

MORNING WORSHIP
From Every People

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"...like spring speaking to the day
about the goodness of the earth,
patterning green on every plain

like trickles of raindrops
smoothing earth's rough edges,
healing hardened hillsides

like all these quiet miracles
so is the coming of Spirit,
telling of the surge of life

urging me to gaze again
upon my very common days,
to look within and be amazed"

—Joyce Rupp

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.

Introit

"Seek Ye First"

Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)

arr. Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things will be added unto you; Alleluia!
Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Alleluia!
Kirk Singers

++Call to Worship (adapted from Romans 8)

Elder Mike Lunt

We have received a Spirit of adoption,
and that Spirit bears witness with our spirit.
All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
If we are children, then we are heirs,
heirs of God,
heirs with Christ.
Hallelujah, Amen!

++Hymn 4

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name" *Großer Gott, wir loben dich*

Prayer of Confession

Infinite God, you come to us in many colors, shapes, and languages. You speak to us in ways we can understand. You meet us where we are. Yet we are quick to limit you to what we can grasp and control. We struggle to stay open to your expansive Spirit. Forgive us, and ready us to know you more deeply and to love you more fully...

Silent Confession

Kyrie

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Kyrie Eleison



Assurance of God's Grace

Hear the good news! God's Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh, and we have been made one. We are no longer scattered or divided, but gathered together to build up God's kin-dom on this earth.

Through the grace of Jesus Christ, God draws us together, offering salvation, forgiveness, and new life to all. Thanks be to God!

++Response Hymn 250 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

Promise

(stanza 2)

**There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

++Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Ministry of Music

"A Path to Each Other"

Jocelyn Hagen (b. 1980)

Timothy Takach (b. 1978)

Each word a stone. We can build a wall, or a path to each other.

The congregation is invited to join in on the refrain of "we can build a path" when indicated by the director.

Kirk Singers

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

Acts 2:1-21

New Testament p. 119

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"From Every People"

Rev. Jen Porter

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Hymn 307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Cwm Rhondda

Commissioning of Youth and Leaders

Elder Ted Duncan

Karys Russell & Sam Putt

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 worshiping next to you. We invite you to fill out any of the pew cards and place them in the offering plate.

Offertory

"Bonse Aba"

Zambian folk song

arr. Victor C. Johnson (b. 1978)

Translation from Bemba:

All those who sing with [the] spirit have a right to be called the children of God.

Kirk Singers

++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.

God of all creation, of spirit and flesh, we give to you our gifts. As we go into your world, help us trust that each step we take is held in your grace. In both our giving and receiving, may every offering lead us, always, back to you. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Hymn 308

"O God in Whom All Life Begins"

Noel

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Fanfare on Gopsal

David Willcocks (1919-2015)

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.

Honoring Our Graduates

Congratulations to members of our community who have recently graduated!

High School Grads

- Evan Behee:** Forest Hills Northern
- Marcos Calderon:** Forest Hills Northern
- Harriet Engbers:** City High
- Helen Elizabeth Engbers:** East Grand Rapids
- Tristan Gerville-Réache:** Forest Hills Central
- Gabriella Lockwood:** Forest Hills Northern
- Charles N.J. Molitor:** Forest Hills Central
- Theo Mulder:** Hudsonville
- Billah Namutosi:** Northview Public Schools
- Jocelyn Eleanor Russell:** Michigan Seal of Bilitracy, Rockford High School

University Grad

- Lindsay Larson:** Bachelor of Arts, George Washington University

AHEAD IN WORSHIP

June 15

Trinity Sunday

Knowing God

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Psalm 8

Janlee Richter & Maria Schoon

June 22

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Rev. Jen Porter

1 Kings 19:1-15

Janlee Richter, Bell Choir,
Harper Davis, & Mandy Stumbo

Ahead in Adult Faith Formation:

CIVIL RIGHTS ROAD TRIP RECAP: June 8, Chapel following worship Profound, life-changing, eye opening, overwhelming. These are some of the responses from our Civil Rights Road Trip travelers who journeyed to Birmingham, Selma, Montgomery, and Memphis over Holy Week. If you'd like to know more about the experience or have interest in a future trip, please join us in the Chapel after worship. We'll be sharing stories of personal impact and general information about museums and sites we visited.

