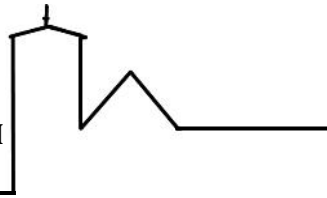


# 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Westminster Presbyterian Church** 9/15/2024 · 10:30AM



## GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

### THE PREPARATION

Prelude in C Major, BWV 547

*J.S. Bach*

### WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God;

**All: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.**

One: Day to day pours forth speech,

**All: and night to night declares knowledge.**

One: There is no speech, nor are there words;

**All: their voice is not heard;**

One: yet their voice goes out through all the earth,

**All: and their words to the end of the world.**

### OPENING PRAYER

#### \*HYMN 371

**Lift High the Cross**

*Crucifer*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Lord, among the greatest gifts that you have given our people is our power of speech. With it we can comfort, share and inspire. Yet, we have often used this gift to speak ill of others, to spread rumors, to subtly or overtly cast out our siblings as others. We have used our voices for insults and slurs. In that, we have twisted a mighty gift, we have sullied its blessed potential. Forgive our misuse, Lord. Purify our tongues with the fire of your grace so that, in our words, we might share the slightest hint, the smallest echo of your love for all of us. Amen.

*Lord, in your mercy...*

**Hear our prayers.**

### TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

KYRIE HYMNAL 565

*John Weaver*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA HYMNAL 567

**Glory to the Father**

*John Weaver*

## HEARING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Proverbs 1:20-33

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

**PSALM 19** (*see insert*)

Lord, You Have the Words

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul; the Lord's rule is to be trusted, the simple find wisdom. Refrain
2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding forever; the decrees of the Lord are pure, all of them just. R
3. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart, the command of the Lord is clear, giving light to the eye. R
4. They are worth more than gold, than the finest gold, sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.

**EPISTLE:** James 3:1-12

**GOSPEL:** Mark 8:27-38

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

**SERMON:**

**"On Owning a Tongue"**

**Rev. Chip Roland**

**\*HYMN 469**

**Morning Has Broken**

*Bunessan*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)**

*(from a Brief Statement of Faith)*

**We trust in God,  
Whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love, God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care..  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love,  
The God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant  
people to bless all families of the earth.**

Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

**THE GIFT OF MUSIC**

**The Heavens are Telling (Psalm 19)  
From the Creation**

*Franz Joseph Haydn*

The heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder  
of His work displays the firmament; Today that is  
coming speaks it the day, the night that is gone to  
following night. The heavens are telling...

In all the lands resounds the word, never  
unperceived, ever understood, The heavens are  
telling the glory of God, the wonder of His work  
displays the firmament.



**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.**

**\*HYMN 335**

**Though I May Speak**

*O Waly Waly*

**\*CHARGE AND  
BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**Fugue in C Major, BWV 547**

*J.S. Bach*

Leading in worship today:

**The Rev. Chip Roland**

**Dr. Polly Brecht**, *Organist-Choirmaster*

**Lara Reem**, *soprano* · **Joseph Strauss**, *tenor*

**Kate Kortemeier**, *alto* · **J. Douglas McQueen**, *tenor*

**Dave Kortemeier**, *bass*



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