



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sacrament of Communion
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
9 July 2023 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

Holy Manna

Wilbur Held

***Ringing of the Bell**

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 145

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: **The Lord is good to all,
and God's compassion is over all that God has made.**

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

People: **They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power.**

Leader: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

People: **The Lord is faithful in all God's words
and gracious in all God's deeds.**

Leader: Let us worship our God who raises us up in reverence and
awe.

***Processional Hymn 104**

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Valet wir Ich dir geben

***Prayer of Confession**

God, whose love is too great to measure and beyond our wildest imagination, we have not lived as you have called us. We have neglected to love others as ourselves. We have been prone to look for our own interest over becoming a united body of Christ. Meet us where we are and forgive us, so that we may be renewed to glorify your name in our words and deeds. Hear now, our silent prayers of confession.

***Sung Response** Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us Hymnal, Back Cover

***Declaration of Pardon
and Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us greet one another with the sign of peace. Amen.

***Response of Praise** Gloria Patri Hymnal, Back Cover

Children's Sermon

Congregational Response Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.
*Children in grades Pre-K-3 will go to Summer Sunday School
class following the Congregational Response.*

First Scripture Reading Zechariah 9:9-12 Pew Bible, OT page 884

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Pew Bible, NT page11-12
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Meditation Are We There Yet? Rev. Christian K. Choi
*Text: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle
and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my
yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Matthew 11:29-30*

Anthem Irish Blessing Philip Stopford
May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be ever at your
back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall
gently upon you fields. And until we meet again, may you be
held in the palm of God's hand.

**The Presentation
and Dedication of our Gifts**

*At this time all worshipers are invited to sign and pass
the Ministry of Friendship folders in the pew racks.*

Offertory

Lord of All, Most Holy

Hal Hopson

Lord of all, most holy; how shall we give thanks?
How, for a broken body? How for a crown of thorns?
What thanks have we for such a crown?
What thanks have we, O Lord, what thanks have we?
Yet if that body of Jesus be not broken;
Our broken lives will not know the joy of healing.
If he, the Lord, the Most Holy be not mocked;
Our mocking words of the truth will not be barred.
And so we praise you, Alleluia.
And if the Lord of all life be not risen;
Our mortal lives will not rise in fullest measure.
If he not reign as the Lord of heaven and earth;
Our fainting souls will not find eternal joy.
Lord of all, most holy, hear our thankful praise.
Hear our supplication. Thanks for your life poured out;
Thanks for your broken body.
In deed, we too, would serve the world,
and praise your name forevermore. Leander Keck

***Offertory Response**

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

The people sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty...Accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine...

Hear now the prayer Christ taught us to pray, saying:

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, page 35

Words of Institution

Communion Music

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

Timothy Strand

Distribution of Elements

The elements are served without interruption. Partake of the bread as you receive it and hold the cup until all have been served so that we may symbolize our unity in Christ.

Gluten-free bread is available in the center of the plate.

***Prayer after Communion**

Holy and loving God, thank you for your grace through your banquet that we are nourished and sustained to follow you. May we be risen up with your Spirit once again, to be made whole to reflect your loving and generous presence to the world. Amen.

***Hymn 515**

I Come With Joy

Dove of Peace

*Charge and Benediction

Closing Response Forth in Thy Name Orlando Gibbons
Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue;
Thee, only thee, resolved to know, in all I think or speak or do.

***Voluntary** Toccata John Rutter

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Elder Mary Ray
- **Worship Leader:** Emily Brower
- **Bible & Cross Carriers:** Braden Barton and Abigail Eldridge
- **Greeter:** Maribeth Norton
- **Today's Communion Bread** is artisan sourdough and was lovingly baked by Mary Jo Jenkins.
- **Communion Prep Team:** Mary Ray, Ann Collins, Priscilla and Tim Kluge, Matt Kluge, Elisabeth and Mark Luttrell, Krista Steller
- **Elders Serving Communion:** Jim Kontio (Team Leader), Aaron Berkowitz, Adam Ekstedt, Gregg Humphrey, Tim Kluge, Judy Knox, Dave Leonatti, Pat McNutt, Michael Morthland, Mike Nenaber, Brad Steller, Eleanor VanDeventer
- **Home Communion Teams:** Mary and Coleman Moore, Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer, Marilyn and Jim Rigney, Krista and Brad Steller, Judy Knox and Sara Eldridge, Valerie Leonatti and Mary Ray
- **Music:** Westminster Choir, Dale Rogers, Organist
- **Ushers:** Jim Parker (Head Usher), Sophia Choi, Kathy Kenyon, Keith Hamilton, Julie McDonough, Susan Shaw, Bob Stuart, Jess Weitzel
- **Safety Team:** Rich Canady, Brad Steller
- **Videographers and Sound:** Bob Fox, Krista Steller

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Parish Nurse Ministry (Church Office)** Ellen Carpenter will be available for blood pressure checks and consultation.
- **9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Infants, toddlers, 2 & 3 year olds (Nursery)** gather for play and Bible Story. This week's lesson: "Good Morning, World!" *Caregivers: Christy Pound, Caroline Haynor*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children in Pre-K – Grade 2** begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school (**Third Floor Chapel**) following the Congregational Response. This week's lesson: "One Hundred Sheep" (Luke 15:3-7) *Teacher: Karen Sherrick*

The Library Committee has prepared a cart in the West Narthex with books on ecology and family from our Adult and Children's libraries which are available for checkout. Please look!

