

MORNING WORSHIP

Have Love

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

“Why wonder about the loaves and the fishes?
If you say the right words, the wine expands.
If you say them with love
and the felt ferocity of that love
and the felt necessity of that love,
the fish explode into many.
Imagine him, speaking,
and don't worry about what is reality,
or what is plain, or what is mysterious.
If you were there, it was all those things.
If you can imagine it, it is all those things.
Eat, drink, be happy.
Accept the miracle.
Accept, too, each spoken word
spoken with love.”

—Logos, Mary Oliver

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

"Messe des Couvents"
II. Fugue sur la Trompette

François Couperin (1668-1733)

++Call to Worship (from Micah 6:8)

What does God require of us, O mortals?
The Lord has told us what is good.
Let us gather to do what is good:
to do justice, to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with God.
Here, we seek the heart of God.

++Hymn 108

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"
(stanzas 1, 2, 5, & 6)

Divinum Mysterium

Prayer of Confession

Elder Cheri Reid

Divine Love, your being is so expansive we cannot grasp it. And yet, you make yourself known to us. You ask us to simply bear the love we have received and to love one another. Forgive us for each time we choose anything other than love. Help love to be at home within us: the sign on our door, the meal on our table, the question and the answer of our lives. Lord, hear our prayer...

Silent Confession

Kyrie

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Swee Hong Lim



Lord, have mer - cy.



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

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Swee Hong Lim, 1990
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SINGAPURA

++ Stand in body or in spirit

Bold text is spoken by the congregation

Assurance of God's Grace

Hear the good news: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. We know this love through Jesus Christ, and by this love, we know that we are forgiven!

We can now live in peace. Thanks be to God!

++Response Hymn 755 "Alleluia! Laud and Blessing"

Weisse Flaggen

(stanza 1)

**Alleluia! Laud and blessing to our God, whose Word is sure;
by whose grace we find redemption, in whose love we live secure.
Righteousness and rich compassion shall attend us all our days;
may God's promise to be faithful echo through our songs of praise!**

++Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Ministry of Music "Concerto for Two Violins in D minor, BWV 1043"

J. S. Bach

I. Vivace

(1685-1750)

Westminster Festival Strings

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

1 Corinthians 13

New Testament p. 175

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Have Love"

Rev. Jen Porter

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Sentences of Scripture

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,
But it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Presentation of Those Elected

The Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

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 Excerpt from "Rejoice in the Lord, alway"

Henry Purcell

Rejoice in the Lord, alway, and again I say rejoice.

(c. 1659-95)

Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

Sanctuary Choir

++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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Communion Music

"Concerto for Two Violins in D minor, BWV 1043"

J. S. Bach

II. Largo ma non tanto

Westminster Festival Strings

Prayer of Response

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the light of your love. Fed here at your table, we go forth to reflect all that you are. In your image, may we grow in love and offer ourselves to your holy way. Amen.

++Hymn 536 "Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen" Surge Ecclesia

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary "Concerto for Two Violins in D minor, BWV 1043" J. S. Bach III. Allegro Westminster Festival Strings

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

February 9

Deep Water Work

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Luke 5:1-11

Paul Austin, Horn

February 16

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Bell Choir, Cherub Choir, & Sanctuary Choir

Ahead in Adult Faith Formation

February 9, Chapel 15 minutes following worship

Story of Discernment: A Visible Sign of a New Humanity

Our "A Visible Sign of a New Humanity" document tells how our congregation enacted good process in our discernment to embrace LGBTQ+ inclusion. Former elders and members who were part of that process will share their experience and we will ask: How has this decision formed who we are? And, what does it tell us about how we faithfully live into our future? Led by Ben Boerkoel, Randy Block, Bruce Klein-Wassink, and Larry Slager.



Actively Engaged in the World

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

PreacherRev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor

Liturgists Rev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor Susan Jennings, Minister for Pastoral Care & Mission Cheri Reid, Elder for Nominations Nancy Greidanus, Minister for Children & Families

AV Team Dan Cisler, Marcos Calderon, Rachel Kamstra

Acolytes Eva Devries & Abby Schnepf

UshersBernie Smith, Kathy Smith, John Boerman Stephen Marshall, Sherrill Vore, Marian Vanderwall Tom DeVries, Ralph Hammond, Ben Boerkoel

MusiciansRobert Ragoonanan, Minister of Music Sanctuary Choir

WESTMINSTER FESTIVAL STRINGS

Violin Kat Hand, Diane Helle, Jen Kotchenruther, Linda Nelson, Elise Greidanus Smith, Eric Tanner, Josh Zallar Viola Ashley Kooistra Hansen & Andrew Pool Cellos Lee Copenhaver & Stacey Tanner Bass Robert Johnson HarpsichordJanlee Richter

Welcome to Westminster

MEMBERSHIP

If you have questions about the life of the church or becoming a member, please email Crystal Hovey at crystalh@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.



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ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

FEBRUARY 2, 2025 10:00 A.M.