

MORNING WORSHIP

Live into Hope: A View from GA

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"Hope does not need to silence the rumblings of crisis to be hope."

—Walter Brueggemann

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Lynette Sparks

As we prepare for worship, we are invited to be attentive to God's presence in our midst.

Opening Voluntary

"The King of Love"

C.S.Lang (1891-1971)

++Call to Worship

Elder Ruth Posthumus

One: We come from the day-to-day busyness of our lives.

All: We come with cares and worries, joys and celebrations.

One: Let us set it all aside and enter this time of worship.

All: May our hearts and minds be open to what God says to us.

One: Trusting always in the Spirit to meet us,

All: Let us gather to worship God!

++Hymn 340

"This Is My Song"

Finlandia

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your image; through Jesus Christ, the hope of the world...

Silent Confession

Kyrie - Unison

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Lee J. Afdahl

Musical notation for the Kyrie Unison. It consists of two staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff starts with a fermata over the first measure, followed by the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy up - on us,'. The second staff starts with a fermata over the first measure, followed by the lyrics 'Christ, have mer - cy up - on us, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.'

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Hear the good news: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

All: God has forgiven and reconciled us through Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God.

++Response Hymn 693

"Though I May Speak"

Gift of Love

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

++Passing the Peace of Christ

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

All: And also with you.

Ministry of Music

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

arr. David Carle

Sarah Faasse and Carrie Ledet, Sopranos

Blessings with Younger Disciples

Nancy Greidanus

Children three years through third 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 62:5-8

Old Testament p. 526

1 Peter 1:3-9

New Testament p. 232

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Live into Hope: A View from GA"

Rev. Lynette Sparks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Hymn 731

"Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm"

Repton

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

Susan Jennings

The kingdom of God represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. 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.

Offering Our Lives

Please take a moment to sign and pass the red friendship pad located in the pew, and take note of those worshiping next to you. We invite you to fill out any of the pew cards and place them in the offering plate.

Offertory

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Harry Rowe Shelley

Sarah Faasse and Carrie Ledet

++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 to receive the communion elements and partake of them immediately as you receive them. Please take your used cups with you as you return to your seats and place them in the cupholders in the back of your pew. If you would like the elements brought to you, please raise your hand and a server will bring them to you. All bread is gluten-free. 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

Music

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

Emma Lou Diemer

(1927-2024)

Prayer of Response

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with your bread of life and cup of salvation. May we, who share Christ's body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Hymn 772

"Live into Hope"

Truro

Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"Come, Gracious Spirit"

Emma Lou Diemer

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

July 14

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Shoots and Ladders**

Rev. Chrissy Westbury
Lake Michigan Presbytery, Associate Presbyter
Matthew 13:24-30, Genesis 28:10-22
Stacey Tanner, Cello

July 21

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Building Buildings?**

Rev. Jen Porter
2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Michael Schaefer, Accordion

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

PreacherRev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor
LiturgistsSusan Jennings, Minister for Pastoral Care & Mission
.....Ruth Posthumus, Elder for Mission Partnerships
.....Nancy Greidanus, Minister with Children and their Families
Musicians.....Janlee Richter, Piano & Organ
.....Sarah Faasse & Carrie Ledet, Sopranos
Ushers.....Mary Dirkse, Lou VanderHave, Bill Baguley
..... Todd Helle, Heather Lermont-Pape, Bob & Betty Jo Norby
AV TeamDan Cisler, Ian Dengerink-Van Til, Stella Sheckler



Summer Books for Children's Worship

Summer Worship Center for children ages 3 - those finished with 3rd grade

During the summer months, we vary our curriculum to provide a time for children 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 by lighting the Christ Candle and praying.

This Week: *Once Upon a Book* by Grace Lin and Kate Messner

Next Week: *Never Forget Eleanor* by Jason June

Alice loves to imagine herself in the magical pages of her favorite book. So when it flaps its pages and invites her in, she is swept away to a world of wonder and adventure, riding camels in the desert, swimming under the sea with colorful fish, floating in outer space, and more! But when her imaginative journey comes to an end, she yearns for the place she loves best of all.

Activity: Paint scenes of various favorite places in your home.



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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!

ACCESSIBILITY

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

We have accessible, all-gender, companion bathrooms available off of the Dining Room.

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 Minister with Youth and Young Adults Kat Hand at kath@wpcgr.org.

EXTENDING THE WESTMINSTER WELCOME!

As we welcome guests and visitors each week, we encourage everyone to personally extend the "Westminster Welcome" to those you have not met. Yours may be the welcome that truly helps all feel included.

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



Hope for a Tree, Peter Koenig

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SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 7, 2024
10:00 A.M.

This Week's Calendar

SUN. JULY 7

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

TUES. JULY 9

- 3:30 p.m. Justice Committee Trip Planning.....Library

WED. JULY 10

- 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Pub Night.... Long Road Distillers

THURS. JULY 11

- 10:30 a.m. Food Pantry Front Lobby

SUN. JULY 14

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

Announcements

REGISTER NOW FOR WESTMINSTER CAMP 2024! August 29-September 1

Enjoy some late summer days at the exciting and beautiful Camp Henry by joining your church family at Westminster Camp 2024. Visit our website to register. **The deadline to register is July 28!**

YOUNG ADULT PUB NIGHT: July 10, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Long Road

Distillers Young adults, join us at pub night on Wednesday! This month we'll be at Long Road Distillers.

TEA FOR TWO: Make a new friend at Westminster—virtually or in person. We will match you with someone who shares your meet-up preference and share their phone number or email address with you. Reach out and make a plan to get together digitally or in person. Visit our website to sign up.

VOLUNTEER AT DÉGAGÉ: Dégagé Ministries is looking for kitchen volunteers to help serve warm, nutritious meals to their guests. Tasks will include putting previously prepared food in the oven, taking it out, and helping to serve meals. Heating instructions will be provided. Help is needed for the following kitchen shifts: Monday, Tuesday, and Friday lunches (11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) and all Friday dinners (3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.) If you are interested in volunteering for a specific shift, please contact the volunteer coordinator at volunteercoordinator@meltrotter.org and they will get you signed up. You will be an integral part of keeping the kitchen running and moving to serve the guests! Westminster also has a group that volunteers in the kitchen every other month on the second Sunday. If you'd like to be a part of the WPC group, contact Heather or Margaret at degagedinners@wpcgr.org.



DONATIONS: Donations can be made by scanning the QR code, through our secure online giving site, or by check sent to the church office. Email angiek@wpcgr.org or call (616) 717-5533 with questions.