

MORNING WORSHIP

Go Therefore

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"All theological language is an approximation, offered tentatively in holy awe. That's the best human language can achieve. We can say, "It's like—it's similar to..." but we can never say "It is..." because we are in the realm of beyond, of transcendence, of mystery. And we must—absolutely must—maintain a fundamental humility before the Great Mystery. If we do not, religion always worships itself and its formulations and never God." —Richard Rohr

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Kat Hand

As we prepare for worship, we are invited to be attentive to God's presence in our midst.

Opening Voluntary

"Flötenuhr Musik" Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)
(Music for Flute Clocks)
XIV. Minuet in C Major

++Call to Worship

Elder Eric Richter

Our gracious God has created us and called us God's own.
Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has redeemed our lives.
The Holy Spirit sustains and guides us all the days of our lives.
In gratitude and joy, let us worship the triune God!

++Hymn 1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

Nicaea

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you see us as we really are—a people who prefer our own will to yours. We focus on ourselves and give little care to others. We wander through our days giving little thought to our own discipleship, let alone our call to help others become disciples. Forgive us, God of grace. Set us once again on your right path.

Silent Confession

Kyrie

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Lee Afdahl

Musical notation for the Kyrie, including a treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), and 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, Christ, have mer - cy up - on us, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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

++Response Hymn 582

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" Glory to God

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

++Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Ministry of Music

"Bonse Aba"
Translation from Bemba: arr. Victor C. Johnson (b. 1978)
Zambian folk song,
All those who sing with [the] spirit have a right to be called the children of God.
Declan Hayes, Percussion
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

Matthew 28:16-20

New Testament p. 34

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Go Therefore"

Rev. Lynette Sparks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Hymn 298

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

Abbot's Leigh

++Affirmation of Faith Adapted from the Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA)

In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love, God created the world good,
acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation,
and makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God, was crucified,
and raised from the dead, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the church.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Youth Trip Commissioning

Rev. Jen Porter

Recognition of Angie Kelley's Retirement

Julia deJonge

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

Offertory

"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

++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 unending gifts, we praise you for your abundant goodness.
As you are generous, we want to be generous, too. May the gifts we bring extend your generosity into the world, so that all people may be made whole by your goodness and grace. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Hymn 747 "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" Enviado

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary "Toccata in C Major" Carlos Seixas (1704-42)

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

Sunday, June 7
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Restored to Life
Rev. Lynette Sparks
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
Dr. Rob Hobgood, Guest Organist

Sunday, June 14
Courageous Witness
Rev. Lynette Sparks
Matthew 9:35-10:23
Janlee Richter, Eric Tanner: Violin, Stacey Tanner: Cello

Honoring Our Graduates

Congratulations to members of our community who have recently graduated!

- Samuel Baker: Caledonia High School
Brady Miller: Forest Hills Northern High School
Callum Reid: East Grand Rapids High School
Dillan Roosien: West Michigan Aviation Academy
Dylan Van Skiver: Forest Hills Northern High School
Hugh Buitendorp: Bachelor of Business Administration, Loyola University
Fritz Duncan: Bachelor of Arts, Hope College
Brooke Miller: Bachelor of Science, University of Wisconsin
Sydney Weller: Bachelor of Science, Grinnell College
Callie Oglan: PhD in Public Health & Biostatistics, Case Western Reserve University
Benjamin Ohene: Masters of Public Administration, Grand Valley State University

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher.....Rev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor
Liturgists ..... Kat Hand, Minister with Youth & Young Adults
.....Rev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor
.....Eric Richter, Elder for Justice
.....Julia deJonge, Personnel Committee
Musicians..... Robert Ragoonanan, Minister of Music
..... Janlee Richter, Music Ministry Associate
..... Declan Hayes, Percussion
..... Kirk Singers
AV Team ..... Joe Putt, Ricky Rivard, Sam Putt, Rachel Kamstra
Ushers..... Bernie Smith, Kathy Smith, John Boerman, Sherrill Vore
..... Marian Vanderwall, Tom DeVries, Ralph Hammond, Ben Boerkoel

Welcome to Westminster

MEMBERSHIP

If you have questions about the life of the church or becoming a member, please email Susan Jennings at susanj@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 recommend you sit in front of the balcony for the best sound quality.

We have accessible, all-gender, companion bathrooms 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

The middle & high school youth groups gather in the summer! To see our upcoming events and sign up for our newsletter, visit westminstergr.org/youth-ministries/



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TRINITY SUNDAY

MAY 31, 2026

10:00 A.M.

