



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation for **Worship**

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your all-embracing love and mercy. Pour out this day your Spirit of grace and supplication, that we may be delivered from cold hearts, wandering thoughts, and anxious souls. Give us a renewed hunger for your Word, and in that food satisfy our needs, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

Gathering and Preparing for **God's Word**

Welcome and Announcements

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prelude *Fuga in C* Buxtehude

Call to Worship Psalm 130

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope.

People: My soul waits for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

Leader: O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love.

People: And with God there is great power to redeem.

All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn 396 "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" HOLY MANNA

* Prayer of Confession

**Good and gracious God,
forgive us for all that we have gotten wrong
about your love and grace.
We have convinced ourselves that we need to be
worthy to receive your love,
when it is your love that makes us worthy.
We have treated grace like a scarce commodity,
when you ask us to share it abundantly.
We have trusted our wisdom to overcome our weakness,
when you remind us that your power
will be made perfect in weakness.
Have mercy on us, and set us free to serve you faithfully,
so that our actions would be obedient,
our words would be gentle,
and our trust in you would be complete. Amen.**

* Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* Gloria Patri, Hymn 581 GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Children in K5 - first grade are invited to leave for Children's Church.

Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson, *Isaiah 40:28-31* p. 583

Gospel Lesson, *Matthew 14:13-21* p. 796

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Do We Have Enough?"

Responding to **God's Word**

* Affirmation of Faith *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Elements

Prayer after Communion

Offering

Offertory

Bread of the World

EUCCHARISTIC HYMN
arr. Ritter

* Doxology, Hymn 606

OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God,
all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly
host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 498 "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" BEACH SPRING

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Response, Hymn 656 "We've Come This Far by Faith" THIS FAR BY FAITH
First time, choir only Second time, All

* Postlude *I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing*, SPIRITUAL art. Hayes

**All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Mary Kathleen Duncan, *liturgist*

Holly Vanderwal, *scripture reader*

Todd Monsell, *organist and pianist*

The Summer Choir

Bryan Kelley, *head usher*

Carroll Farmer, Jeff Reynolds, Susan Robbins, Jordan Smith, Parks Workman, *greeters*

Worship Notes

NURSERY

Childcare is available for infants through 4K. Our nurturing staff of experienced caregivers and parent volunteers offers a welcoming environment for children. The Nursery is located on the mezzanine level. The entrance is at Westminster Drive, at the columbarium or near the Westminster Weekday School offices. The Women's Lounge, located down the stairs from the front office and straight down the hallway on the right, is available for any child caretaker and includes worship livestream, comfortable seating, and a changing table.

WORSHIP BAGS

Each Sunday we offer worship bags in the Atrium for children. The worship bags are designed to include reusable items that engage children in open ended play during worship. While children attend worship with their families, they can participate in worship and play to make foundational layers of meaning for faith. Please return the zipper bag and its contents each Sunday. This shift to reusable items demonstrates how we value hospitality and care for creation.

WELCOME TO WPC!

Please fill out a name tag and find more information about WPC at the Welcome Table in the Atrium. First time visitors are also invited to take home a WPC mug.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE FUND

A special offering for the Congregational Care Fund is received on Communion Sundays. This fund is used to assist members of the congregation in a time of financial need. Please make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and mark for Congregational Care.

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BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Children are invited to bring their backpack for a blessing this Sunday, August 6, at 9:30a in the Sanctuary Atrium. Along with prayers for a year of learning and growing, they'll receive a backpack tag to remind them of God's love through the school year. Join us as we celebrate and pray for a new school year!

**EDUCATION IN AUGUST:
COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

Missing Sunday morning education this summer? Join us each Sunday in August at 9a in the Entrance Pavilion for an informal time of discussion and Biblical exploration led by Westminster's pastors. We'll read the lectionary text for the day and let the mood guide us in conversation. Buoying conversation will be coffee from WPC Mission Partner Cafe Justo (served by an excellent team of volunteers from the 2023 Mexico Witness & Service trip). Children are welcome to open gym time, supervised by two members of the WPC Kids Nursery team.

Opportunities @WPC

SUMMER CHOIR

Summer Choir is in session throughout the month of August. To participate, simply be present in the sanctuary at 9a each Sunday in August to rehearse the choral music for the day. For more information, contact Marlon Hurst.

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSALS

Weekly Sanctuary Choir rehearsals resume on Wednesday, August 23 at 7p in the Choir Room. Participation in the Sanctuary Choir is open to all who desire to take part. Contact Marlon Hurst for more information.

JR AND SR CHORISTERS REGISTRATION

Registration for Junior (grades 1-2) and Senior (grades 3-5) Choristers is now open on the website! Choirs will meet from 4:30-5:15p on Wednesdays beginning August 16. Senior Choristers may also sign up to be an acolyte in Sunday worship. Parent volunteers are needed to assist Sunday morning acolytes on a rotating basis.

THE SESSION

The Class of 2024

Hastings Blumer	Toni Paylor
Laura Cox	Neil Shurley
Jay Culclasure	Keith Stevenson
Ross Glidewell	Lesley Usher
Jara Jones	LeAnne White
Meg McKnight	Russ Williams

The Class of 2025

Jacob Barker	Nikki Grumbine
Marian Carpenter	Bill Holt
Lindsey Donlan	Ginny Reed
Carroll Farmer	Jordan Smith
Zach Freeman	Tom Vanderbloemen
Susan Grier	Parks Workman

The Class of 2026

Emily Cole	Walker Miller
Ingrid Erwin	Stan Pendergrass
Roger Gower	Betsy Raines
Amy Hawkins	Jeff Reynolds
Anne Howson	Susan Robbins
George McLarty	Zach Weaver

RIISING 6TH GRADE DAY!

