

MORNING WORSHIP
What Do You See?

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"We don't see things as they are; we see things as we are." —Attributed to The Talmud

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

"Ten Preludes"
III. Poco mosso

Carlos Chávez (1899-1978)

++Response Hymn 591

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

Halle, Halle

Sing through two times

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

++Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Ministry of Music

"Be Thou My Vision"

Irish hymn, arr. Sharon Wilson

The text of this piece can be found in the hymnal, hymn 450.

Cheri & Trish Reid, Mezzo-Sopranos

Blessings with Younger Disciples

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

Amos 7:7-17

Old Testament p. 855

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"What Do You See?"

Rev. Laurie Hartzell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Hymn 757

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

Kingsfold

Affirmation of Faith (from The Confession of Belhar)

We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit who gathers, protects and nourishes the Church from the beginning of the world to the end. We believe that the Church belongs to God and that it should stand where God stands: against injustice and with those who are wronged. We commit ourselves to reject all forms of injustice in ourselves and among us; and to struggle against all forms of injustice and every teaching that allows injustice to flourish. Jesus is Lord! We will follow Him! To the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever and ever.

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

"All Things New"

Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979)

Light after darkness, gain after loss,
Strength after weakness, crown after cross;
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears,
Home after wandering, praise after tears.

Refrain: Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end,
He is making all things new. Springs of living water
shall wash away each tear, He is making all things new.

Sight after mystery, sun after rain,
Joy after sorrow, peace after pain;
Near after distant, gleam after gloom,
Love after loneliness, life after tomb. (Refrain)
Cheri & Trish Reid, Mezzo-Sopranos
Viviana Kloostra, Soprano

++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 mercy and justice, we offer ourselves and our resources to you. Bless us with courage to seek truth, faith to walk together, and love to serve your world. Unite your church in hope and lead us in the way of Christ. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Hymn 765

"May the God of Hope Go with Us"

Argentina

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"Suite Argentina"
IV. Malambo

Carlos Guastavino (1912-2000)

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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++Hymn 401

"Here in This Place"

Gather Us In

Prayer of Confession

Elder Chuck Hekman

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

Silent Confession

Kyrie

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Kyrie Eleison

Assurance of God's Grace (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

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 this is from God, with whom we are reconciled through Christ.

Thanks be to God!

AHEAD IN WORSHIP

July 20

The Time is Ripe

Rev. Laurie Hartzell

Amos 8:1-12

Sanctuary Choir

July 27

A New Beginning

Rev. Riley Jensen

Exodus 16:1-15 & Colossians 3:12-17

Robert Ragoonanan

Ahead in Adult Faith Formation

Creativity as Spiritual Practice: July 20 following worship

We will meet after church to explore how art can be a form of reflection and emotional expression. No art skills needed—just a willingness to slow down and be present.

Summer Books for Children's Worship

This week: *Don't Ask Cat!* by Laura Gehl

Next week: *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* by Kadir Nelson

Cat always says what's on his mind, no matter how much his words may upset others. But when he hears his friends talk about him, Cat realizes that words can hurt, even though that may not be the intention.



Matthew 25:31-46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. Convicted by this passage, the Presbyterian Church (USA) decided to act boldly and compassionately to see our neighbors through Jesus' eyes and and serve those who are marginalized or in need, **by building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty.**

This initiative and vision unite churches across the PC(USA), energizing our common mission to serve and embody the radical love of Jesus.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher Rev. Laurie Hartzell

Liturgists Susan Jennings, Minister for Pastoral Care & Mission
..... Chuck Hekman, Elder for Nominations

Musicians.....Robert Ragoonanan, Minister of Music
..... Viviana Kloostra, Soprano
.....Cheri Reid & Trish Reid, Mezzo-Sopranos

Ushers..... Mary Dirkse, Lou VanderHave, Bill Baguley
..... Todd Helle, Heather Lermont-Pape, Bob & Betty Jo Norby

AV Team Dan Cisler, 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.



What Do You See?

SEASON OF THE SPIRIT

JULY 13, 2025

10:00 A.M.

This Week's Calendar

SUN. JULY 13

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

MON. JULY 14

- 9:30 a.m. Open Door Ministry Front Lobby
- 5:30 p.m. WPC Community Night.... Downtown Market

TUES. JULY 15

- 9:30 a.m. Open Door Ministry Front Lobby

WED. JULY 16

- 9:30 a.m. Open Door Ministry Front Lobby

THURS. JULY 17

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

SUN. JULY 20

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal..... Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour.....Gathering Place

Announcements

REFLECTIONS: The Summer 2025 edition of Reflections is now available! Join us as we celebrate the stories of Westminster and share in the life of the church. You can read Reflections at westminstergr.org/reflections/.

HIGH SCHOOL POOL PARTY: July 13, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. High schoolers, including those incoming and outgoing, and youth leaders are invited to the Behee home for a pool party! Pizza provided. Check our newsletter for more information.

WPC COMMUNITY NIGHT: July 14, 5:30 p.m., Downtown Market All are welcome! We will gather at the Downtown Market to grab ice cream, coffee, or dinner, and enjoy community and fellowship. Email Deanna at deannac@wpcgr.org if you plan to attend!

GOOD SOIL BOOK STUDY: *Good Soil* books are available for \$20 in the Gathering Place. Mondays in August we will discuss the book at together as a community at people's homes, visit the GVSU sustainability farm, and gather for a summer salad "harvest" potluck with author Jeff Chu.

DÉGAGÉ VOUCHERS: Dégagé vouchers will be on sale for \$2 each this morning in the Gathering Place after worship. Members and friends of Westminster have offered these vouchers to folks asking for money; these vouchers can be used for services at Dégagé Ministries, including meals, storage space, haircuts, clothing, and more.

DROP-IN CHOIR: July 20, 9:15 a.m. rehearsal before the service Guests are invited to join the Sanctuary Choir for this service! We will sing two easy and fun anthems: *The King of Love* arr. Paul Christiansen and *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table* arr. Carl Diton. Please RSVP to Robert Ragoonanan, Minister of Music, at robertr@wpcgr.org if interested in participating.

LETTER SIGNING FOR GRAND RIVER BANDS OF OTTAWA INDIANS: U.S.

Congresswoman Hillary Scholten recently reintroduced the bipartisan Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration Act alongside Rep. John James. This bill would give the tribe official recognition from the federal government, and help tribal members receive important services, such as health care, tuition, and housing assistance. The session has approved a letter of support to be sent to Rep. Scholten and Rep. James. Please stop by the table in the Gathering Place on Sunday, July 20 to include your signature of support to the letter.

WESTMINSTER CAMP: August 28-August 31, Camp Henry Visit the website to register; deadline is July 27!



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.