

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

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"The Chinese pictograph for 'busy' is composed of two characters: heart and killing. Sabbath exposes the lie that busyness is the visible expression of significance. It invites us to slow down, reminds us that we do not need to earn love or rest, and confirms to us that we are already enough, just as we are."

—Travis West, "The Sabbath Way"

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

"Organ Fugue in D major" L. van Beethoven (1770-1827)

++Call to Worship

Marian Wenzel

Everyone who thirsts,

Come to the waters.

All who hunger for righteousness:

Come and be fed.

All who need the help of God, come.

Come and find life in God.

++Hymn 821

"My Life Flows On"

How Can I Keep from Singing

Prayer of Confession

Living Love, your world has all that we need. You have given us bread for this day. It is bread enough for the whole world. Help us to share. Help us to live generously with one another. This is the melody of life. Teach us to sing, free from all which holds us back. Lord, hear our prayer...

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!

++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

"Aria"

Jacques Ibert (1890-1962)

Diane Helle, Violin

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

Luke 12:13-21

New Testament p. 74

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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

Rev. Jen Porter

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Hymn 515

"I Come with Joy"

Dove of Peace

(Stanzas 1-4)

Offering Our Lives

Rev. Jessica Bratt Carle

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

"Aria"

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

Diane Helle, Violin

++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 of the People

Communion Music

"Piano Sonata in A major, K. 331" W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

I Andante grazioso

Prayer of Response

God of Life and Spirit, you have fed us with your Word and poured out your love upon us. We thank you, for each taste of your goodness and all the ways it strengthens us. May we go to share your bread of heaven with our hungry world. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Hymn 693

"Though I May Speak"

Gift of Love

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"Postludium"

Flor Peeters

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

August 10

Rev. Kyle Nolan
Robert Ragoonanan

August 17

Rev. Riley Jensen
Robert Ragoonanan

Together West Michigan

SUPPORT OUR IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE NEIGHBORS: August 3, Chapel after worship
Together West Michigan seeks to support the wellbeing of refugees and immigrants. After the service today, 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.

Summer Books for Children's Worship

This week: *Small Things Mended* by Robinson

Next week: *Millie Fleur's Poison Garden* by Mandin

Kindly Cecil has a broken heart, but when the kids in his neighborhood start asking him to fix their valuables—a music box, a watch, a stuffed elephant—he gradually finds that he knows just how to do this mending. And in return, his circle of new friends offers the mending that his own heart needs.

This gentle, kindhearted story brings the generations of a community together to sustain and enrich one another, and it beautifully showcases the value of fixing things—and loving their history—rather than quickly discarding them.



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

PreacherRev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor

Liturgists Marian Wenzel
..... Rev. Jessica Bratt Carle
..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister with Children & Families

Musicians.....Janlee Richter, Music Ministry Associate
..... Diane Helle, Violin

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

AV TeamDan Cisler, Karsten Kotchenruther, 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.



Winnowing Grain, Eastman Johnson, 1824-1906

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SEASON OF THE SPIRIT

AUGUST 3, 2025

10:00 A.M.

This Week's Calendar

SUN. AUGUST 3

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour.....Gathering Place
- 11:15 a.m. Together West Michigan.....Chapel

MON. AUGUST 4

- 9:30 a.m. Open Door Ministry Front Lobby
- 6:30 p.m. *Good Soil* Book StudyOffsite

TUES. AUGUST 5

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

WED. AUGUST 6

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

THURS. AUGUST 7

- 10:30 a.m. Food Pantry Front Lobby
- 3:00 p.m. Together West Michigan..... Parlor

FRI. AUGUST 8

- 9:00 a.m. *Red Alert!* Youth Outing Carpool..... Parking Lot

SUN. AUGUST 10

- 9:15 a.m. Baptism Seminar Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour.....Gathering Place
- 11:30 a.m. High School Beach Day Carpool Parking Lot
- 12:30 p.m. Trillium Quartet Rehearsal..... Choir Room

Announcements

GOOD SOIL BOOK STUDY: Mondays in August, 6:30–8:30 p.m. Join us for an experiential book study based on Jeff Chu's book, *Good Soil*. Visit the website learn more and sign up.

YOUTH UPDATE: On August 8, middle schoolers and high schoolers are invited to visit the *Red Alert!* art exhibit by Joel Schoon-Tanis. Please RSVP using the newsletter or on the youth page of the WPC website. On August 10, high schoolers are invited to a beach day. We will leave after worship and return before dinner. Please RSVP on the newsletter or website.

BORROWED ITEMS: If you lent items to the high school trip this summer, please email kath@wpcgr.org whether you'd like them back or prefer they be donated.

TRILLIUM QUARTET RECITAL: August 17, 11:00 a.m. Join the Trillium Quartet in a short recital August 17 following worship, performing Beethoven's String Quartet in F Major, Op. 59 No. 1. Enjoy this casual concert following worship along with our usual coffee and cookies!

AV TEAM HIRING: If you want to help support our digital ministry and would enjoy working with cameras and audio equipment, this could be the perfect opportunity for you! No experience necessary. Contact Deanna at deannac@wpcgr.org if interested.

BAPTISM Seminar: August 10, 9:15 a.m., Parlor. Baptism: August 17
If you are interested in baptism at Westminster, we offer a seminar to talk about what this important sacrament means to all of us. Contact Nancy Greidanus (nancyg@wpcgr.org) before August 6 if you plan to attend.

FIRST RESPONSE TEAM: We are in the process of updating our emergency response plan and are looking for volunteers that may be interested in serving Westminster in this capacity. If you are a medical provider, first responder or are CPR, AED, and First Aid certified (or are interested in becoming certified), please email welcome@wpcgr.org for further details.

SIMPLY GIVE: Simply Give donation cards are available at the front desk to support the Food Pantry. You can take a card and add it to your cart at the 28th Street and Kalamazoo Meijer store's checkout now through Sept. 27 to benefit the Food Pantry. Simply Give cards can also be found at the store and used in the same way. The first double match day, where Meijer will triple any donations received through Simply Give, will be August 16.



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.