



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Recognition of New Members and
Congregational Meeting
11 October 2020 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Ministry Moment

2021 Stewardship Campaign

Bill Deemer

Voluntary

Intrada

Grayston Ives

*Ringing of the Bell

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

*Call to Worship

Rev. Christian K. Choi

Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord,
for God is good; for God's steadfast love endures forever.

*Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord,
or declare all God's praise?*

Happy are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.

Let us worship God. Amen. Psalm 106:1-3

*Hymn

Come, Great God of All the Ages

Abbot's Leigh

Come, great God of all the ages; make your earthly mission known;
speak through every deed and person; let your way and will be shown.
Guide the church to true commitment; give direction now, we ask;
fit us for the work of building; dedicate us to the task.

Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit, sure foundation, cornerstone;
help us form the church eternal; may your vision be our own.
Send a message to each follower; lead all people to your way;
urge us to strong faith and action as we build the church today.

Come, great Spirit, in and with us, tune our ears to hear your call;
through the moving of your presence, let redeeming love recall
ministry in dedication, love embodied in our deeds;
challenge us to do your bidding, see your purpose, fill all needs.

Come, O come, in celebration, household of the one true God;
in commitment and rejoicing let us go where Christ has trod;
as we act in faith and reverence, let us, the future see;
place us in the church triumphant, now and for eternity.

*Invitation to Confession
and Prayer of Confession

Rev. Trajan I. McGill

Holy God, you are the Lord our God, who brought us out of the land of Egypt.
Yet, our trust in you is fragile, easily broken by the slightest pause; an answer to
prayer not instantly given, a request for peace not immediately felt. Our trust is
fragile, easily displaced by gods of our own making – the god of self-sufficiency,
chased at any cost, the god of illusion, pursued in any form. Lord, have mercy
on us, through Christ, our Lord. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

***Sung Response** Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

***Declaration of Pardon** Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. The peace of Christ be with you. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response of Praise Gloria Patri

Children's Sermon

First Scripture Reading Exodus 32:7-14
The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And God changed God's mind about the disaster that God planned to bring on God's people.

Solo Prayer Ludwig van Beethoven

Second Scripture Reading Philippians 4:1-9
Therefore, my brothers and sisters,^[a] whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Sermon Whatever

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Text: "Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just...pure, pleasing, commendable...think on these things Philippians 4:8

Solo Bless This House

Mae H. Brahe

Bless this house, O Lord we pray, make it safe by night and day.
Bless these walls, so firm and stout, keeping want and trouble out.
Bless the roof and chimneys tall, let thy peace be over all.
Bless this door, that it may prove ever open to joy and love.
Bless these windows shining bright, letting in God's heavenly light.
Bless the hearth ablazing there, with smoke ascending like a prayer.
Bless the people here within, keep them pure and free from sin.
Bless us all that we may be fit, O Lord, to dwell with thee.

Recognition of New Members

*Prayer of Welcome

We, as a church of Jesus Christ, lovingly receive you to our communion. We welcome you to this fellowship with us, in the blessings of the gospel; and we promise to treat you with Christian affection, to watch over you with tenderness, and to offer our prayers on your behalf.

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn

We All Are One in Mission

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

We are all one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.

The Church at Prayer

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

The Lord be with you and with your spirit. Let us pray.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Introduction to the Offering

***Offertory Response** Doxology

***Prayer of Dedication** Holy and Loving God, you are our home. We offer all that we have and all that we are to you, because we belong to you. Bless these gifts, and empower us, your church, that through the work of your Spirit we may glorify you with whatever is honorable, true, and just. Amen.

***Hymn** How Lovely, Lord *Merle's Tune*
How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place.
My soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace.
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest;
and so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.
In your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day
is better than a thousand if I from you should stray.
I'd rather keep the entrance and claim you as my Lord
than revel in the riches the ways of sin afford.
A sun and shield forever are you, O Lord Most High;
you shower us with blessings; no good will you deny.
The saints, your grace receiving, from strength to strength shall go,
and from their life shall rivers of blessing overflow.

*Charge and Benediction

***Voluntary** Holy God, We Praise Thy Name Flor Peeters

Congregational Meeting

(*) The congregation is invited to stand

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Ramona L Schmidt 09/11/20
United with Westminster 12/05/1965

IN MEMORIAM

Dorothy Kessler 10/02/2020
United with Westminster 04/06/1986

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Pastor and Head of Staff
Rev. Trajan I. McGill, Associate Pastor for Parish Life
Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry
Dale Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts
Adam Miller, Tenor Lyle VanDeventer, Bass
Bob Fox, Videographer Elsie Fox, Director
Nathaniel Brower, Tara Fritsch, Nancy Huston, Ushers
Marilyn Rigney, Safety Team