

MORNING WORSHIP
The Time is Ripe

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"I'm just grateful to have had him (God) on my mind the whole time..." —Dorothy Day

"Remember who you are..." —Mufasa to Simba in "The Lion King"

"Whatever breaks our hearts, shapes our faith." —Rev. Terry McDowell, Presbyterian Outlook

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.

Opening Voluntary

"Slavonic Dances, Op. 46" Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)
IV. Tempo di Menuetto

++Call to Worship

Katie Good & Nico Morales

Come, you with much faith and you with little;

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Come, you whose hope is overflowing and you whose hope is thin;

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Come, you who have energy for the journey and you who are weary;

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Come one! Come all! You are seen and you are loved.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

++Hymn 366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Hyfrydol

Prayer of Confession

When we judge rather than engage,

Lord, have mercy.

When we trust violence rather than peace,

Lord, have mercy.

When we disperse rather than gather,

Lord, have mercy.

When we anchor our hope in shallow things rather than trust your ways,

Lord have mercy.

When we succumb to despair and fear rather than pursue hope,

Lord, have mercy.

When we forget your deep and wide love

and then fail to love each other and your creation,

Lord, have mercy.

Silent Confession

Kyrie

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Kyrie Eleison

++ Stand in body or in spirit

Bold text is spoken by the congregation

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!

++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

"The King of Love"

Irish hymn

arr. Paul Christiansen (1914-97)

The text of this piece can be found in the hymnal, hymn 802

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

Amos 8:1-12

Old Testament p. 856

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Time is Ripe"

Rev. Laurie Hartzell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Hymn 315

"In the Midst of New Dimensions"

New Dimensions

Affirmation of Faith (from The Confession of Belhar)

We believe in the triune God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit.

We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;

that God calls the church to follow God in this, that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an every-flowing stream.

Jesus is Lord! To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the 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

"I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

Spiritual

arr. Carl Diton (1886-1962)

The text of this anthem can be found in the hymnal, hymn 770.

++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.

Generous God, you pour out blessings and cover us with gifts of love. In response, we offer ourselves and our resources to you. May our lives proclaim your mercy, reveal your justice, and embody your grace. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Hymn 307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Cwm Rhondda

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"Summer Dreams, Op. 47"

Amy Beach (1867-1944)

V. Elfin Tarantelle

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

July 27

A New Beginning

Rev. Riley Jensen

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

Robert Ragoonanan

August 3

I Will Say to My Soul, 'Soul...'

Rev. Jen Porter

Luke 12:13-21

Diane Helle, Violin & Janlee Richter

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher Rev. Laurie Hartzell

Liturgists Rev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor
..... Katie Good & Nico Morales

Musicians..... Robert Ragoonanan, Minister of Music
..... Janlee Richter, Music Ministry Associate
..... Sanctuary Choir & Guests

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

AV Team Dan Cisler, Rachel Kamstra, Ricky Rivard



Henriëtte Asscher, Still life with fruit in bowl

Ahead in Adult Faith Formation

Creativity as Spiritual Practice: July 20 following worship

In this session, we'll 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. We'll begin with a short breathing exercise to center ourselves, followed by simple doodling to relax the mind. Then, we'll look at how different colors can reflect different emotions (like peace, joy, sadness, or hope), and use that to guide our artwork. At the end, anyone who feels comfortable can share their work and what it meant to them.

Supplies provided: Colored pencils, pens, and paper.
This is a peaceful, non judgmental space—perfect for anyone who wants to connect through stillness, color, and reflection.

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

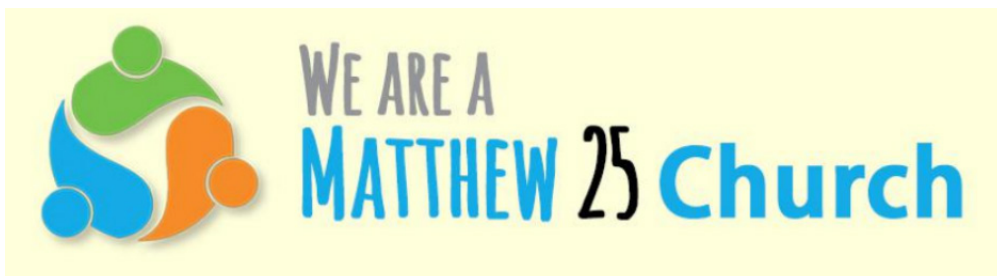
For more information about youth or young adult ministry, please contact our Minister with Youth and Young Adults Kat Hand at kath@wpcgr.org.

Summer Books for Children's Worship

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

Next week: *Ruby's Tools for Making Friends* by Stott

What began as a spiritual has developed into one of America's best-known songs, and now for the first time it appears as a picture book, masterfully created by award-winning artist Kadir Nelson. Through sublime landscapes and warm images of a boy and his family, Kadir has created a dazzling, intimate interpretation, one that rejoices in the connectedness of people and nature. Inspired by the song's simple message, Kadir sought to capture the joy of living in and engaging with the world. Most importantly, he wished to portray the world as a child might see it—vast and beautiful.



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SEASON OF THE SPIRIT

JULY 20, 2025

10:00 A.M.

This Week's Calendar

SUN. JULY 20

10:00 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour.....Gathering Place

MON. JULY 21

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

TUES. JULY 22

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

WED. JULY 23

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

THURS. JULY 24

10:30 a.m. Food Pantry Front Lobby

SUN. JULY 27

10:00 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour.....Gathering Place

Announcements

CONTRIBUTION TO PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE FUND: On behalf of the congregation, the Mission Partnership Committee has contributed \$10,000 to the PC USA Disaster Assistance fund in support of the flooding in TX. We are grateful for the ability to offer assistance in times of great need. If you would like to make an individual contribution, you can do so at pcusa.org/disaster-assistance/active-responses/national-disaster/texas-hill-country-flooding.

LETTER SIGNING FOR GRAND RIVER BANDS OF OTTAWA INDIANS: July 20 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 letters of support to be sent to Rep. Scholten and Rep. James, along with Senator Peters and Senator Slotkin, and Governor Whitmer. Please stop by the table in the Gathering Place after worship to include your signature of support to the letters.

TOGETHER WEST MICHIGAN FUNDRAISING: July 27 Together West Michigan has had a lot of success since we kicked off here at Westminster in 2022. We've been growing in numbers of organizations, visibility, and influence, and we have big plans for 2026! As part of our ongoing fundraising campaign, we will be in the Gathering Place after the service on July 27. Come by to learn more about the work we are doing and the impact your donation can make!

SUPPORT OUR IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE NEIGHBORS: August 3 Together West Michigan seeks to support the wellbeing of refugees and immigrants. After the service on August 3, you are invited to join a conversation to learn more about the immigration system and the stories of people directly affected. We'll learn ways to take action to be allies to our immigrant neighbors.

DÉGAGÉ DINNERS: Westminster serves dinner at Dégagé Ministries every other month on the second Sunday of the month, and we could use a few more volunteers to help out. The time commitment is 4:45 to 6:00 p.m, and interested volunteers do not need to be available each time. If you would like to be on the email list for this opportunity, please let Brian Kamstra know at briank@wpcgr.org.

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

PLASTIC BAGS: The food pantry is in need of more clean, plastic grocery bags.



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.