

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 08 August 2021

Meditation: Preparing our Hearts for Worship

Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." Matthew 26:59-66

Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him Psalm 84:10-12

Leader: For a day in Your courts is better
 than a thousand elsewhere.
 I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
 than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

People: For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
 the LORD bestows favor and honor.
 No good thing does He withhold
 from those who walk uprightly.

Unison: O LORD of hosts,
 blessed is the one who trusts in You!

Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

Hymns of Praise + Adoration

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION OF SIN

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the lord," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Psalm 32:3-5

Q. 76. What is the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment is, "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

Q. 77. What is required in the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment requires maintaining and promoting truth between one person and another, as well as maintaining and promoting our neighbor's good name as well as our own, especially when being a legal witness.

Q. 78. What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment forbids anything that puts the truth at risk or is injurious to our own or our neighbor's good name.

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in
whose spirit there is no deceit. Psalm 32:1-2*

People: Amen!

Hymn of Renewal:

Has Thou Heard Him, Seen Him, Known Him?

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God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Titus Bagby
Missionaries: Joy Soas ~ RUF @ Alabama State University
Restorative Justice Ministry

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.*

If you would like to participate with your giving in real time, visit our website to give online, [under the Giving + Membership tab](#). Or, set up text giving: text the number of an amount to 979-200-4600 and then enter your credit card information. Thank you for supporting the work and ministry of Westminster during this time.

Song of Preparation:

May the Mind of Christ My Savior (1-3)

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God Gives Us His Word

Morning Lesson

Let's be Truthful

Exodus 20:16

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Hymn of Response:

May the Mind of Christ My Savior (4-6)

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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

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

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Communion Element: Taking together the Cup

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Forth

Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

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."