



*“Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in your love for us – we want you to excel also in this grace of giving.”*  
(2 Corinthians 8:7)

**October 23, 2016 11:15 a.m.**

*Gathering Songs #659*

“Know That God Is Good”

*#701*

“Lord, Prepare Me”

*Welcome and Living Our Faith*

*Call to Worship*

We come eager to hear the good news,  
**to hear of faith, hope, and love ringing out from God’s kingdom.**  
We come to be washed in God’s grace,  
**and filled with love that passes all understanding.**  
We come to give thanks to the Living Lord.  
**Let us worship God!**

*Song #657*

“Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness”

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

**God of mercy -  
all that we do, and all that we are  
should be a joyful response to your grace.  
Yet, we do not live out of constant gratitude.  
We harbor resentment for what we lack.  
We blame you; we blame others.  
We doubt your compassion, even your power.  
We find it hard to give of ourselves  
in generous expressions of gratitude and praise.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Heal and restore us  
so that we may return to you with a right spirit.  
Help us to live the holy and joyful lives  
you call us to live.  
We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.**

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness*

*Passing the Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Scripture Lesson*

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

*Message*

"Love Gives"

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*Testimonies of Rich Diver, Patti Ridout, and Rick Suarez*

*Refrain #205*

**Live in charity and steadfast love.**

**Live in charity; God will dwell with you.**

*Offering*

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

*Prayers of the People*

*Song #717*

"For the Life That You Have Given"

*Sending*

*Response #80*

"You Shall Go Out with Joy"

*Following the service, we invite you to join us in Community Hall  
for the Fall Festival.*

***We are thankful for your presence and participation this morning.*** Westminster has two worship options each Sunday. Our Traditional Service, held in the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m., includes a choir, organ music and a brief Children's Message. Our Alternative Service, Living Mosaics, is held in Rodney Chapel at 11:15 a.m. 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 our parents from Art and Barbara Gorman.

***Please remember in your prayers*** Peggy Cartmell, Fred Iobst, Kathryn Nichols, and Sue Spilecki, who were recently hospitalized.

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

Pastors: Greg Jones and Sudie Niesen Thompson

Pianist: Paul Fleckenstein

Song Leader: Diana Milburn

Digital Artist: Bob Cox



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