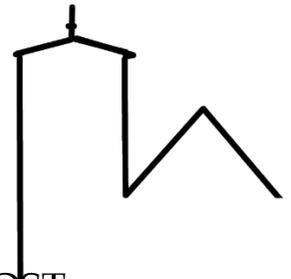


WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1420 West Moss Avenue
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THE TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

11 November 2018

Ten O'clock

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

Sigfried Karg-Elert

Marche Triumphale: "Now Thank We All Our God"

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Denise Clark-Jones

One: *Thank the Lord with all your heart, in the gathered assembly of God's people.*

All: **Mighty are the deeds of the Lord; great are God's works, studied by all who have pleasure in them.**

One: *Holy and awesome is God's name! To worship the Lord is the highest wisdom; those who do so know all that is good.*

All: **God's praises will last forever.**

*THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 553

East Aclam

For the Fruit of All Creation

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Susan Leighty, Liturgist

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(praying together)*

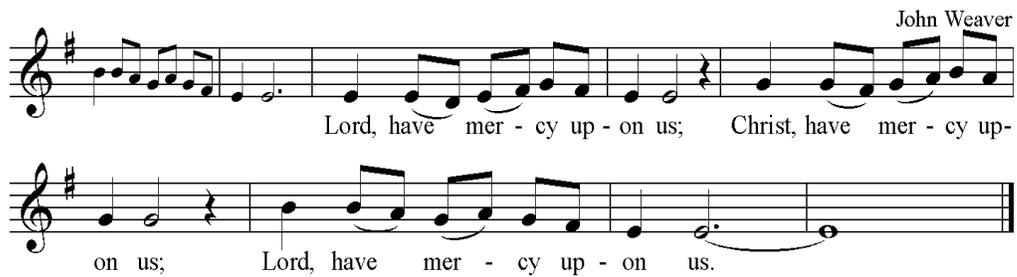
Lord of all, the nations are yours. The poor are your treasured ones—widows, orphans, the aliens you protect. Your justice reigns over all. Forgive us when our ways devour your beloved. We do not mean to cause harm, yet we do. Forgive us when we consume more than our fair share, all the while knowing that our excesses deny the poor the things they need to live. Forgive us for building bigger closets, and not clothing the naked. Forgive us for vacationing in leisure, when multitudes long simply for rest. Hear our prayer, Holy One. May your justice and grace reign forever.

*TIME OF SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

**indicates that those 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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

p. 243 *NRSV*

PSALTER (Hymnal 238)

Psalm 127

Bourbon

EPISTLE: Hebrews 9:24-28

p. 224 *NRSV*

GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

p. 49 *NRSV*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Phillipians 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!

*THE HYMN OF DEDICATION 391

Hendon

Take My Life and Let It Be

*DEDICATION OF OUR PLEDGES FOR 2019

One: *This is an important day in the life of Westminster church.*

All: **It is an important day in our lives as individuals, for it is an occasion to demonstrate our faithfulness to Christ.**

One: *Jesus said there are many who call him "Lord," but do not follow his path of discipleship.*

All: **We would like to be true followers of Jesus, and not mere nominal Christians who hold back the treasures we have stored.**

One: *We know that the real blessings of God are for those who are truly committed to him and his kingdom.*

All: **Therefore we want to offer him our hearts and minds and souls in all their fullness, and follow him with all we have**

One: *If we do that, he has promised to bless us, and to make us prosper in all the ways that matter.*

All: **The Lord is our shepherd, and he shall lead us into the paths of righteousness for his name's sake, and restore our souls all the days of our lives.**

*PRESENTATION OF OUR PLEDGES

(If you are able, we invite you to bring your card forward. If unable, hold up your card and an usher will assist.)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O How Amiable The Choir

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. They will be always praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handiwork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

***DOXOLOGY** Praise God from whom all blessings flow *Old Hundredth*
 Praise him all creatures here below,
 Praise him above ye heavenly host,
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***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 144** **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus** *Hyfrydol*

***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

LEADING IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Denise M. Clark-Jones, Pastor of Westminster Church
Susan Leighty, Liturgist
The Westminster Choir
Thomas Clark-Jones, Organist-Choirmaster

OPEN HANDS, OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS