

MORNING WORSHIP
The Measure You Give

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

“When you live in Culture War Mode there is always a battle to fight, a side to take, and people to fear. When you live in God’s Kingdom there’s always a stranger to welcome, a neighbor to befriend, and an enemy to love...” —Dan White, Jr.

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Jen Porter

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

Introit

"How Can I Keep From Singing?"

Quaker Hymn

arr. Ginger B. Littleton

My life flows on in endless song, above earth’s lamentation.

I hear the real though far off song that hails a new creation.

Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I’m clinging;

It sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest round me roars, I know the truth, It liveth.

What though the darkness round me close, songs in the night It giveth. (Refrain)

"Medieval Gloria"

Vijay Singh (b. 1966)

Translation from Latin:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God.

Kirk Singers

++Call to Worship

Elder Deb Kammer

The way of Christ turns the world upside down.

It moves us beyond retribution and cycles of violence.

God’s ways are not our ways.

It leads us to enemy-love and scandalous forgiveness.

It calls us beyond reciprocity into radical giving.

God’s ways are not our ways.

So let us commit our way to the Lord together

until our righteousness shines like the dawn

and our justice like high noon.

++Hymn 386

"Come, Worship God"

O Quanta Qualia

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all and to have no other gods.

You have called us to love others as you love them.

But we are personally and socially deformed by the love of other “gods” —

the false gods of prosperity and materialism,

racial and ethnic privilege,

gender exclusivity, and nationalistic imperialism.

Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit so that we might

love as you love and live as people baptized in your grace...

Silent Confession

++ Stand in body or in spirit

Bold text is spoken by the congregation

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

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

"A Hymn Tune Rhapsody"

Jerry Brubaker (b. 1946)

Westminster Winds

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

Luke 6:27-38

New Testament p. 64

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Measure You Give"

Rev. Lynette Sparks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Hymn 372

"O for a World"

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++Affirmation of Faith from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to

life eternal.

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

"Southern Folk Rhapsody"

Michael Sweeney (b. 1952)

Westminster Winds

++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

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.

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory.

May these gifts be a reflection of your grace and an offering of our

love for the healing and restoration of all people. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Hymn 366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" arr. Carl Johengen (b. 1962)

v. 1-2 choir and congregation

v. 3 choir

v. 4 choir and congregation

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Musette on "Nettleton"

setting Wayne L. Wold (b. 1954)

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

March 2

Transfiguration of the Lord

Rev. Lynette Sparks
Exodus 34:29-35
Sanctuary Choir

Wednesday, March 5, 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday

Rev. Jen Porter
Sanctuary Choir & Cheri Reid, Mezzo-soprano

March 9

First Sunday in Lent

Rev. Lynette Sparks
Luke 4:1-13
Sanctuary Choir

Ahead in Adult Faith Formation

Youth Fundraiser: Pasta Banquet & Silent Auction

February 23, Dining Room following worship

Join us after church today for our silent auction and pasta banquet! This is sure to be a very lively community event. Our theme is "Spring Cleaning" because we will be auctioning several home improvement projects completed by youth. Will your yard need weeding? Do you have a garage that needs a clean-out? We hope you will come bid on these projects as well as many other great experiences and items including a cabin stay in Northern Michigan, a walleye fishing trip, second row Griffins tickets, and much more! You can purchase a ticket in the Dining Room after worship today!

Upcoming in Adult Faith Formation: Communal Stories of Discernment

March 2, Chapel following worship

Each of these pre-Lent conversations around discernment are stories of making our way through decisions which have shaped us as a community of inclusion, care, advocacy, service, justice, hospitality, and love. In this final conversation, Westminster's core Together West Michigan team will share how we decided to commit 1% of our annual budget to this organization and stories of impact to those who have been involved.



Actively Engaged in the World

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher..... Rev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor

LiturgistsRev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor
..... Deb Kammer, Elder for Westminster Presbyterian Adults
..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister for Children & Families

Musicians.....Robert Ragoonanan, Minister of Music
..... Janlee Richter, Music Ministry Associate
..... John Martin, Westminster Winds Director
..... Kirk Singers
..... Westminster Winds
..... Sanctuary Choir

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

AV Team Ian Dengerink-Van Til, Karsten Kotchenruther, Ricky Rivard

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.

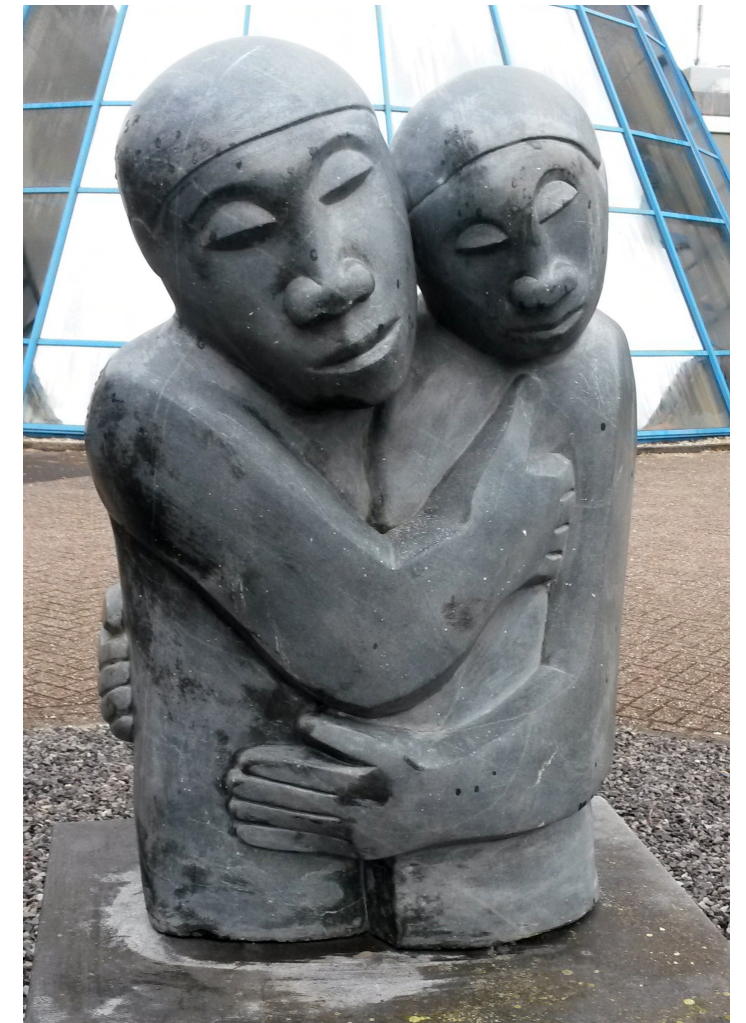
YOUTH

If you would like more information about youth ministry, please contact our Minister with Youth and Young Adults Kat Hand at kath@wpcgr.org.

YOU ARE INVITED TO WEAR A NAMETAG!

We encourage you to wear a nametag every Sunday to help us learn to know one another better and extend our welcome. If you would like a reusable nametag, please email Crystal at crystalh@wpcgr.org.

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



Reconciliation, Amos Supuni

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**SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2025
10:00 A.M.**