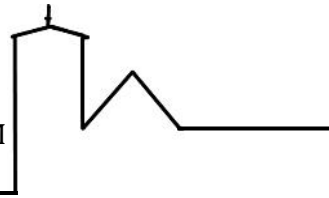


# 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Westminster Presbyterian Church** 9/22/2024 · 10:30AM



## GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

### THE PREPARATION

**Variations on "Our Father Who Art in Heaven"  
From Sonata 6, Op. 65**

*Felix Mendelssohn*

### WELCOME

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

Happy are those who find delight in God's ways.

**All: God is always nearer than our next breath.**

**We gather to become more aware of that presence.**

One: Knowledge of God is a delight to the righteous.

They seek to grow in wisdom and understanding.

**All: There is always more to discover than we know.**

**God is our teacher, helper, and judge.**

One: Put your trust in God as you prepare to serve.

Learn to be peaceable, gentle, and merciful.

**All: We seek to do good and not harm all our days.**

**We open our hands and hearts to all.**

### OPENING PRAYER

### \*HYMN 427

**Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service**

*Blaenhafren*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**Forgive us, God, for our complacent attitudes and self-serving comforts.**

**We do not relish sacrificing for some larger good we cannot see. We**

**compare ourselves favorably against many who seem less attuned to**

**your purposes than we, forgetting that our true standard is Christ Jesus.**

**We ask you to take from us all the bitterness, envy, and anger that**

**stands in the way of your reign. May all we ask of you be for the common**

**good of all your children. Amen.**

*Lord, in your mercy...*

**Hear our prayers.**

### TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

### KYRIE

**HYMNAL 565**

*John Weaver*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 11:18-20

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

PSALM 1

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(1-4, 6)

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♩ = 108 Hap-py are they who de-light, who de-light in the law of God.

1. Happy indeed are they who refuse the way of evil, nor walk the road of sinners, nor join the mockers of God. R
2. Joy shall be in the hearts of those who delight in the law of God, for they recite the law, they speak it day and night. R
3. They are like green trees that grow by clear flowing waters, they bear their fruit in due season, their leaves fade not, they prosper. R
4. It is not so for all, not so with evil doers, they blow like chaff in the wind, they fall by the weight of the truth. R
5. God upholds the just, God knows the way of the righteous, but the evil ones shall perish, shall perish by their deeds. R

EPISTLE: James 3:13-18

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

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

SERMON:      **“Ego, Children and Being the Greatest”**

**Rev. Tim Mitchell**

\*HYMN 295

**O God of Love, O God of Peace**

**Du Meiner Seelen**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)** *(Apostles Creed Ecumenical)*  
**See page 14 (AIDS TO WORSHIP)**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

**THE GIFT OF MUSIC**

**Lord, in thy mercy**

*Felix Mendelssohn*

Lord, in thy mercy grant us peace throughout all generations;  
Thou art alone our sword and shield, Lord who dost guide the nations.  
Defend us, O God, we pray thee.



## 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 374**

**Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace**

*Dickinson College*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**Fugue from Sonata 6, Op. 65**

*Felix Mendessohn*

Leading in worship today:

**The Rev. Tim Mitchell**

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

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

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

**Dave Kortemeier**, *bass*



Open Minds Open Hands Open Heart

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