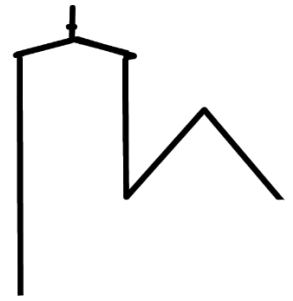


# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1420 West Moss Avenue  
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## THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

25 July 2021

Ten O'clock

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**ETERNAL GOD, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your Word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that, believing in the One whom you have sent, we may know him to be the true bred of heaven and food of eternal life, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be glory and honor forever and ever. Amen.**

*... from the Book of Common Worship, Presbyterian Church (USA)*

## GATHERING IN THE RESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

**THE PREPARATION**

**A Prelude in Jazz**

*David Hoffman*

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Rev. Clark-Jones**

**One:** *God created all things visible and invisible.*

**All:** **God provides nourishment for our bodies and our spirits.**

**One:** *God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.*

**All:** **We enter in this time of worship with awe and wonder at God's works.**

**One:** *God calls us to a new way of being – a new creation.*

**All:** **Praise be to God!**

**\*THE HYMN 263**

**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

*St. Denio*

**1. Immortal, invisible, -  
God only wise,  
In light inaccessible  
Hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed most glorious,  
The Ancient of Days  
Almighty, victorious,  
Thy great name we praise.**

**2. Unresting, unhasting  
And silent as light  
Nor wanting, nor wasting,  
Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains  
High soaring above,  
Thy clouds, which are fountains  
Of goodness and love**

3. To all life Thou givest  
 To both great and small,  
 In all light Thou livest,  
 The true life of all,  
 We blossom and flourish  
 Like leaves on a tree,  
 Then wither and perish  
 But naught changeth Thee.

4. Thou reignest in glory,  
 Thou rulest in light,  
 Thine angels adore Thee,  
 All veiling their sight,  
 All praise we would render:  
 O help us to see  
 Tis only the splendor  
 Of light hideth Thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

Music: Welsh Melody as in *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

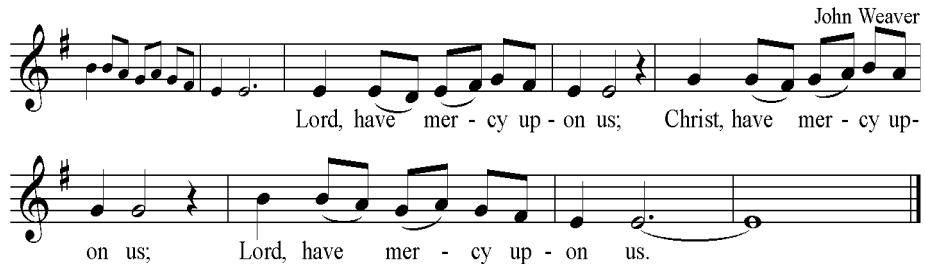
**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*praying together*)

GRACIOUS GOD, again and again in the scriptures you promise you will provide. You do provide, again and again in our lives. Still we look to hoard a super abundance through our own means. We quantify what we can and cannot do, with our knowledge of what we do and do not have. We use fear instead of faith to make our decisions, fooling ourselves about what is possible in your sight. Forgive us, and open our hearts that we may be filled with Christ's love.

**\*TIME OF SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION**

**\*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 -  
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 A - men. A - - - men. A - men.

John Weaver, 1978

# HEARING THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE LESSONS FOR THE DAY

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: II Samuel 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. <sup>3</sup>David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." <sup>4</sup>So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. <sup>5</sup>The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

<sup>6</sup>So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. <sup>7</sup>When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. <sup>8</sup>Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. <sup>9</sup>But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. <sup>10</sup>When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" <sup>11</sup>Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." <sup>12</sup>Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, <sup>13</sup>David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

<sup>14</sup>In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. <sup>15</sup>In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

#### THE PSALTER:

#### Psalm 14

*Tallis' Canon*

1. The God who sits enthroned on high The foolish in their heart deny; Not one does good; corrupt in thought, Unrighteous works their hands have wrought	2. From heaven the Lord with searching eye Looked down the sons of men to try, To see if any understood And sought for God, the only good.
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3. From righteousness they all depart,  
Corrupt are all, and vile in heart;  
Yea, every man has evil done;  
Not one does good, not even one.

