

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 18 July 2021

## **Meditation: Preparing our Hearts for Worship**

*Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. But that is not the way you learned Christ!— assuming that you have heard about Him and were taught in Him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.*

*Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

*Ephesians 4:17-32*

## **Welcome + Announcements**

# God Calls Us to Worship Him

LEADER: Blessed be Your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

PEOPLE: You are the LORD, You alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host,

LEADER: the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them;

UNISON: and You preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships You.

**Prayer of Invocation + Adoration**

**Hymns of Praise + Adoration**

**A Mighty Fortress is Our God**

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**How Great is Our God**

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# God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

## PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION OF SIN

LEADER: *Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Ephesians 5:15-16*

Westminster Larger Catechism 135

LEADER: What is the sixth commandment?

The sixth commandment is: You shall not murder.

Westminster Larger Catechism 136

LEADER: What does the sixth commandment require?

PEOPLE: The sixth commandment requires us to do our best to make every lawful effort to preserve our own life and the lives of others. We do this by not thinking about or planning, by controlling our emotions, and by avoiding all opportunities, temptations, or actions that would promote or lead to the unjust taking of someone's life. In the pursuit of that goal, we must defend others from violence, patiently endure the afflictions from God's hand, have a quiet mind and a cheerful spirit, practice temperance in the way we eat, drink, take medications, sleep, work, and play. We should also harbor charitable thoughts, love, compassion, meekness, gentleness, and kindness. Our speech and behavior should be peaceful, mild, and courteous. We should be tolerant of others, be ready to be reconciled, patiently put up with and forgive injuries against us, and return good for evil. Finally, we should provide aid and comfort to those in distress as well as protect and defend the innocent.

Westminster Larger Catechism 137

LEADER: What particular sins does the sixth commandment forbid?

PEOPLE: The sixth commandment forbids: taking our own or anyone else's life, except in the pursuit of public justice, lawful war, or necessary defense; neglecting or withholding the necessary means for the preservation of life; sinful anger, hatred, envy, or desire for revenge; all excessive emotions and distracting anxieties; intemperate eating, drinking, working, or playing; speaking in a provocative way, oppressing, quarreling with, hitting, or wounding others, and anything else conducive to the destruction of anyone's life.

## Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. 2 Corinthians 7:10*

People: Amen!

## Hymn of Renewal:

### Beneath the Cross

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## God Calls Us to Make Offerings

### Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Wade Coleman

Missionaries: Nolton & Kate Beale ~ Isaiah 55 Ministries, Reynosa, Mexico

Reach South Texas Church Planting Network

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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## Song of Preparation:

### All For Jesus (1-2)

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# God Gives Us His Word

## Morning Lesson

*"Murder on the Wilderness Wandering Express"*

Exodus 20:13

REV. ANDREW TRIOLO

## Hymn of Response:

### All For Jesus (3-4)

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## 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

#### It Is Finished

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### Communion Element: Taking together the Cup

## God Blesses Us and Sends Us Forth

### Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:11

*Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.*

People: Amen!

### At The Name of Jesus

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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."