

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

Suzanne Lange, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

We gather in the presence of the One who welcomes all.

Saints and seekers, the questioning and the curious, all belong here.

We remember those who have gone before us,

Their love still shaping us, their witness still guiding us.

We celebrate the God who calls each of us by name,

Who sees us, loves us, and invites us to the table.

Come, let us worship our God of boundless grace, who gathers us into one beloved community.

* Hymn #301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

Core Values Reflection

Alice Chambers

^{*} You are invited to stand as you are able.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Welcoming God, you create a table wide enough for all, yet we confess that the communities we build too often leave some without a seat. Our systems favor the familiar, our traditions sometimes silence new voices, and our comfort can outweigh our courage. Forgive us, O God. Reshape us into a church that reflects your boundless inclusion. Help us be a community where every story is honored, and every person belongs. Amen.

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

In Christ, the walls that divide us are torn down, and the doors to grace are thrown wide open.

We are forgiven, renewed, and made part of one another again.

Thanks be to God!

* Passing the Peace

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

* Song of Response #621 | I Will Call upon the Lord

I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised. So shall I be saved from my enemies. I will call upon the Lord.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock, and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word

Luke 19:1-10

Anthem

Shall We Gather at the River?

arr. John Carter

Westminster Choir

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod; with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river, that flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Deep river, my home is over Jordan; deep river, I want to cross over into campground.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river, that flows by the throne of God.

A Moment to Wonder

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

Second Reading of the Word Revelation 7:9-17

Sermon Core Values: Inclusion Rev. Hannah Lundberg

We Respond to God's Word

* Song of Response #469 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

† Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

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:

[†] You are welcome to sign as you are comfortable and able. We include this practice as a way to engage our whole selves in worship.

Song of Response #552 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

God of all people, in this meal you have made us one. Here we are united with Christ, with the saints of the past, and with all who hunger for belonging and inclusion. Lead us in your ways of welcome and grace, that we may share this love as we continue out into the world. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

* Song of Response #591 Halle

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

And let all God's people say:

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

This Week's News

Service of Remembrance Today: Sunday, November 2 at 5pm. This service will be a peaceful and meditative time to remember those we loved and still love. Those from the wider community and those from all faith traditions are welcome. You are invited to bring a small framed photo of your loved one and light a candle in their memory.

Congregational Meeting: A brief congregational meeting will be held immediately after worship today for the purpose of electing new Elders, Deacons, and the 2026 Nominating Committee.

Getting Your Ducks in a Row: Westminster will be hosting a lunch and learn workshop after worship on November 9 to provide information on spiritual care, estate planning, and places to call home. We will meet in rooms 43/45 and a light lunch will be provided. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Christmas Decorating: Advent will be here soon! This year's decorating day will be Nov 28. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board; reach out to Lynda Berg (Irwberg@sbcglobal.net) or Richard LeSueur (rlesueur@prodigy.net) with questions. All abilities, mobilities, and experience are welcome!

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Westminster has the opportunity to assist families in need this Thanksgiving season. We're partnering with Pattengill Elementary to provide five families with Thanksgiving meals. A signup link can be found on our website or in your Friday email. Cash donations may also be made online or by check to Westminster. Please bring all donations to church by Sunday, November 16.

Children's Faith Formation: Next Sunday, November 9th, children in elementary, middle, and high school are invited to gather for their once-amonth faith formation class, at 9:30 downstairs. We will continue to study the practice of generosity, with a focus on sharing wisdom.

Grow in Faith and Friendship

Reading Through the Bible Group meets Sundays at 9:30am. Please contact Marcia Anderson (hilden.anderson@gmail.com; 734-757-4305) for more info.

Sunday Morning Adult Ed meets in the fellowship hall at 9:30am.

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@tetratech.com).

Thursday Book Club meets weekly at 1pm at Westminster and over Zoom. **Please contact Linda Harnisch for more information (**rlharnisch@gmail.com).

We pray for our Westminster family

Ongoing needs: Donna Greyerbiehl, Kathy Kamm, Elke Kramer

Condolences to the family of Jan Newton on the October 5th death of Jan.

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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