4. Thy lowly servant they despise,  
Because he on the Lord relies;  
But they shall tremble yet in fear,  
For lo, the righteous God is near.

Text: The Psalter, 1912  
Music: Thomas Tallis, 1561

**EPISTLE: Ephesians 3:14-21**

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup> and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup> I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**GOSPEL: John 6:1-21**

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup> When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

<sup>15</sup> When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup> got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup> The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup> When they

had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming

near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup> But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup> Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

SERMON

The Rev. Denise M. Clark-Jones

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 329

Break Thou the Bread of Life

*Bread of Life*

1. Break Thou the bread of life,  
Dear Lord to me  
As Thou didst break the loaves  
Beside the sea.  
Beyond the sacred page  
I seek thee, Lord;  
My spirit pants for Thee,  
O Living Word!

2. Bless now the truth, dear Lord  
Now unto me.  
As Thou didst bless the bread  
By Galilee  
Then shall all bondage cease,  
All fetters fall:  
And I shall find my peace,  
My all in all.

Text: Mary Ann Lathbury, 1877  
Music: William Fisk Sherwin, 1877

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from* **Philippians 8**

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 peace of Christ be with you.*  
And also with you.

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Jazz Meditation

*David Hoffman*

## SEALING THE WORD

## INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

( ... *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 303

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

*Aberystwyth*

1. Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high;  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide  
Till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide  
O receive my soul at last.

3. Thou, O Christ art all I want;  
More than all in Thee I find,  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind  
Just and holy is Thy name;  
I am all unrighteousness,  
False and full of sin I am,  
Thou art full of truth and grace.

2. Other refuge have I none:  
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee.  
Leave, ah! Leave me not alone,  
Still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed,  
All my help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head  
With the shadow of Thy wing.

4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found  
Grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound;  
Make and keep my pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art,  
Freely let me take of thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart,  
Rise to all eternity.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1740

Music: Joseph Parry, 1879

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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## LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

Thomas Clark-Jones, *Organist-Choirmaster*

David Hoffman, *Coordinator of Jazz at Westminster*

Elder Larry Hicks, *Video Producer*

**WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER CHURCH OF PEORIA.** We are pleased to be worshipping as a congregation here on Moss Avenue as well as on the World Wide Web on this Ninth Sunday of Pentecost. We trust that this service will bring blessing and hope. We welcome, particularly, those guests worshipping with us via the World Wide Web where we are live-streaming this service. Our thanks to Elder Larry Hicks who has made the live-streaming possible through his expertise in web design. If you miss the service at ten o'clock on Sunday morning, the recording of the worship will appear for the next several weeks on the WPC You Tube Channel. If you would like to hear the sermon again, this is a perfect way to immerse yourself in the Word for the day.

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**TITHES AND OFFERINGS** are not being received through the passing of the plate at this time, but the church still needs your faithful support to continue its ministry in our community and our world, thus, there are offering plates in the Narthex as you leave the church this morning. If it is more convenient, you can send your pledge to the church office, or use the website to make your donation on line. Thank you for your faithfulness during this most difficult time.

**THIS MORNING** we welcome our Director of Jazz, David Hoffman to share some original music with us. David is not only a superb trumpet player, but also knows his way around the keyboard in an exceptional way. His offerings today are original compositions sprung from his great creativity. We pray this 'different' music will touch you in a special way. In a world full of diverse musical expression, it is good to share in the great American musical form, and explore its possibilities as a gateway to prayer, meditation and inspiration in our worship.

**THEY HYMN, 'Break Thou the Bread of Life'** is being sung this morning, as it is directly related to our Gospel lesson. We often assume that this 'breaking bread' has to do with communion ... and it does, but only indirectly in this text. Here the imagery of the "Bread of Life" refers to the scriptures and teachings of Christ ... the Bible as the Bread. Try looking at the text from this point of view and you may find new depths in it.