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

PreacherRev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor

Liturgists Rev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor

.....Mike Lunt, Elder for Personnel

..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister for Children & Families

.....Ted Duncan, Elder for Youth

.....Karys Russell

..... Sam Putt

Musicians.....Robert Ragoonanan, Minister of Music

..... Janlee Richter, Music Ministry Associate

..... Kirk Singers

Ushers.....Doug & Joanie Dowling, Keith Combs, Kari & Chris Fuller

.....Ann & Jim Jarvis, Rich Zimmerman, Sharon VanderWilp

AV Team Karsten Kotchenruther, Rachel Kamstra, Sam Putt

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 & YOUNG ADULTS

For more information about youth or young adult ministry, please contact our Minister with Youth and Young Adults Kat Hand at kath@wpcgr.org.

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



"Tree of Life" by Paul Stoub

From Every People

DAY OF PENTECOST

JUNE 8, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Announcements

KIRK SINGERS CONCERT: June 8, 11:30 a.m. Join the Kirk Singers for a short concert following worship as we send them off for their Seattle trip! The concert will feature sacred music (and a few secular selections) representing the diversity of God's creation around the world.

HAVANA NIGHT: June 13, 6:00 p.m., 356 Maryland Ave NE, Grand Rapids Join us for Havana Night, First Hand Aid's biggest fundraiser of the year, as we celebrate more than 25 years of supporting the most marginalized Cuban people. Enjoy Cuban music, Cuban food, salsa dancing, cigars, and much more! Visit firsthandaid.org/new-events for tickets.

WPC COMMUNITY NIGHT: LET'S HANG OUT AND GRILL! June 16, 7:00 p.m., Millennium Park, Open Shelter A Everyone is invited to a picnic potluck for our next WPC Community Night: Let's Hang Out and Grill! We will be cooking up hot dogs, and you are welcome to bring a side or dessert to pass! We hope to see you there! Email Deanna at deannac@wpcgr.org with any questions and to let her know you are coming.


DOWNTOWN WALK OF INDIGENOUS LANDMARKS WITH RON YOB: June 17 Join us for a Grand Rapids Downtown Walk with Ron Yob as we explore the various indigenous landmarks in our city. Ron is the Chairman of the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians and will provide a walking tour of these sites and explain their significance. The walk is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We will gather in the church parking lot at 10:15 a.m. and carpool to the starting point at the Grand Rapids Public Museum. This field trip is sponsored by the Justice committee. Weather make-up date is Thursday, June 19. Please contact Susan Jennings at susanj@wpcgr.org if you'd like to attend.

BROAD-BASED ORGANIZING TRAINING: Join Together West Michigan to learn, practice, and get to work at a Broad-based Organizing Training here at Westminster. The training is on Friday June 29, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., with dinner included and Saturday June 21, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with lunch included. Cost is \$30. Visit bit.ly/twmeffrain2025 to register.

WESTMINSTER CAMP: August 28-August 31, Camp Henry Registration for Camp 2025 is open! Visit the website to register.

REV. LYNETTE SABBATICAL: Rev. Lynette Sparks will be on part one of her sabbatical (with part two in summer 2026) from June 19 - August 17, 2025. During that time, we will welcome several familiar guest preachers; any other pastoral or staff-related questions that Lynette would normally handle should be directed to Rev. Jen Porter.

REFLECTIONS: Submit to the Summer 2025 edition of Reflections! Anyone is welcome to share stories, photos, art, or other works that tie back to the Westminster community. Submissions are due June 20, and can be emailed to reflections@wpcgr.org or dropped off at the church office.

 **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.

This Week's Calendar

SUN. JUNE 8

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour.....Gathering Place
- 11:15 a.m. Civil Rights Road Trip ReflectionChapel
- 11:30 a.m. Kirk Singers Concert..... Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. Owen Van Winkle Visitation Parlor
- 2:00 p.m. Owen Van Winkle Funeral Sanctuary

MON. JUNE 9

- 9:30 a.m. Open Door Ministry Front Lobby
- 11:00 a.m. Marilyn Whitford Funeral..... Zaagman Chapel
- 4:00 p.m. UCCF Annual Meeting.....Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Deacons MeetingOffsite

TUES. JUNE 10

- 9:30 a.m. Open Door Ministry Front Lobby
- 6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting Conference Room
- 7:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal 3rd Floor Music Room

WED. JUNE 11

- 9:30 a.m. Open Door Ministry Front Lobby
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Committee.....Offsite
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Pub Night..Long Road Kentwood

THURS. JUNE 12

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

FRI. JUNE 13

- 6:00 p.m. Havana NightOffsite

SUN. JUNE 15

- 9:00 a.m. New Member Session MeetingChapel
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour.....Gathering Place