



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 12, 2026 AT 10AM | 7TH 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

Amazing Grace

arr. Rhett Barnwell

Gail Arnold, harp

* Call to Worship

Quentin Gehrke, liturgist

*We come to worship the Creator, who made the heavens and the earth,
**From the tallest mountains to the deepest oceans,
time, seasons, and stars.***

*We affirm the goodness of all of creation: complex, diverse, and kin.
How many are your works, O God! In wisdom you made them all.*

*We come to worship Jesus the Redeemer,
who walked this earth and went into the wilderness,
**Who taught us to love ALL our neighbors, and expressed sacred
promises through ordinary water, grain, and grape.***

*We come to worship the Holy Spirit, Breath of Life,
who continues to move in our world.
When you send your Spirit, you renew the face of the ground.*

*We come as a community, and we seek to live into who we were created to be:
**Resilient, a refuge, a beacon of hope,
nurturing one another, growing in knowledge of God,
and joining in the song of delight.
We praise God's name alongside all of creation!***

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of creature and sky, We have not protected the divine in all of creation. We have forgotten our origins, placing ourselves as superior to the very earth that formed us. Humble us, God; shake us from the belief that we are capable of ruling over the earth when we cannot even care for humanity. Remind us just how young we are in comparison to the cosmos. We are no saviors; make us learners. Make us listen for and heed the quiet things whispered by the soil and sea. Free us from our narcissism as we look on the suffering of other creatures and find our souls at last stirred. And as we become honest about our flagrant degradation of land, may we protect those countries and peoples who have disproportionately suffered the greed of the powerful. May we listen to the Indigenous wisdom in our midst, those who have long warned us that this land does not belong to us—that our ownership of it is our collective delusion. As we look up from the lie, may we find tree and star and dirt, and become the earth's meekest disciples and fiercest protectors. Amen.

Written by Cole Arthur Riley, from Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

Beloveds, God is faithful and just, drawing us back into right relationship. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, known, and loved.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

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

* 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.

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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 **Galatians 5:22-23**

Anthem

The Soil

by Pax Ressler

Shawn McDonald, soloist

A Moment to Wonder

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

Second Reading of the Word **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

Sermon

The Soil Song

Katie Grosh

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn #20

*All Things Bright
and Beautiful*

ROYAL OAK

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 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.

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

* Song of Response #591 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #15

*All Creatures of
Our God and King
(v.1, 2, 3, 6)*

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We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

And let all God's people say:

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

Our guest preacher this morning is Katie Grosh (she/her), an ecumenically-minded progressive Christian committed to connecting communities of faith to environmental justice. After majoring in geology at Carleton College, she taught environmental education at Urban Ecology Center in Milwaukee and received her Masters of Divinity from Yale Divinity School. Katie has experience in camp ministry, non-profits, and Great Lakes research, and currently serves as a hospital chaplain at Trinity Health Ann Arbor, kinship circle facilitator for EcoPreacher Cohort, and social media assistant for the Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology.

This Week's News

Caring for our community: Pick up a cloth grocery bag in the main entry today and bring it back next Sunday with nonperishable food and personal and household items for Hope Clinic's food pantry.

Playground Expansion! Westminster will be adding a play structure for younger ages this summer! This is a gift to our neighborhood and a place for Westminster and UDT preschool children to play. Please consider contributing a special gift toward this project through our online giving page. Also, stay tuned for information on the assembly day for the project expected in late July or early August. We will need many hands!

Youth Summer Book Read: The next youth book discussion will take place on Sunday, August 2nd at 7pm at Ben and Jerry's on State Street, discussing the book *The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler* by John Hendrix. If you need a copy, there are several in the public office, or reach out to Pastor Hannah.

Prayers for our Middle Schoolers: Several of our youth are away this weekend at the Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference in Harrisonburg, VA, along with Pastor Hannah and several youth from First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor. Keep them in your prayers as they travel and deepen their relationship with God!

Grow in Faith and Friendship

Reading Through the Bible Group meets Sundays at 11:15am in the Library and via Zoom over the summer. Contact Marcia Anderson (hilden.anderson@gmail.com; 734-757-4305) for more information.

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

Children and Youth Faith Formation is off for the summer and will resume in the fall. Contact Cathy Daniels (catld1121@gmail.com) for more info.

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. 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 off for the summer and will resume in the fall. Contact Linda Harnisch for more information (rlharnisch@gmail.com).

We pray for our Westminster family

Ongoing needs: Elke Kramer, Fran Bolhouse

For deacon care, contact your deacon directly or send an email to the deacon moderator, Amy Welzenbach (awelzenbach411@gmail.com). 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 westpresa2.org/online-sermons.

For deacon care, please contact Amy Welzenbach (awelzenbach411@gmail.com).

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