

MORNING WORSHIP
Lambs in the Midst of Wolves!

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"The ultimate test of moral society is the kind of world that it leaves to its children."
—Deitrich Bonhoeffer

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 "Sounds" from Brevities for organ Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)

++Call to Worship Elder Cheryl VanTil

God hears our cries
and restores our troubled souls.
We can't keep silent.
We sing God's praises with joy!
God nurses and comforts us
until our hearts are strong like mountains.
We can't keep silent.
We sing God's praises with joy!
God's love sustains us to flourishing.
We can't keep silent.
We sing God's praises with joy!

++Hymn 509 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" Holy Manna

Prayer of Confession

God of perfect love,
you continually bring forth life,
transforming sadness to joy,
and despair to hope.
We are weak,
but you are strong.
Our ways are flawed,
but your ways are true.
We are seldom right,
but you are never wrong.
Forgive us, redeem us, transform us.
Take away the sin that burdens us,
and restore us to the people
you would have us be,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Silent Confession

Kyrie "Lord, Have Mercy" Kyrie Eleison

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

++ Stand in body or in spirit
Bold text is spoken by the congregation

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 3)
In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
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 Poem" Florence B. Price (1887-1953)
from On My Mantelshelf

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 Psalm 30:1-12 Old Testament p. 505
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 New Testament p. 71

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Lambs in the Midst of Wolves!" Rev. Dr. Randal Jelks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Hymn 288 "Spirit of the Living God" Living God

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 Chorale Prelude on "Abide with Me" William Bolcom (b. 1938)

++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 Music "Graceful Ghost Rag" William Bolcom

Communion of the People

Prayer of Response

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with Christ's bread of life and cup of salvation. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Hymn 182 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" Kingsfold

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary "Fanfare" Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

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 13

What Do You See?

Rev. Laurie Hartzell
Amos 7:7-17
Robert Ragoonanan

July 20

A Tale of Two Families

Rev. Laurie Hartzell
Amos 8:1-12
Robert Ragoonanan

Summer Books for Children's Worship

This week: *The Yellow Bus* by Loren Long

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

There is a bright yellow bus who spends her days driving. She loves carrying children from one important place to another. Every morning, they climb in . . . Pitter-patter, pitter-patter, giggle, giggle-patter. And they fill her with joy.

As time passes, things change. The Yellow Bus gets a new driver, a new route, and new passengers, young and old. Until one day the driving stops for good, and the Yellow Bus is left on her own. And yet, no matter where she is, the Yellow Bus still finds joy and discovery in the world around her.

With stirring black-and-white artwork and powerful pops of color, *The Yellow Bus* is a story that spans generations with an enduring and poignant message about new beginnings, happiness, and hope.

American Composers Played in Today's Service

Gwyneth Walker (New York & Connecticut) • Florence Price (Little Rock & Chicago) • William Bolcom (Seattle & Ann Arbor) • Richard Proulx (St. Paul & Chicago)

A Poem was written by Price in the 1930s. She composed over 200 piano pieces in her lifetime, from simple pieces for children to virtuosic concert pieces. A major step in her career was when the Chicago Symphony premiered her Symphony No. 1 (June 1933), marking the first major orchestral performance of a composition by a black woman.

Abide with Me was written by Bolcom in memory of his father, three days after his father's death. Bolcom was on the faculty of the University of Michigan from 1973-2008. **Graceful Ghost Rag** is dedicated to Bolcom's father, using a more introspective and lyrical approach to the ragtime style. Ragtime is a uniquely American piano genre, popular in the 1890s to 1910s, known as the direct precursor to jazz.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher Rev. Dr. Randal Jelks

Liturgists Rev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor
..... Cheryl VanTil, Elder for Stewardship
..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister for Children & Families

Musicians..... Janlee Richter, Music Ministry Associate

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

AV Team Ian Dengerink-Van Til, Marcos Calderon, 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.

