

Living
Mosaics



October 15, 2017 11:15 a.m.

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Songs #642 “Heleluyan, We Are Singing”
#399 “God Welcomes All”

Welcome and Living Our Faith

Call to Worship

We come together in the Spirit of the One who unites us all.

We gather in the loving Spirit of Jesus.

We gather to deepen our ties with God and with one another.

Let us worship God together.

Song #637 “O Sing to the Lord”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious and loving God,

We give great thanks for our community of faith and for the ways it serves as our extended family:

by welcoming us when we are anxious and lonely,

by loving us when we are only marginally lovable,

by encouraging us when our confidence is vanishing,

by lifting us when we feel low,

by cheering us when we have something to celebrate,

and by supporting us when we face a multitude of challenges.

Help us deepen our bonds to share your love with one another and with a divided and chaotic world that is starving for love.

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Response #448 “Peace of God Be with You”

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Beth Singewald, Lay Reader

Response

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Message

“Where Community is Built”

Greg Jones

Song #300

“We Are One in the Spirit”

Offering

“If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies within yourself.”

~ Chief Tecumseh

Please sign the blue friendship notebook and pass it to the person next to you.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Song #313

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”

Sending

Response # 313

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”

Verse 4

*Following worship, please join us in the Meeting Room
for coffee, tea, and fellowship.*

SERMON SERIES: WHY CHURCH?

The Golden Age of the church has passed. Or has it? The church will never regain its place of importance. Or will it? The Christian Church in the West has been on a downward slide for decades. Belief in God remains high among Americans, but church membership is on the decline. Is this the long, slow death of Christianity, or is it the long, slow death of the church as we know it today? Are we living in the final days of the church or could this be the beginning of the reformation of the church?

On seven Sundays this fall, Dr. Jones will lay out the reasons that the church is absolutely crucial to the state of the world.

October 8	The Church Plays a Critical Role in Society	November 19	Serving the World, Finding Our Soul
October 15	Where Community is Built	December 3	A Prophetic Voice
November 5	Can the Church Revive Our Sense of Enchantment with the World?	December 10	Where We Find Hope
November 12	Shaping Character		

We are thankful for your presence and participation this morning. Westminster has two worship options each Sunday. Our other Sunday morning worship service is held at 9:00 a.m., and includes a choir, organ music and a brief Children's Message. Both services include prayers, singing, scripture and sermon.

Following worship, feel free to make a bouquet to brighten someone's day. Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jay Spilecki, born October 15, 1978, by the Spilecki family.

Please remember in your prayers Philo Atwood and Ed Wat who were recently hospitalized.

Children are welcome in worship. You will find yellow worship bags for all children at the chapel entrance.

Image: <https://watchtowerinvestigated.co.uk/2015/05/31/the-biblical-view-of-church>

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