

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 20 September 2020

**Meditation: Preparing our Hearts for Worship**

*For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.*

*So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:6-7 & 16-18*

**Welcome + Announcements**

**God Calls Us to Worship Him**

**Psalm 36:5-7**

Leader:           Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
                          Your faithfulness to the clouds.

People:           Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;  
                          Your judgments are like the great deep;  
                          man and beast You save, O LORD.

Unison:           How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!  
                          The children of mankind take refuge in the  
                          shadow of Your wings.

**Prayer of Invocation + Adoration**

## Hymns of Praise + Adoration:

### Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree  
And wither and perish - but naught changeth Thee

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee

## Our Great God

Eternal God unchanging mysterious and unknown  
Your boundless love  
Unfailing grace and mercy shown  
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight  
Around Your glorious throne  
They raise their voices day and night  
In praise to You alone

*Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!*  
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Lord we are weak and frail  
Helpless in the storm  
Surround us with Your angels  
Hold us in Your arms  
Our cold and ruthless enemy  
His pleasure is our harm  
Rise up O Lord and he will flee  
Before our sov'reign God!

Let ev'ry creature in the sea  
And ev'ry flying bird  
Let ev'ry mountain  
Ev'ry field and valley of the earth  
Let all the moons and all the stars  
In all the universe  
Sing praises to the living God  
Who rules them by His Word

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# God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

## Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:5-7)*

Let us then confess our sins saying ...

People: Holy and gracious God,  
I confess that I have sinned against you.  
Some of my sin I know –  
thoughts, words, and deeds I am ashamed of –  
but some only You know.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask Your forgiveness.  
Have mercy on me, and bring me to everlasting life.

Silent Confession & Reflection

The Words of the Gospel for those who repent and believe:

Leader: *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)*

People: **Amen!**

## Hymn of Renewal:

### The Love of Christ is Rich and Free

The love of Christ is rich and free  
Fixed on His own eternally  
Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove  
Long as He lives, His own He'll love

His loving heart engaged to be  
Their everlasting Surety  
Twas love that took their cause in hand  
And love maintains it to the end

Love cannot from its post withdraw  
Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law  
Can turn the Surety's heart away  
He'll love His own to endless day

Love has redeemed His sheep with blood  
And love will bring them safe to God  
Love calls them all from death to life  
And love will finish all their strife

He loves through every changing scene  
Nor aught from Him can Zion wean  
Not all the wanderings of her heart  
Can make His love for her depart

Love cannot from its post withdraw  
Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law  
Can turn the Surety's heart away  
He'll love His own to endless day

At death, beyond the grave, He'll love  
In endless bliss, His own shall prove  
The blazing glory of that love  
Which never could from them remove

**Recognition of Deacon Emeritus:** Larry Branagin

**Introduction of Deacon Assistants:** Laura Ackerman, Brad Coffman, Charles Lafon, Rachel Lafon, Susan Richardson

## God Calls Us to Make Offerings

### Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Paul McDonald  
Missionaries: Scott & Cathy Craig - Juarez, Mexico

People: 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.

### The Collection of our Tithes + Offerings

Although we won't be passing the offering plate today, we invite you to take this time to reflect on what you give to the Lord. Romans 12:1: *I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

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## Hymn of Preparation:

### Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners  
Jesus! Lover of my soul  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me  
He, my Saviour, makes me whole

*Hallelujah! what a Saviour!  
Hallelujah, what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end*

Jesus! what a strength in weakness  
Let me hide myself in him  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing  
He, my strength, my vict'ry win.

Jesus! what a help in sorrow  
While the billows o'er me roll  
Even when my heart is breaking  
He, my comfort, helps my soul

## **Morning Lesson**

*Choosing Joy: Bold Prayer*

Philippians 1:8-11

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## Hymn of Response:

### Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners

Jesus! what a guide and keeper  
While the tempest still is high  
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me  
He, my pilot, hears my cry

Jesus! I do now receive him  
More than all in him I find  
He hath granted me forgiveness  
I am his, and he is mine

*Hallelujah! what a Saviour!  
Hallelujah, what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end*

## ☞ God Feeds Us His Covenant Meal ☞

### The Lord's Supper:

#### A Word about Communion at Westminster

This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion (also called the Lord's Supper or The Eucharist, which means 'thanksgiving') is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink wine. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to an evangelical church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ refrain from partaking until doing so.

#### Preparation for Communion

#### Words of Institution: I Corinthians 11:23-26

#### Invitation + Warning

#### Prayer + Setting Apart the Bread and Wine

#### Holy Communion

Westminster uses wine and grape juice in serving the Lord's Supper. You will find pre-sealed cups with bread and grape juice or bread and wine on the communion table. Each person may take the element according to his or her conscience.

We offer an alternate bread wafer for those with gluten and dairy allergies (also soy and egg free).

## **Prayers for Those Not Communing:**

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that You promise. Amen. **Prayer of Searching for Truth**

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive You as my savior. Amen. **Prayer of Believing on Jesus**

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in You the fulfillment of all my needs and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me and run with perseverance the race that You have set before me, looking only to You, the pioneer and champion of my faith. Amen. **Prayer of Struggling Against Sin**

## Communion Element:

### Taking Together: The Bread

#### Psalm 130

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee,  
a voice of lamentation.

Lord, turn a gracious ear to me,  
And hear my supplication.

If Thou iniquities dost mark,  
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,  
    O who shall stand before Thee?  
    *(Who shall stand before Thee?)*  
    O who shall stand before Thee?  
    *(Who shall stand before Thee?)*

To wash away the crimson stain,  
Grace, grace alone availeth.  
Our works, alas! are all in vain;  
In much the best life faileth.  
No man can glory in Thy sight,  
All must alike confess Thy might,  
    And live alone by mercy.  
    *(Live alone by mercy)*  
    And live alone by mercy.  
    *(Live alone by mercy)*

Therefore my trust is in the Lord,  
And not in mine own merit.  
On Him my soul shall rest,  
His word upholds my fainting spirit.  
His promised mercy is my fort,  
My comfort, and my sweet support.  
    I wait for it with patience.  
    *(Wait for it with patience)*  
    I wait for it with patience.  
    *(Wait for it with patience)*

What though I wait the live-long night,  
And 'til the dawn appeareth.  
My heart still trusteth in His might,  
It doubteth not nor feareth.  
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,  
Ye of the Spirit born indeed,  
    And wait 'til God appeareth.  
    *(Wait 'til God appeareth)*  
    And wait 'til God appeareth.  
    *(Wait 'til God appeareth)*

Though great our sins and sore our woes,  
His grace much more aboundeth.  
His helping love no limit knows,  
Our upmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd good and true is He,  
Who will at last His Israel free,  
    From all their sin and sorrow.  
    *(All their sin and sorrow)*  
    From all their sin and sorrow.  
    *(All their sin and sorrow)*

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## **Taking Together: The Cup**

### **Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14**

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**People: AMEN!**

## Benediction Song

May this peace which passes understanding,  
And this grace which makes us what we are,  
And this fellowship of Him communion  
make us one in spirit and in heart

And to Him be praise for His glorious reign,  
from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain:  
Christ eternal, the King of kings!

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## Passing of the Peace

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH A SIGN OF FRIENDSHIP SUCH AS:  
"THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU" & "AND ALSO WITH YOU."