

MORNING WORSHIP

To Saul for Power

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

“God has His own kingdom; no nation in this world can compare. God has His own power; no amount of political, cultural, or social influence can compare. God has His own glory; no exaltation of earthly beings can compare. These are nonnegotiable to the Christian faith.”

—Tim Alberta, The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Susan Jennings

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

Opening Voluntary

"Elegy"  
Ronald Krebs

George Thalben-Ball

++Call to Worship

Rev. Kyle Kooyers

One: We give thanks to our Lord, with our whole heart.

All: We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

One: Even the rulers of the earth proclaim the glory of God.

All: No matter the distance, God knows everything about us.

One: In times of trouble and fear the Divine hand is there to hold us.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

++Hymn 41

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

Lyons

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, even as we become lost in our own little worlds, you have sought us out. You free us from the world's expectations and welcome us in to your loving presence. Yet we struggle to believe that such grace is possible, or that your love can truly exist. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of power and possessions, and turn them into bonds of oppression. Heal us and forgive us God. Tune our ears to the cries of our neighbors that together we may become whole. In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer...

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 has a fermata over the first measure and a '2' above it. The lyrics are: Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, Christ, have mer - cy up - on us, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

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

++Response Hymn 717 "For the Life That You Have Given"

Pleading Savior

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

++Passing the Peace of Christ

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

All: And also with you.

Ministry of Music

"Paraphrase on Jesus Loves Me"

Robert Hebble

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

1 Samuel 8:1-22

Old Testament p. 251

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"To Saul for Power"

Rev. Kyle Kooyers

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Hymn 307

"God of Grace and Glory"

Cwm Rhondda

++Affirmation of Faith (from the Brief Statement of Faith)

Rev. Tim Tuthill

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls people to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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.

Offering Our Lives

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

Offertory

"Aria"

Charles Callahan

++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 One, in humility and hope we surrender ourselves to you. We offer these gifts back to you as a sign of our recommitment to follow you and to love our neighbor. As we live under the authority of Christ's love, may these gifts empower your justice and peace in the world. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Hymn 761

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Beecher

Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"God of Grace"

Paul Manz

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 16**  
**Fourth Sunday of Pentecost**  
Rev. Lynette Sparks  
2 Corinthians 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34  
John Nienhuis, Tenor

**June 23**  
**Fifth Sunday of Pentecost**  
Rev. Lynette Sparks  
1 Samuel 17:32-49

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher ..... Rev. Kyle Kooyers, Parish Associate  
  
Liturgists ..... Rev. Tim Tuthill  
..... Susan Jennings, Minister for Pastoral Care & Mission  
..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister with Children and their Families  
  
Musicians..... Ronald Krebs, Organ  
  
Ushers..... Doug & Joanie Dowling, Keith Combs, Kari & Chris Fuller  
..... Ann & Jim Jarvis, Rich Zimmerman, Sharon VanderWilp  
  
AV Team ..... Dan Cisler, Ian Dengerink-Van Til, Karsten Kotchenruther

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](mailto:susanj@wpcgr.org). More information about worship and updates from the church can be found at [westminstergr.org](http://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](mailto: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.



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THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

JUNE 9, 2024

10:00 A.M.



Actively Engaged in the World

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:** *Something, Someday* by Amanda Gorman

**Next Week:** *What in the World is Wrong with Gisbert?* by Weeber

Sometimes the world feels broken. And problems seem too big to fix. But somehow, we all have the power to make a difference. With a little faith, and maybe the help of a friend, together we can find beauty and create change. With intimate and inspiring text and powerfully stunning illustrations, *Something, Someday* reveals how even the smallest gesture can have a lasting impact.

**Activity:** Plant an herb in a permanent pot.

# Announcements

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**S.H.O.E.S. SUMMER PROJECT:** This June, we are raising money for the In the Image S.H.O.E.S. Program. Elementary students who may not be able to afford shoes may sign up at In the Image to receive a pair of new athletic shoes for school. Donate money directly by visiting [intheimage.org/shoes](http://intheimage.org/shoes), or bring new pairs of children's athletic shoes to the children's check-in tables from now until June 30. Contact Nancy Greidanus at [nancyg@wpcgr.org](mailto:nancyg@wpcgr.org) with questions.

**YOUNG ADULT PUB NIGHT: Horrock's Market, June 12, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** Young Adults, join us at Horrock's Market for pub night on June 12! We will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the bar area.

**SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION: Wednesdays June 12- July 24, 7:00-8:00 p.m., Online** Join Amelia Grayson and Heather Lermont-Pape in a summer book discussion. In *The Gifts of Imperfection*, Brené Brown explores the theory behind living wholeheartedly, as well as ten practical steps you can take to invite wholeheartedness and worthiness into your life. Visit the website to register!

**FIRST HAND AID HAVANA NIGHT: June 14 at 6:00 p.m., 356 Maryland Ave NE Grand Rapids** Join us for Havana Night as we celebrate 25 years of supporting the Cuban people! Cuban food, music, salsa dancing, and much more! Visit [firsthandaid.org](http://firsthandaid.org) to purchase tickets.

**TOGETHER WEST MICHIGAN POWER WALK: June 15, 9:30 a.m.** Join fellow Westminster members of Together West Michigan as we walk on a Saturday morning in neighborhoods in Grand Rapids and Wyoming. We'll be registering voters and encouraging the renewal in November of Kent County's Ready by Five millage for young children. Burn calories! Power up TWM! Meet other people! For more information, contact Ted Hartzell of Westminster at [tedhrz@gmail.com](mailto:tedhrz@gmail.com). Visit our website to register to join!

**SIMPLY GIVE DOUBLE MATCH DAY:** Keep an eye out for Meijer Simply Give donation card displays at the 28th Street/Kalamazoo Meijer and pick one up on your next shopping trip to help the pantry feed families in need. Wish you could give more? June 15 is Double Match Day! For every \$10 donated at this store on Saturday, June 15 Meijer will donate an additional \$20, resulting in \$30 to our pantry to use to purchase food for our shelves!

**MAA WANJI DIWAG 'THEY COME TOGETHER' Saturday, June 15, 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 16, 12:00 p.m., Riverside Park** Westminster has been invited by Ron Yob, Chairman of the Grand River Bands of the Ottawa Indians, to join the 42nd Annual Homecoming of the Three Fires (Pow Wow). This is an outdoor celebration featuring Anishnabek (American Indian - Ottawa, Pottawatomi, and Chippewa) music, dance, art, food, and crafts. Free admission and parking. All are welcome.

**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.



**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](mailto:angiek@wpcgr.org) or call (616) 717-5533 with questions.

# This Week's Calendar

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## SUN. JUNE 9

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service ..... Camp Henry
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service .....Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour ..... Gathering Place
- 11:00 a.m. Civil Right Road Trip Conversation..... Parlor

## MON. JUNE 10

- 4:30 p.m. UCCF Annual Meeting..... Various Locations
- 6:30 p.m. Connecting Deacons Meeting..... Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Supporting Deacons Meeting ..... Pastoral Suite

## TUES. JUNE 11

- 6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting..... Conference Room

## WED. JUNE 12

- 6:30 p.m. West Michigan Gay Men's Chorus..... Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Pub Night..... Horrock's Market

## THURS. JUNE 13

- 10:00 a.m. Spiritual Formation Group ..... Library
- 10:30 a.m. Food Pantry ..... Front Lobby
- 12:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee..... Library

## FRI. JUNE 14

- 6:00 p.m. Havana Night ..... Offsite

## SUN. JUNE 16

- 9:00 a.m. TWM Core Team Meeting..... Library
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service .....Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour ..... Gathering Place