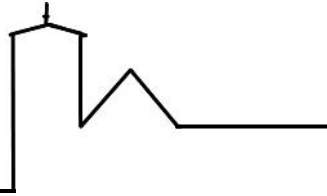


15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Westminster Presbyterian Church 9/1/2024 · 10:30AM



GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

Cortege et Litanie

Marcel Dupre

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed be the God and parent of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Thank you for every spiritual blessing.

All: May the love of God be known in this place!

May God's peace dwell in this and every land!

One: Who shall ascend the hill to reach for God?

Who shall stand in God's holy place?

All: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts.

Those who are not false or deceitful.

One: God speaks peace to all people.

Lift your heads and your hearts to God.

All: We have come to hear the word of truth.

We turn to God, eager to receive salvation.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

God of our hope, hear us as we turn to you. We have not been faithful to your word of love. We have hurt others and held grudges. We have been jealous, deceitful, and ungrateful. We have turned from your word and resisted the Holy Spirit. We have wanted our inheritance from you without the responsibilities that go with it. O God, we plead for your forgiveness and healing so that we might respond with joy to the spiritual blessings you offer. Amen.

Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayers.

TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

KYRIE

HYMNAL 565

John Weaver

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA HYMN 566

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria Patri

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

The Word of the Lord...

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 45 *(see insert)*

How Our Hearts with Joy Abound

EPISTLE: James 1:17-27

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8

The Word of the Lord...

Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

“A Prophetic Voice”

Rev. Tim Mitchell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(Adapted from the Belhar Confession)

We believe that the church, as the possession of God, must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ, the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Therefore, we reject any ideology that would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church, is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory forever and ever.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

1. For the Beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us
lies, over and around us lies: Lord of all, to thee we
raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
2. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and
stars of light; Lord of all, tit gee we raise this our joyful
hymn of praise.
3. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gently
thoughts and mild: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our
joyful hymn of praise.
4. For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of
heaven: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful
hymn of praise.



SEALING THE WORD

COMMUNION *(see insert)*

***HYMN 336**

As a Chalice Cast of Gold

Inward Light

***CHARGE AND
BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Postlude in D

Healey Willan

Welcome back to the Choir!

Leading in worship today:

The Rev. Tim Mitchell

Dr. Polly Brecht, Organist-Choirmaster

Amira Siddique, soprano · Joseph Strauss, soprano

Kate Kortemeier, alto · Wesley Hunt, tenor

J. Douglas McQueen, tenor · Dave Kortemeier, bass



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Open Minds Open Hands Open Heart

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