

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023  
THE FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## WESTMINSTER CHURCH

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in the Presbytery of the Great Rivers

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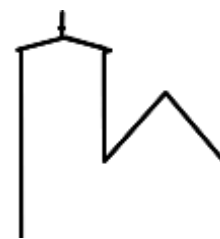
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10 September 2023

Ten O'clock

## PREPARATION

### Variations on Westminster Abbey

Richard Proulx

I. Diapasons II. Cornet III. Ayre IV. Trumpet Tune

## WELCOME

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Tim Mitchell

*One: The presence of the Lord is here among us;*

**All: Protecting us, loving us, encouraging us.**

*One: We come as a people of hope to witness God's redeeming power;*

**All: Fixing our eyes on what is true and right and Holy.**

*One: May our hearts and minds dwell in the peace only our Lord can provide. Amen.*

**All: God is good and faithful. God is worthy of our praise.**

### \*HYMN

### Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Hymnal Nr. 416

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

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

*Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we can admit to you the fullness of our lives - that which is beautiful and good and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.*

*We love with condition.*

*We judge and condemn.*

*We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes.*

*We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.*

*Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sins and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.*

*One: Lord in your mercy*

**All: Hear our prayers**

*(Trusting in God's forgiveness, Let us in silence confess our failings and acknowledge our part in the pain of the world.)*

## TIME OF SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

### \*KYRIE

Tom Clark-Jones

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

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*One: Praise God*

**All: We are forgiven**

**\*GLORIA**

Tim. Mitch Jones



Glu - ry be 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 ev - er shall be, world with - out  
end. A - men. A - - - - men.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** *(responsively)*

*One: Ever-living Spirit, give us humility of mind and hospitality of heart to receive your gracious Word in ancient stories of your faithfulness.*

**All: You have yet more light and truth for us: we long to receive it and understand. Speak now, for by your grace, your people are ready. Speak now, we are ready for you.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

**Deuteronomy 10:16-20**

*Pew Bible Page 167*

**PSALTER**

**Psalm 149**

**Refrain**



Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to the Lord a new song.

**Verse 1.** Praise God in the assembly of the just; let the name of the Lord be praised. (R)

**Verse 2.** Let Israel be glad in the Lord; let Zion rejoice in its king (R)

**Verse 3.** With dancing praise the Lord; with the music of the timbrel and harp rejoice!

**Verse 4.** The Lord delights in all the people of God; the humble are given new life. (R)

**Verse 5.** Let the faithful rejoice in their glory; in the temple let them shout for joy.

**Verse 6.** Let the praise of God be on their lips, and a two edged sword in their hands

**Verse 7.** to take revenge on the nations and punishment on the peoples, to bind the kings and princes in chains,

**Verse 8.** to execute on them the written judgment! This is the glory for all the faithful (R)

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

**Acts 10:1-20, 25-34**

*Pew Bible Page 128*

**GOSPEL**

**John 6:37**

*Pew Bible Page 98*

**SERMON**

**"Peter's Lesson"**

**Rev. Tim Mitchell**

**HYMN****Help Us Accept Each Other***Hymnal Nr. 358***\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*affirming together*)*A Brief Statement of Faith*

*We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE***The peace of Christ be with you.***And also with you.****THE GIFT OF MUSIC****Do Not Be Afraid***Phillip Stopford*

Do not be afraid for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name; you are mine.  
 When you walk through the waters I'll be with you; you will never sink beneath the waves.  
 When the fire is burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames.  
 When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side.  
 When you dwell in the exile of a stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes;  
 You are mine, O my child, I am your Father, and I love you with a perfect love.

**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.**

**\*HYMN****Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation***Hymnal Nr. 417***\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION****\*POSTLUDE****Carillon on Westminster Abby***Ashley Grote*

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