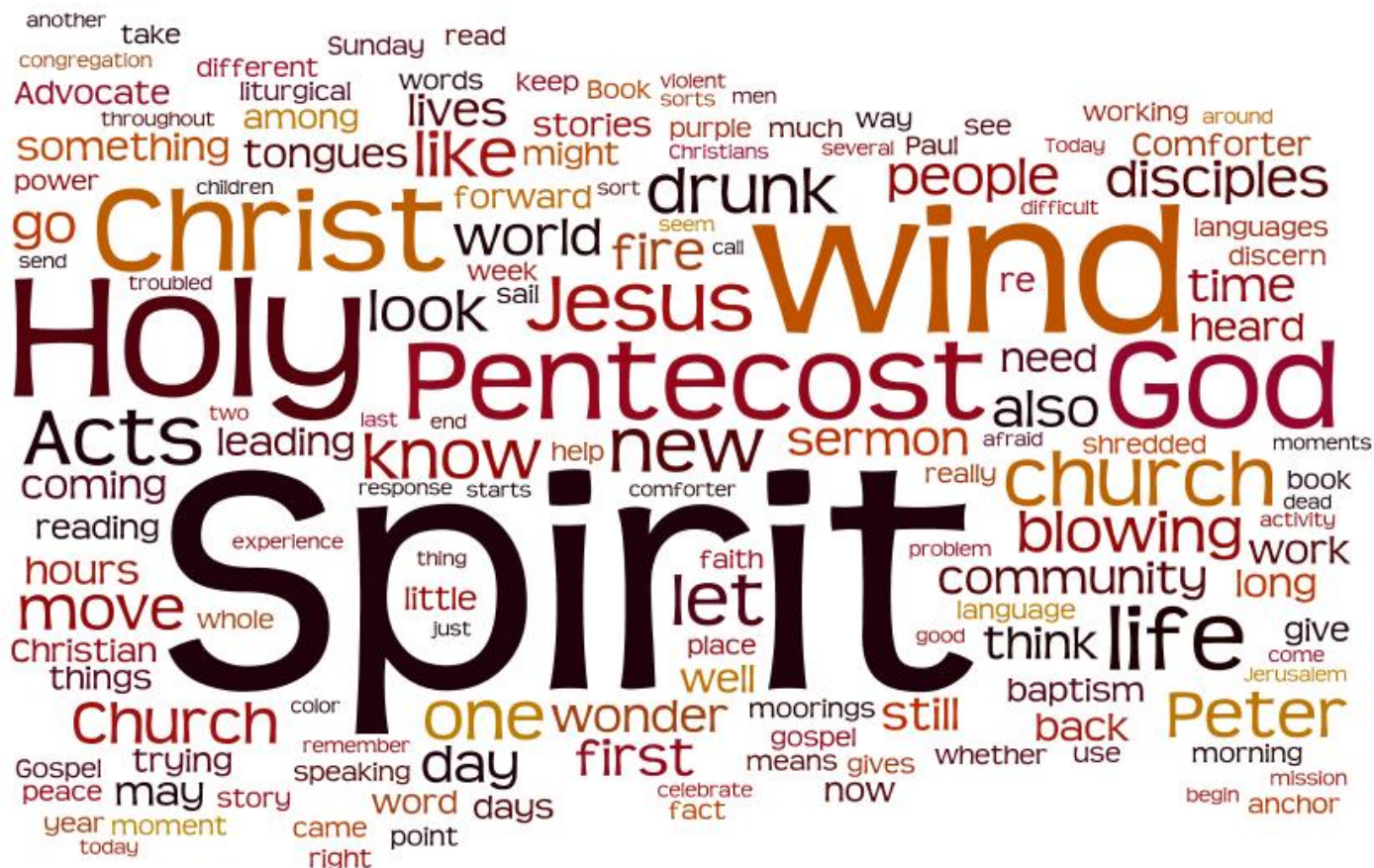
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**ALMIGHTY GOD,** you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

*... Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

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# OPEN HANDS, OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS



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