

MORNING WORSHIP
More Than We Can Ask or Imagine

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"This is the life of a human, particularly a human with any concern for belonging or survival—we are dragged with such a force in so many disparate directions that our souls, disoriented, are unable to find their way back to center. And for most of us, the journey back is costly."
—Cole Arthur Riley, This Here Flesh

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Jen Porter

Opening Voluntary Andante in F Major, Op. 7 No. 6

John Stanley

++Call to Worship

Jeff Chu

One: Holy God, you call us to stop and consider your presence here and beyond us.

All: You call us to notice you in our communities, in our relationships, and in this day.

One: As we gather to praise your holy name,

All: open us to who you really are,

One: and to who we really are.

All: We look for you in all of creation.

One: God is calling—can you hear?

++Hymn 410 "God is Calling through the Whisper"

W Żłobie Leży

Prayer of Confession

God of holy imagination, we confess that we have dishonored your gorgeous creativity, in ourselves, in our neighbors, and in all of creation. In our fear, we have often not allowed ourselves to be loved well, preferring not to risk vulnerability. We have made an idol of our comfort and a security blanket out of our complacency. We have not loved well—and too often, the consequences of our failures have been borne by others. Root and ground us in your love. Remind us that your lavish and overwhelming love can open our hearts, give us courage, and free us to see new possibilities for repentance and healing, deeper relationship and true reconciliation. Lord, hear our prayer...

Silent Confession

Kyrie - Unison "Lord, Have Mercy" Lee J. Afdahl

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 "Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown"

Scottish Melody
setting by K. Lee Scott

*Come, O thou Traveler unknown, Whom still I hold, but cannot see;
My company before is gone, And I am left alone with thee;
With thee all night I mean to stay, And wrestle till the break of day.*

*I need not tell thee who I am; My sin and misery declare;
Thyself hast called me by my name; Look on thy hands, and read it there.
But who, I ask thee, who art thou? Tell me thy name and tell me now.*

*'Tis Love! 'Tis Love! Thou diedst for me! I hear thy whisper in my heart;
The morning breaks, the shadows flee; Pure, universal love thou art.
To me, to all, thy mercies move; Thy nature and thy name is Love!*

Viviana Kloostra, 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

Ephesians 3:7-21

New Testament p. 193

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"More Than We Can Ask or Imagine"

Jeff Chu

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Affirmation of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Susan Jennings

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 Mission: Together West Michigan

Ted Hartzell

Offering Our Lives

Offertory: "Laudamus te" from Mass in C Minor W. A. Mozart
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te.
We praise You, we bless You, we adore You, we glorify You.
Viviana Kloostra, 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: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Holy God, in you we live and move and have our being. You have created life and all that is in it. We now offer these gifts and our lives to you. Help us to live in your love and to let that love flow through us that it can flow throughout the whole world. Through your Church, and all of our offerings, may your kingdom come. Praise be to your Spirit, alleluia and amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 757 "Today We All Are Called Disciples"

Kingsfold

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary "Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn"

Johann G. Walther

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

July 3

Rev. Kyle Nolan

Music: Helen Hofmeister, Harpsichord

July 10

Rev. Lynette Sparks

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher Jeff Chu, Guest Preacher
Liturgist Rev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor
..... Susan Jennings, Minister for Pastoral Care, Membership, and Mission
..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister for Children and their Families
..... Ted Hartzell

Musicians Janlee Richter, Organist and Pianist
..... Viviana Kloostra, Soprano

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: *Outside, Inside* by LeUyen Pham

Next week: *How to Apologize* by David LaRochelle and Mike Wohnoutka

Leaders: John Meyers and Marika Patterson

Something strange happened on an unremarkable day just before the season changed. Everybody who was outside . . . went inside.

Outside, it was quieter, wilder, and different. Inside, we laughed, we cried, and we grew. We remembered to protect the ones we love and love the ones who protect us. While the world changed outside, we became stronger on the inside and believed that someday soon spring would come again.

Activity: Make pictures of the "outside" (outdoors) to give to church members who are unable to attend church in person.

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 26, 2022
10:00 A.M.**

Announcements

GUEST PREACHER: Our guest preacher today is Jeff Chu. 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 Evolving Faith Conference which she founded.

PARKING LOT GATES: As some of you may have noticed this past Sunday, construction to install two parking gates has begun in our parking lot. We know you might have questions about why and how this decision was made; please consult the FAQ on the home page of our website or in the weekly email newsletter for more information.

DID YOU KNOW? When our Sanctuary was dedicated on October 1, 1885, its main source of lighting was a Baily Prismatic Reflector Pendant. It was suspended from our soaring ceiling and lit with 60 gas jets! Electricity was not installed until 1911.

SANDWICH BRIGADE GRANT: Thank you to the Presbtery of Lake Michigan for the \$2400 grant we received last week for the Sandwich Brigade! We're grateful for these funds that will support sandwiches and meals for our neighbors downtown.

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.

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 26

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

THURS. JUNE 30

- 10:30 a.m. Food Pantry Front Lobby
7:00 p.m. Together West Michigan Assembly Sanctuary

SUN. JULY 3

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour Gathering Place
12:00 p.m. Game On Board Game Group Conference Room

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.