# Announcements

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**CELEBRATING ANGIE KELLEY!** Since 2008, Angie Kelley has been a valued Westminster staff member, serving in multiple roles including as Finance Manager, Church Administrator, Food Pantry Director, and most recently as Business Manager. Earlier this year, Angie announced her intention to retire, and this next week will be her final full week with Westminster. If you wish to send her a card or note, her mailing address is 1145 Treeway Dr. NW, Sparta, MI 49345; her post-retirement email is kelleyangie@hotmail.com. Words cannot fully express our gratitude for Angie's tireless dedication and careful attention to all of Westminster's members and operations. Thank you, Angie, for blessing us in ways too many to count!

**KIRK SINGERS CONCERT: May 31, 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary** The Kirk Singers will present a short program of music from around the world that they will be taking on tour, singing in Cincinnati, Knoxville, and Asheville on the way to Montreal.

**NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION:** We are hosting our next two-session new member orientation on Wednesday, June 3 and June 10, 6:00-8:30 p.m. with dinner included. New members will be received into membership on Sunday, June 14. Please contact Susan Jennings at susanj@wpcgr.org to sign up or for more information.

**URBAN SKETCHING:** Join us for a workshop on Urban Sketching next week! We will be meeting Thursday, June 4 at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 6 at 10:00 a.m. at Westminster to learn the basics. On Saturday, June 13 at 10:00 a.m. we will travel offsite to put the skills to practice. Led by Arya Jadhav.

**WPC AT PRIDE: June 20** Westminster will be hosting a booth at this year's Pride Festival: Together We Glow, on Saturday, June 20. We are looking for volunteers to help with set up, take down, and representing WPC at the booth during the festival. This is a tangible and visible way to help share our message of inclusion and affirmation of the LGBTQ+ community. If interested, please contact Susan Jennings at susanj@wpcgr.org.

**WESTMINSTER CAMP: September 3-6, Camp Henry** Enjoy some late summer days at exciting and beautiful Camp Henry by joining your church family at Camp 2026. Absolutely everyone is welcome! Visit the website to register.

**MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH!** If you or someone you know is looking for a therapist, our Mental Health Referral Panel reference guide will help! Along with the panel, the Barbara Molhoek-Callum McPheeters Fund is available to help with financial assistance as needed. We are grateful for the generosity of the Molhoek family, the McPheeters family, and so many others that have made this fund possible. To date, Westminster has dispersed \$192,243.71 from the fund! Questions? Contact Susan Jennings at susanj@wpcgr.org.

**FOOD PANTRY BAGS:** The Food Pantry is looking for donations of reusable fabric or cloth bags, as we give these out to neighbors who can regularly use them. These can be dropped off near the front desk in the Gathering Place. The Food Pantry continues to use many plastic bags as well as part of our weekly distributions, and donations of these bags are greatly appreciated.

**SEEKING WPC MEMBERS WHO ARE ARMED FORCES VETERANS:** An album honoring WPC members who served in the Armed Forces will be on display in the Gathering Place through the fourth of July. The album was created in 2017, and we would like to update it. If you would like to include a name in the album, contact Carolyn Morse at carolynlmorse@aol.com. Please include name with rank, branch of service, dates served, and war of conflict if appropriate.

**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](mailto:angiek@wpcgr.org) or call (616)717-5533 with questions.



# This Week's Calendar

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## SUN. MAY 31

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service .....Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour ..... Gathering Place
- 11:00 a.m. Kirk Singers Rehearsal..... Choir Room
- 11:30 a.m. Kirk Singers Concert.....Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Youth End of Year Picnic ..... Pleasant Park

## MON. JUNE 1

- 9:30 a.m. Open Door Ministry .....Front Lobby
- 12:00 p.m. Justice Committee ..... Library
- 5:00 p.m. UCCF Annual Celebration..... Chapel

## TUES. JUNE 2

- 9:30 a.m. Open Door Ministry .....Front Lobby
- 7:00 p.m. Session..... Chapel

## WED. JUNE 3

- 9:30 a.m. Open Door Ministry .....Front Lobby
- 10:30 a.m. Book Group .....Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. New Member Orientation ..... Various Locations

## THURS. JUNE 4

- 10:30 a.m. Food Pantry .....Front Lobby
- 5:00 p.m. Westminster Men's Group ..... Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. Urban Sketching Workshop.....Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Violin Recital ..... Chapel

## SAT. JUNE 6

- 7:00 a.m. Montreat Youth Trip.....Parking Lot
- 10:00 a.m. Urban Sketching Workshop.....Parlor

## SUN. JUNE 7

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service .....Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour ..... Gathering Place
- 3:30 p.m. Worship Service ..... Porter Hills