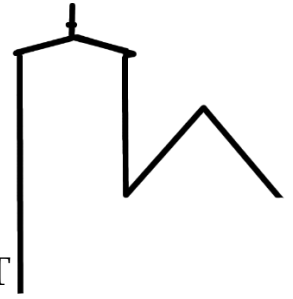


WEST MINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1420 West Moss Avenue
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THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

28 August 2022

Ten O'clock

O GOD, you invite the poor and the sinful to take their place in the festive assembly of the new covenant. May your church always honor the presence of the Lord in the humble and the suffering, and may we learn to recognize each other as brothers and sisters, gathered together around your table. We ask this through our Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

... from the Book of Common Worship, PC(USA).

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

Two partitas on *Herr wie du willst*

Georg Böhm

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: *God of Creation, Majesty and Glory,*

All: **We come to worship You.**

One: *All who exalt themselves will be humbled*

All: **And those who humble themselves will be exalted.**

One: *God invites us all to the kin-dom's banquet*

All: **Honored by God's welcome, we gather by grace.**

*THE HYMN 476

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda Anima

1. Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven
Evermore his praise sing;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

3. Father-like he tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows.

2. Praise him for his grace and favor,
To his people in distress.
Praise him still, the same as ever
Slow to chide and swift to bless
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

4. Angels, help us to adore him,
Ye behold him face to face,
Sun and moon, bow down before him
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry Francis Lyte, 1834
-Music: Franz John Goss, 1869

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

SAVIOR GOD, forgive us when we jockey for the highest position and the most honorable seat at your table. We categorize and rank according to the world's standards, not yours. We seek the favor of the powerful and refuse to welcome the poor. Forgive us when we are fearful that there is not enough. Teach us your generosity. Teach us your world-changing humility. Teach us your expansive love. Return us to Christ, our model of humility and our guide in faith.

***TIME FOR 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 - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men. A - - - men. A - men.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. ⁵ Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me
that they went far from me
and went after worthless things and became worthless themselves?

⁶ They did not say, "Where is the Lord,
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,
who led us in the wilderness,
in a land of deserts and pits,
in a land of drought and deep darkness,
in a land that no one passes through,
where no one lives?"

⁷ I brought you into a plentiful land
to eat its fruits and its good things.
But when you entered you defiled my land
and made my heritage an abomination.

⁸ The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?"
Those who handle the law did not know me;
the rulers^[a] transgressed against me;
the prophets prophesied by Baal
and went after things that do not profit.

⁹ Therefore once more I accuse you,
says the Lord,
and I accuse your children's children.

¹⁰ Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look;
send to Kedar and examine with care;
see if there has ever been such a thing.

¹¹ Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?
But my people have changed their glory
for something that does not profit.

¹² Be appalled, O heavens, at this;
be shocked; be utterly desolate,
says the Lord,

¹³ for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves,
cracked cisterns
that can hold no water.

The Word of the Lord ... Thanks be to God.

***THE PSALTER**

Psalm 81

Azmon

1. A loud shout raise to Jacob's God,
Rejoice in God our King;
Sound timbrels, pluck the merry harp,
And play the lyre and sing.

2. Blow on the ram's horn on our feast,
The full moon and the new;
This is a law of Jacob's God,
And Israel's statute, too.

3. O Israel, I will warn you now:
If only you would hear!
No foreign god shall be with you;
No strange god shall you fear.

4. I am the Lord who brought you out
Of Egypt's land and said,
"If now you open wide your mouth,
You will be truly fed."

Text: Christopher L. Webber, 1986
Music: Lowell Mason, 1839

EPISTLE: Hebrews 13:1-8; 15-16

Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.^[a] ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 14:1; 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus^[a] was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or

rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 488**

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

1. The God of Abraham praise
Who reigns enthroned above;
The ancient of eternal days,
The God of love!
The Lord, the great I Am,
By earth and heaven confessed
We bow before your holy name,
Forever blest.

2. Your spirit still flows free,
High surging as it will;
In prophets' word you spoke of old
And you speak still.
Established is your law,
And changeless it shall stand,
Deep writ upon the human heart,
On sea or land.

3. You have eternal life Implanted in the soul,
Your love shall be our strength and stay, While ages roll.
We praise you, living God, We praise your holy name;
The first, the last, beyond all thought, And still the same!

Text: Daniel ben Judah, 1404

Music: Jewish melody, arr. Meyer Lyon, 1770

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*affirming together*)

from Philippians 2

Let the same mind be in you that was^[a] in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

**Piece in g minor
Matthew Winkler, Saxophone**

Gabriel Pierne

SEALING THE WORD

INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

(... *In your mercy ... Lord hear our prayer*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER *[we pray 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 422**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Beach Spring

**1. God, whose giving knows no ending
From your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
Costly cross, grave's shattered door;
Gifted by you, we turn to you,
Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious donor of our days.**

**2. Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ, your Son;
All at peace in health and freedom,
Races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor
Lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants
Fit for answer at your throne.**

**3. Treasure too you have entrusted, Gain through powers your grace conferred
Ours to use for home and kindred, And to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands, in sharing As we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, Serving you by loving all.**

Text: Robert J. Edwards, 1961
Music: 'The Sacred Harp', 1844

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Denise M. Clark-Jones, *Pastor*
Thomas Clark-Jones, *Organist-Choirmaster*
Matthew Winkler, *Saxophone soloist*
Laurel Cramer, *Soprano Soloist*
Larry Hicks, *Video Producer*

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER CHURCH OF PEORIA and this celebration of the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. We greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and pray this service will be a blessing to all who participate. We are also live-streamed on the world wide web at www.westminsterpeoria.org. The webcast is covered by permissions granted by One License A 726060 for the use of musical portions of the service as well as to broadcast all music in the service with permission of the various publishers.

AUGUST WEDNESDAYS AT WESTMINSTER. The Peoria Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and the music department of Westminster Church conclude the series, "Wednesdays at Westminster" this coming Wednesday, August 31 at 7:30. David Byrkit, organist at Lutheran Hillside Chapel and Dean of the Peoria Chapter, American Guild of Organists is joined by Adam Gerik from Sacred Heart Church and St. Joseph's Church (RC) Peoria and Dr. Kipp Cortez, Assistant Organist at the Episcopal Chapel of St. John the Divine in Champaign. This is a wonderful time to hear some great music in the cool comfort and serene beauty of the Westminster sanctuary. Admission is free and all are cordially invited to join us.

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR resumes rehearsals on Thursday evening, September 8 at 7:30 p.m. The choir is open to all who wish to sing. If you would like to join with us, please see Tom Clark-Jones in the next week or two so music can be set aside for your use in the fall term. It would be nice to see a few more people in the loft each week. If you love singing, you will have a great time in the Westminster Choir.

OPEN HANDS, OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS



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