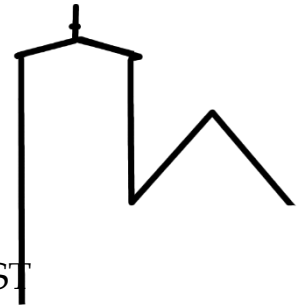


WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1420 West Moss Avenue
Peoria, Illinois 61606



THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

15 October 2017

Ten O'clock

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

Johann Sebastian Bach

Concerto I (after Duke Johann Ernst)

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Clark-Jones

One: *O give thanks to the Lord, who is good,*

All: **whose steadfast love endures forever.**

One: *Who can declare the praise God is due?*

All: **Happy are those who observe justice and do righteousness.**

One: *Praise the Lord!*

*THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 478

Lauda Anima

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Kim Mitchell, *Liturgist*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*praying together*)

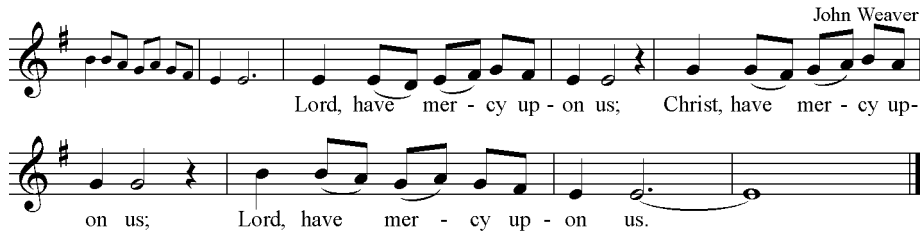
Holy God, You are the Lord our God, who brought us out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and yet our trust in You is fragile, easily crushed by our bent toward indifference - the dismissal of Your faithfulness as a result of our forgetfulness, easily broken by the slightest pause - an 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.

*TIME OF SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

**indicates all who are able may stand.*

***KYRIE**

John Weaver



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up - on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI**

John Weaver



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it: as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men. A - - - men. A - men.

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament: Exodus 32:1-14

p. 78 NRSV

The Psalter

Psalm 106

St. Anne

**1. Give thanks to God, for he is good,
His mercy lasts always;
Who can declare his mighty acts
Or show forth all his praise?**

**2. Happy are those whose acts are just,
Who always do the right!
Remember me, Lord, with your grace,
Visit me with your might;**

**3. That I may see your chosen ones,
In their prosperity,
That I may glory and be glad,
With your posterity.**

from: *A New Metrical Psalter*, Christopher L. Webber © 1986,
The Church Hymnal Corp., New York, (used and reprinted with permission)

Epistle: Philippians 4:1-9

p .198 NRSV

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

p. 24 NRSV

SERMON

Rev. Clark-Jones

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 387

Bradbury

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

***PROFESSION OF FAITH** (*Reading together*)

from Philippians 2

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

**Turn Back, O Man
The Choir**

Gustav Holst

Turn back, O Man, forswear thy foolish ways. Old now is Earth, and none may count her days, But thou, her child, whose head is crowned with flame, Still wilt not hear thine inner God proclaim, 'Turn back, O Man, forswear thy foolish ways.' Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise, Age after age their tragic empires rise. Built while they dream and in that dreaming weep. Would man but wake from out his haunted sleep, Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise. Earth shall be fair, and all her people one, Nor till that hour shall God's whole will be done. Now, even now, once more from earth to sky Peals forth in joy man's old undaunted cry 'Earth shall be fair, and all her folk be one!'

***DOXOLOGY**

Lasst und Erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*please be seated at the end of the prayer*)

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS (In your mercy ... Lord hear our prayer)

THE LORD'S PRAYER *[praying together]*

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.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 146**

Vineyard Haven

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

***COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Norman Dello Joio

May Christ Support Us All the Day Long

May Christ support us all the day long, 'til the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is o'er, and our work is done. Then in his mercy may he give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest ... and peace at the last. Amen

***POSTLUDE**

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Denise M. Clark-Jones, *Pastor*

Kim Mitchell, *Liturgist*

The Choir of Westminster

Thomas Clark-Jones, *Organist-Choirmaster*

JAZZ VESPERS continue at four o'clock this afternoon as we gather to worship in a more informal liturgy with superb jazz, scripture, prayers, silence and a short homily. This service has become very meaningful to many. Now in its third year, we invite you to invite your neighbors and friends and anyone who might be interested in jazz, or in a shorter, simpler service to become a part of our four o'clock congregation. This is a golden opportunity to grow Westminster Church but it will only happen if we work toward that end by inviting our neighbors and friends.

OPEN HANDS, OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS