



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 3, 2025 AT 10AM | 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

An open and welcoming Christian community in service to God and neighbor

We Come Into God's Presence with Joy

Life of the Church

Prelude

* Call to Worship

Vickie Gross, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord celebrate God's goodness,

For we have been redeemed from trouble,

and gathered in from the lands,

From the east and from the west, from the north and from the south,

From every place, both near and far, let us worship God.

Give thanks to the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

Alleluia! Give thanks! Give thanks to God!

Based on Psalm 107

* Hymn #716

*God, Whose Giving
Knows No Ending*

BEACH SPRING

* *You are invited to stand as you are able.*

Call to Confession

Responsive Prayer of Confession

*When we consume more than our share
while others go with basic needs unmet:*
Forgive us, merciful God.

*When we are distracted by our affluence
and fail to reach out in care and concern:*
Forgive us, merciful God.

*When we are overwhelmed by desires to acquire
and consume more than we need:*
Forgive us, merciful God.

*When possessions cloud our view of you
and your gracious love:*
Forgive us, merciful God.

*When we forget your power,
and seek to control the world on our own,*
Forgive us, merciful God.
Restore us to your presence, and help us to trust in you.
Amen.

Adapted from a prayer in Lenten Prayer Service: The Spirit of Almsgiving

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

...In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, loved, and set free.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia. Amen.

* Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

* Song of Response #582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**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.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word **Luke 12:13-21**

Anthem

A Moment to Wonder

Children are invited to come forward for a short lesson on the chancel steps.

Second Reading of the Word **Hosea 11:1-11**

Sermon

Led by Love

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

We Respond to God's Word

* Song of Response #509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (v1)*

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering.

Here, in truth, we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal.

Taste and see that God is good.

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Song of Response #552 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Song of Response #553 *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Unison Prayer after Communion

Generous and steadfast God, you have gathered us from many places and fed us with grace beyond measure. Having feasted on your mercy, make us bold in mercy. Having tasted your joy, let us live with joy that spills over. Having been filled with your love, send us to be love for a hungry world. Go with us, we pray. Amen.

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

* Song of Response #714

God of the Fertile Fields, v2

**We would be stewards true,
holding in trust from you
all that you give;
help us in love to share,
teach us like you to care for people everywhere,
that all may live.**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #295

Go to the World!

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We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

And let all God's people say:
Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

This Week's News

Summer Schedule: Through August 31, worship will begin at 10:00am. The Fellowship Hall Class meets before worship, from 9:00 to 9:45am, and Reading Through the Bible gathers afterward, from 11:15 to 12:15pm.

Blessing of the Animals: Join us for a joyful and interactive Blessing of the Animals on Friday, August 15th at 7pm! Bring a pet, a photo of a beloved animal (wild or domestic), a stuffed animal, or just yourself. We'll begin with a brief outdoor worship service, reflecting on how God's love is revealed through our furry, feathered, and scaly friends. Then we'll mingle through stations offering blessings for animals and people, treats and toys for pets in attendance, and crafts to help care for creatures in the wider world. We'll also be collecting supplies for the Humane Society of Huron Valley. Find their list of most-needed items here: www.hshv.org/wishlist.

Boiler and Roof Campaign: A special "boiler and roof campaign" has been established to defray the cost of two major capital improvement projects: replacement of the boilers that heat the sanctuary, offices and associated basement areas, and replacement of the roof over the original wing of the building. These projects will cost \$130,000, which is greater than our capital obsolescence savings. Both projects need to be implemented this year. Donations are both requested and greatly appreciated and can be sent to the church office or made online to the designated fund for this work.

Grow in Faith and Friendship

Reading Through the Bible Group meets Sundays after worship at 11:15am for the summer. Please contact Marcia Anderson (hilden.anderson@gmail.com; 734-757-4305) for more info.

Sunday Morning Adult Ed meets in the fellowship hall at 9am for the summer.

Monday Conversations are weekly at 1pm online: an opportunity to discuss Sunday's sermon in a small group. The Zoom invitation is in the Friday *Good Things* and Sunday podcast emails.

Mary Martha Group meets the first and third Mondays at 7pm via Zoom. Please contact Margaret Klammer (mklammer@comcast.net) for more information.

Matthew 25 Study Group meets at 7pm on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. For meeting information please contact Elizabeth Tidd (lizbeth0405@yahoo.com) or Carol Hufnagel (carol.hufnagel@tetrattech.com).

Thursday Book Club is wrapped up for the Summer, and will resume in the Fall. Please contact Linda Harnisch with questions (rlharnisch@gmail.com).

We pray for our Westminster family

Ongoing needs: Fran Bolhouse, Cara Doane, Anne Gensheimer

For deacon care, contact your deacon directly or send an email to the deacon moderator, Janet Eaton (jmfeaton@umich.edu). To list prayer requests here, in the *Friday Good Things Are Happening* email, or Prayer Chain, contact Jill Fairchild (jill@thefairchilds.net or 734-417-0816). You can join our email prayer chain by contacting Jill. To keep us current, please share updates on those for whom we are praying.

Welcome to Westminster

Our Values: Love, Compassion, Connection, Inclusion, Earth-Care, Service

Our Mission: Show the love of Jesus Christ by welcoming everyone, without exception, into the full life of the church; participating in the joyful worship of God; engaging in regular study, reflection, prayer and sharing of our faith; committing ourselves and our resources to the spiritual and physical needs of our church family and neighbors near and far; seeking to be a good neighbor in our neighborhood.

Sunday worship podcasts are at bit.ly/westpres_online.

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