

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Westminster Presbyterian Church

8/10/2025 · 10:30AM

(Proper 14)

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST,

THE PREPARATION

Suo Gan
Kingsfold

Gerald Near
Robert Powell

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the convictions of things not seen.

**Like Abraham, let us follow God, even when we
don't know where we are going.**

By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations,
Whose architect and builder is God.

Let us worship the God whose promises call and claim us.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 361

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*UNISON*)

God of Hope and Promise, we admit that our faith sometimes falters. We acknowledge that our doubts and grievances often overwhelm our fragile egos. We struggle to understand our suffering and that of others. Forgive us when we lose faith in You and ourselves. Guide us back to harmonious relationships. Encourage us to stay engaged and committed to meaningful dialogues filled with grace. Amen.

TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

KYRIE

HYMN 565

Lord Have Mercy

John Weaver

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA

HYMN 567

Glory to the Father

John Weaver

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 15: 1-6

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

*PSALM 50

The Mighty God With Power Speaks

Kingsford

1 The Might - y God with pow - er speaks, and all the world o - beys;
2 God comes not with a si - lent form, but rid - ing on the winds;
3 The heavens de - clare your jus - tice, Lord, as end - less as the sky;

from dawn un - til the set - ting sun, God's won - der earth dis - plays.
be - fore God's face, the rag - ing storm its blast of thun - der sends.
a - gainst the taunts of dis - be - lief, our God will tes - ti - fy.

The per - fect beau - ty all a - round from Zi - on's height shines forth;
All hail the Judge, in bold ar - ray, whose prom - ise is to bless;
Re - ceive my heart - felt gift of thanks, as hon - or to your might;

and stars a - cross the fir - ma - ment so bright - ly beam their worth.
who sees our sins, yet al - so feels our thirst for righ - teous - ness.
re - fresh my faith with each new day; pro - tect me through the night.

EPISTLE: Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

GOSPEL: Luke 12: 32:34

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SERMON:

“Embracing the Promise”

Rev. Tim Mitchell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 330

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

Shepherd's Pipes

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON) (The United Church of Canada)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.**

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Wachet Auf

Jacobus Kloppers



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 glory, forever.

Amen

CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 15

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

Llangloffan

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Postlude

Recessional on Llangloffan

Franklin Ashdown

Leading in worship today:

Rev. Tim Mitchell

Dr. Polly Brecht, Organist-Choirmaster



Open Mind Open Hands Open Heart

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