

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Westminster Presbyterian Church

10/26/2025 · 10:30AM

(Proper 25)

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST,

THE PREPARATION

Fugue in E Flat Major “St. Anne”, BWV 552

J.S Bach

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

All who exalt themselves will be humbled,

But all who humble themselves will be exalted.

We humbly come before our God,

Ready to hear and accept God’s truth.

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN 260**

A Mighty Fortress is our God

Ein Feste Burg

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Holy God, your truth is often sharp and unsettling. We confess how we avoid the difficult parts of your Word, turn up the volume on lesser noises, and cling to our own certainty instead of embracing the discomfort your challenge brings. You send us messengers, and we sideline them; you challenge us and defend ourselves. Again and again, we resist what we do not want to hear. Yet you keep calling. Interrupt our evasions. Soften what pride has hardened in us. Let us hear and accept your truth.

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: Joel 2: 23-26, 28-29

PSALM 65 Hymn 201 Praise is Your Right, O God, in Zion *Genevan 65*

EPISTLE: II Timothy 4: 6-8

GOSPEL: Luke 18: 9-14

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

SERMON: **“The Tale of Two Prayers”** **Rev. Tim Mitchell**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 402** **Now Praise the Hidden God of Love** *Dickinson College*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON) (Philippians 2: 6-11)

**Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore, God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

O How Amiable

R. V. Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my Kings, and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. They will be always praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handiwork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.



SEALING THE WORD

INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

In your mercy... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*SINGING TOGETHER, Hymn 571*)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen.**

CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 288**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Postlude

Concertato on Ein Feste' Burg

Vaclav Nehlybel

Leading in worship today:

Rev. Tim Mitchell

Dr. Polly Brecht, Organist-Choirmaster

Lara Reem, soprano · Kate Kortemeier, alto

J. Douglas McQueen, tenor · David Kortemeier, bass

Rebekah Dentino, soprano · Dan Stanley, tenor



Open Mind Open Hands Open Heart

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