your prayers of support and discernment throughout our search process.

FRESCO PAINTED BORDER, 1885: Stop by the archive display cabinet in the Gathering Place to view a photo of the only remaining section of a fresco border that surrounded our Sanctuary in 1885.

SUMMER WORSHIP CENTER: During the summer months, we vary our curriculum to provide a time for children age three to those finished with third grade to apply biblical concepts to daily life situations by reading excellent children's illustrated books. Children will think and talk about how we should treat God's creation, each other, people who have lives that are unfamiliar to us; and what we can do to share God's love and beauty with others. We conclude our time together with a connection activity or craft and by lighting the Christ Candle and praying. The Summer Books Center will go from June 12 through September 11. Look for the book titles and activities each week.

FOOD PANTRY IN NEED OF PLASTIC BAGS: The Food Pantry is low on plastic grocery bags! Bags can be brought to the church. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: As we step into summer and take time to step away from our routines, we ask that you continue to fulfill your financial pledges and commitments that are vital to the ongoing mission of Westminster. You can scan the code below or go to westminstergr.org/support-our-ministry/, or you can set up automatic withdrawals from your bank to the church's bank account. If you would like help with this, please give Angie a call at (616)717-5533. On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, thank you for your generous and faithful support!

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. JUNE 19

- 10:00 a.m. Worship ServiceSanctuary
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour Gathering Place

MON. JUNE 20

- 6:00 p.m. Mission Partnership Committee..... Library
6:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting..... Online

TUES. JUNE 21

- 7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Offsite

THURS. JUNE 23

- 10:30 a.m. Food PantryFront Lobby

SUN. JUNE 26

- 10:00 a.m. Worship ServiceSanctuary
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour Gathering Place

Upcoming Events

TOGETHER WEST MICHIGAN: June 30, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Help us pack the Sanctuary with more than 500 people for Journey in Hope: Together West Michigan's Action Assembly. Learn about issue proposals and affirm moving forward into action! Prepare to be energized and inspired! Register now at <http://bit.ly/twmaction>.

WESTMINSTER CAMP 2022: September 1-4, 2022, Camp Henry

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.