WI-FI HEARING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM is available in our Sanctuary. A basket is located at each Sanctuary entrance with instructions to install the app for those with Bluetooth enabled hearing aids, lanyards, and hearing amplifier packets for those with regular hearing aids, hearing amplifier packets and disposable earbuds for those without hearing aids. Please return the lanyards and hearing amplifier packets at the end of worship. For assistance, ask an usher.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS! Information about who we are is in our Welcome Brochure located in the pew pockets and on our website www.wpcspi.org. Please complete the Ministry of Friendship folder located on the end of each pew. If you are interested in joining, please speak to a pastor.

WELCOME GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH YOUTH – This morning, we are joined by the youth mission team from Grace Presbyterian Church in Wichita, KS, who stayed overnight at Westminster on their way to Chicago to participate in Sunshine Gospel Ministries and Bridge Builders program.

THE KIEFFERS are in Stowe, VT today for the 40th Anniversary Dedication Celebration of an interfaith chapel on Mt. Mansfield which Peter's father, William Kieffer, Jr., was instrumental in creating. Rev. Dr. Kieffer is currently serving as President of the Stowe Mountain Chapel board.

CONTACT MINISTRY BACKPACK COLLECTION - Once again WPC will partner in ministry with Contact Ministries through a backpack collection. This year's backpacks will be filled with school supplies and distributed to the children served by Contact Ministries and at a special vaccine event hosted by Blue Cross Blue Shield in late August. We will collect backpacks through Sunday, August 13. Last year, we collected 190 backpacks! Please drop your donated backpacks in the basket located in the West Narthex.

DR. KIEFFER'S BIBLE STUDY will gather Thursday, July 20, 6:00 p.m. for a potluck and communion at the Kieffer Home (26 Island Bay Lane, 62712). We will review and select our 2023-2024 curriculum as we begin the ninth year of our journey studying scripture together. Spouses are invited to the July 20 gathering. New members are always welcome.

MEALS ON WHEELS JULY 10-14 AND JULY 17-21. There are a few openings for ministry partners to participate. This service of kindness is best done in pairs and the expected time commitment is about an hour to an hour-and-a-half, starting at 9:30 a.m.

LITTLE PANTRY NEEDS MINISTRY PARTNERS - Thank you to the devoted ministry partners who regularly stock and clean Westminster's Little Pantry located at Graham Elementary School daily. Please sign up on the church website or contact Jennie Alt for details.

REFUGEE MINISTRY PRESENTATION SUNDAY, JULY 30

Rachael Hickman and Jess Weitzel, co-chairs of the Refugee Subcommittee, will present a Ministry Moment during worship on Sunday, July 30 followed by an informational meeting at 11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall. Come and learn about Westminster's vision to host a refugee family who will call Springfield their new home. Session approved the framework of this subcommittee's plan in May to work through Welcome Corps, a government program initiated this year, (www.welcomecorps.org). Desserts and refreshments will be provided at this informational meeting as we learn more about Welcome Corps, the anticipated timeline, additional resources needed, and next steps towards hosting a refugee family.

NOMINATIONS WELCOME

THE 2023 NOMINATING COMMITTEE is now receiving nominations for the following positions of leadership at Westminster.

DEACON (CLASS OF 2026)

ELDER (CLASS OF 2026)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (CLASS OF 2024)

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (CLASS OF 2026)

Nominations may be placed in the offering plate, emailed to the committee chair, Eleanor VanDeventer, at ehuitt@yahoo.com or placed in the Nominating Committee's mailbox on the wall in the West Narthex by the Edwards Street doors. Please complete it by August 13, 2023. Nominees will be presented for election at a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 8, 2023.

2023 Nominating Committee members: *Eleanor VanDeventer (Chair), Mary King, Michael Nenaber Brad Steller, Alan Stutz, Carolyn Swanson, and Julie Sundquist*

Name of Nominee _____

Recommended for (check choice)

Deacon Elder Nominating Strategic Planning

1. Qualities that would make this person a good church officer

2. Past experience/current interests and activities in the church

3. Helpful information: special skills, training, employment, community involvement, etc.

Your Name (optional) _____

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, July 10

Tuesday, July 11

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 12:00 PM Knitters Lunch (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)

Wednesday, July 12

- 10:30 AM Worship Planning

Thursday, July 13

- 3:00 PM Depression and Bi-Polar Support
(Conference Room)

Friday, July 14

- 3:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 PM Meal Delivered to Helping Hands Shelter

Saturday, July 15

- 4:00 PM Zerfas/Beville Wedding (Sanctuary)

Sunday, July 16

- 10:00 AM Worship Service – Sacrament of Baptism (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Summer Sunday School (Pre K – 2)
- 11:00 AM Schlosser Birthday and Anniversary Reception
(Parish Hall)

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