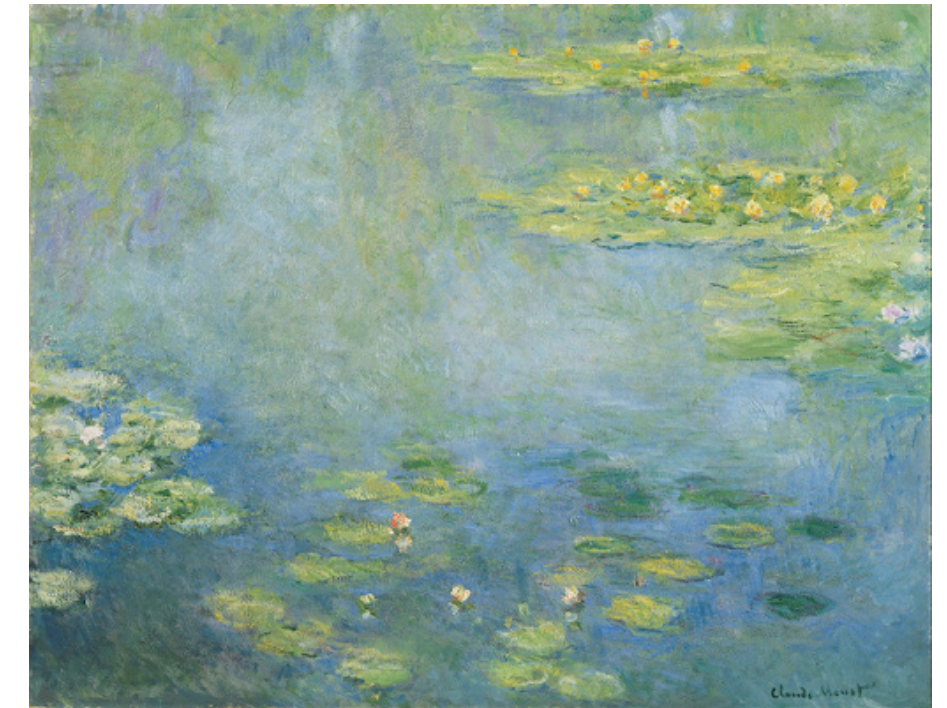
We have accessible, all-gender, companion bathrooms available off of the Dining Room.

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.



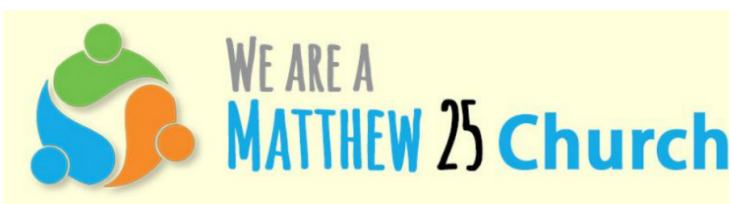
Waterlilies Claude Monet, 1906

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SEASON OF THE SPIRIT

JULY 6, 2025

10:00 A.M.



This Week's Calendar

SUN. JULY 6

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

MON. JULY 7

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

TUES. JULY 8

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

WED. JULY 9

- 9:30 a.m. Open Door Ministry Front Lobby
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Pub Night..... The Søvengård

THURS. JULY 10

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

SUN. JULY 13

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

Announcements

PLASTIC BAGS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY: You can help support the food pantry, and recycle, by donating clean plastic grocery bags! Simply bring your bags to the Welcome Desk at church.

GOOD SOIL BOOK STUDY: “Good Soil” books will be available for \$20 this Sunday and next Sunday in the Gathering Place. Mondays in August we will discuss the book at together as a community at people’s homes (8/4, 8/11), visit the GVSU sustainability farm (8/18), and gather for a summer salad “harvest” potluck with Jeff Chu (8/25). If there is need for more books than we have on hand, a sign up sheet will be available for pick up the following Sunday.

YOUNG ADULT PUB NIGHT: July 9, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., The Søvengård Join us for our July pub night at The Søvengård.

WPC COMMUNITY NIGHT: August 14, 5:30 p.m., Downtown Market

Everyone is welcome to join us for our next WPC Community Night! We will gather at the Downtown Market to grab ice cream, coffee, or dinner, and enjoy community and fellowship. Please email Deanna at deannac@wpcgr.org if you plan to attend!

WESTMINSTER CAMP: August 28-August 31, Camp Henry Enjoy some late summer days at exciting and beautiful Camp Henry by joining your church family at Camp 2025. Visit the website to register; deadline is July 27!

YOUTH UPDATE: Our middle schoolers have returned from their trip to Detroit! We enjoyed our time staying at Fort Street Presbyterian, riding on the people mover, serving the community, and seeing the Tigers play. High schoolers and youth leaders, join us for a pool party at the Behee home on Sunday, July 13!

LOST OR LENT ITEMS FROM YOUTH TRIPS: If you are missing any items you lent or lost track of during the summer trips, they are in Kat’s office. Feel free to set up a time to get them back, or just stop by when the church office is open! If you wish for them to be donated, let Kat or Sara know.

SIMPLY GIVE SUPPORTING FOOD PANTRY: Simply Give donation cards will be available at the front desk starting this Sunday to support the Food Pantry. If you take a card, you can add it to your cart at the 28th Street and Kalamazoo Meijer store’s checkout now through September 27 to benefit the Downtown Food Pantry. Simply Give cards can also be found at the store and used in the same way to support the Food Pantry.



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.