

MORNING WORSHIP
Rather, A New Creation

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"In its hope, love surveys the open possibilities of history. In love, hope brings all things into the light of the promises of God." —Jürgenn Moltmann

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Opening Voluntary

"Allemande" from Suite XIV
Helen Hofmeister, Harpsichord G. F. Handel

++Call to Worship

Rev. Kyle Nolan

One: God has created us and all that is.

All: God gave the world its shape and filled it with life.

One: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,

All: all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

One: God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

All: how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

++Hymn 20

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Royal Oak

Prayer of Confession (Adapted from J. Moltmann, Theology of Hope)

Holy One, in Christ, you have exalted us and offered us a life that is wild and free. But we hang back and let ourselves down. You promise to renew all things in righteousness and peace, but we act as though everything were as before and remained as before. You honor us with your promises, but we fear that we—and you—are incapable of what is required. Our omissions accuse us; in short, we lack hope. Forgive us, Lord. Set us free once more. Loose our hearts, widen our eyes, and help us chase the promise again.

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

"Chaconne and Variations"
Helen Hofmeister, Harpsichord

G. F. Handel

Blessings with Younger Disciples

(Children three years through fourth 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

Galatians 6:1-17

New Testament p. 191

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Rather, A New Creation"

Rev. Kyle Nolan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from the Confession of 1967)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

Offering Our Lives

Offertory

"Bourrée" from Fireworks Music

G. F. Handel

++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!

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

We invite you to come forward down the center aisle to receive the communion elements. If you are sitting in a side section of pews, first please make your way to the back of the center aisle and proceed forward. All bread is gluten-free. When you have partaken of the elements, you may place your used cup in the baskets as you return to your seats by way of the side aisles. If you would like the elements brought to you, please raise your hand and a server will bring them to you. Children are welcome to participate in this sacrament.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

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.

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer of Response

Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life. Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love. God our Mother, you have fed us with your grace. Now send us out into your beloved world to share your life, your love, your grace with all. Blessing and honor and glory to you, holy, holy, holy Lord. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Closing Hymn 536 "Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen"

Surge Ecclesia

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary "The Rejoicing" from Fireworks Music

G. F. Handel

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 10

Rev. Lynette Sparks
Music: Hannah DeBoer, soprano

July 17

Rev. Lynette Sparks
Music: Sanctuary Choir

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: *How to Apologize* by David LaRochelle and Mike Wohnoutka
Next week: *Someone Builds the Dream* by Lisa Wheeler and Loren Long

Leaders: Erin Molhoek and Amanda Schnepf

Wouldn't the world be a better place if everyone knew how to apologize? Luckily, this humorous guidebook is full of practical tips about when, why, and how to say you're sorry. From a porcupine who accidentally popped his friend's balloon to a snail who was running so fast he stepped on a sloth's toes, hilarious examples and sweet illustrations abound. For both listeners who are just learning and older readers who need a refresher, this book will come as a welcome reminder that even though apologizing can be hard, it doesn't have to be complicated.

Activity: Learn and sing a confession (I'm sorry) chorus like "Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow" or the Kyrie from our Call to Confession (Lee Afdahl).

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher Rev. Kyle Nolan, Presbyterian Foundation
Liturgist Rev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor
Musician Helen Hofmeister, Minister of Music
Ushers..... Team A
..... Mary Dirkse, Lou VanderHave, and Chuck Wylie
..... Bill Baguley, Tom Kormos, Jeanne Marshall,
..... Michael Marshall, Pete Persons, Bill and Carole Warren
..... Todd Helle, and Heather Lermont-Pape

ABOUT TODAY'S PREACHER:

We welcome Rev. Kyle Nolan as our guest preacher this morning. Kyle currently serves as a Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation, serving the Upper Midwest region. He works with congregations to create a culture of generosity, offers seminars and workshops, develops gifts and fundraising plans for ministries, and provides coaching to finance, stewardship, and endowment committees. Prior to joining the Foundation in 2020, Kyle served on Westminster's staff. He earned his M.Div. from Emory University's Candler School of Theology, and his B.A. from Grand Valley State University.

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.

616-456-1456 / westminstergr.org / Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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**SEASON OF
THE SPIRIT**

**JULY 3, 2022
10:00 A.M.**

Announcements

DID YOU KNOW? On the east side of the Sanctuary is our stained-glass window depicting Jesus knocking on a door. It is a copy of British artist William H Hunt's painting, *Jesus the Light of the World*. If you look closely, the door has no handle and can only be opened from the inside. It's up to each of us to respond and open the door from the inside.

CAMP HENRY 2023 REGISTRATION: Summer Camp registration for next year is now open! Sign up now at camphenry.org/summer-camp to reserve your spot for 2023.

MOLHOEK-MCPHEETERS UPDATE: Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the Barbara Molhoek- Callum McPheeters Mental Health Fund during the month of May. We raised \$9,344 which will be matched dollar for dollar by the Shine A Light on Mental Health Foundation! We are grateful for everyone's generosity. Your donations will help folks that are seeking mental health care treatment that might not otherwise be available to them. You can find more information about the fund and how to seek assistance at westminstergr.org/mental-health-program/. Thank you!

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

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 in the bulletin or on our website.

FOOD PANTRY IN NEED OF PLASTIC BAGS: The Food Pantry is low on plastic grocery bags! Bags can be brought to greeter's desk. 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. JULY 3

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

MON. JULY 4

All Day Church Office Closed

WED. JULY 6

- 1:30 p.m. Exploring Faith Book Group Parlor

THURS. JULY 7

- 10:30 a.m. Food Pantry Front Lobby
6:00 p.m. Middle School Park Palooza Wilcox Park

FRI. JULY 8

- 7:00 p.m. High School Ice Cream..... Heights Cream

SUN. JULY 10

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

Announcements

HELEN HOFMEISTER CARILLON RECITALS: July 10, 8:00 p.m, Grand Valley State University (Allendale campus); July 13, 6:00 p.m., Beaumont Tower, Michigan State. You are invited to attend one (or both!) of Helen Hofmeister's Carillon Recitals in July. A carillon recital lasts about an hour and is an outdoor event. Bring a lawn chair!

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.

PARKING LOT GATES: Construction to install two parking gates has begun in our parking lot. Please consult the FAQ on the home page of our website or in the weekly email newsletter for more information.