All rising sixth graders are invited for a time of fun and fellowship on Sunday, August 13, following morning worship until 1p, as they say goodbye to Children's Ministry and hello to Youth Ministry. There will be lunch, games, and Bible Study. Email wendy@wpc-online.org to sign up.

CONNECTIONS

Connections Luncheon Group will meet on Sunday, August 13, at Limoncello (401 River Street) at 11:45a. Please RSVP to ruthjohnst51@gmail.com by Friday, August 11. Newcomers are always welcome!

PVC TUTORS

Looking to get (or stay) more involved with Pleasant Valley Connection? Like last year, we are partnering with their after school program to provide individual tutors during the school year. Tutors are matched with a student for the entire school year. Volunteer times are Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 3:45-4:45p with 30 minute or full hour slots available. Please contact Lauren Slingerland or Anna Hanor for more information.



LIFE@WPC

Wondering if weather will postpone an event? Need a reminder to sign up for a church-wide meal? Text "wpcgreenville" to (864)232-2424 to get up-to-date information about our life together! We promise we won't bombard you. Text today or follow the QR code.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 6 - 13, 2023

Sunday, August 6

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Civil Rights Pilgrimage

- 9:00a Blessing of the Backpacks
Coffee & Conversation
- 9:40 Sunday Session Meeting
- 10:00 Worship Service with
Communion
- 11:00 Donut Fellowship

Monday, August 7

- 4:00p GOAL Meeting
Weekday School Meet the
Teacher Night
- 5:30 Personnel Committee Meeting
- 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, August 8

- 12:00p AI-Anon

Wednesday, August 9

- 12:00p It's Elementary Volunteer
Training

Thursday, August 10

- 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, August 13

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00a Witness & Service Committee
Meeting
Coffee & Conversation
- 9:40 Sunday Session Meeting
- 10:00 Worship Service
- 11:00 Donut Fellowship
- 11:15 WestConnect Facilitator
Training
- 12:45p Connections Group
- 2:30 5th Grade Workshop

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From the Pews, Laurie Koch

Sometimes in life there are times that we feel called to do something, but it feels overwhelming. Big ideas or big projects can make us feel like we are inadequate or underprepared and don't know where to start.

I imagine this is what the disciples were feeling the evening described in this week's passage, when they were unexpectedly tasked with feeding thousands of people. Jesus commanded them to give him the meager portions of food that they had so he could bless it, and miraculously, the food multiplied to feed a multitude of people.

When I think of this story, it reminds me of some advice I've heard when embarking on something big - "use what you have, and start where you are." It's rare that any of us are perfectly prepared for each scenario thrown at us in life, but we have to start somewhere. God has given us what we need to accomplish what he has put on our hearts, even if it may not feel that way. When we offer Jesus what we have, and He blesses it, He can magnify what we offer to accomplish His purposes.

Several years ago, a dear friend of mine felt called to do something big. Her idea was simple - she wanted to take gently used baby clothing and gift it to mothers who needed it. She wasn't sure how this exactly would happen, but she shared her idea with friends, and asked them to come to her home one night to officially launch the project.

That first night, her friends came with their own children's outgrown baby clothes and by the end of the evening gifts for these mothers poured out of her living room. Five years later, her idea has turned into a thriving organization that has provided clothing and comfort to hundreds of mothers and babies in our community. It is incredible to see how God has used what she offered - initially just a small pile of her children's clothing and the willingness to help - to bless the recipients of these gifts as well as those who volunteer.

My friend would tell you that when she started, she wasn't sure if her idea would work. But she took what she had, asked for God's blessing, and watched in amazement as the blessings multiplied. I pray that we all have the courage and faith to act on the opportunities that we see to help in our community, and with God's guidance and blessings, that they flourish beyond what we ever thought possible.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Instructions for Communion Today

If you are seated in the main section of pews, you will proceed up the center aisle to receive communion. Please wait for an usher to prompt your row. Please take communion from one of the serving stations at the front of the chancel located on the same side as your pew, and return to your pew via the side aisle.

When you come to a serving station, take a piece of bread from the plate, dip the bread in the cup, and eat. All cups contain grape juice.

If you are seated in the transept pews at either side of the sanctuary, you will take communion from the servers at the back of the transept. The section of pews closest to the chancel will go first. Please wait to be prompted by the usher. When prompted, please proceed down the center aisle of the transept, take communion at the back of the transept, returning to your pew via the side transept aisle closest to your pew.

Please remain quiet during communion so that those who wish to pray may do so.

If you would like to receive communion but are unable to come forward, or if you would simply prefer to remain seated, there are two servers to provide you with communion, one on each side aisle. When the servers approach your pew, simply raise your hand to indicate that you would like to receive communion in your seat.

The bread we are offering at today's communion is labeled by the manufacturer as gluten, nut, egg, and dairy free, and includes the following ingredients: water, sour dough (rice flour, water), rice starch, cornstarch, sugars (rice syrup, caramelized sugar), modified cellulose, psyllium seed husk (vegetable fibre), sunflower oil, pea protein, yeast, millet flour, citrus fibre, rice flour, quinoa flour, salt, guar gum, corn flour. May Contain: Mustard, Sesame.

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