



September 11, 2016 11:15 a.m.

Gathering Song #399

“God Welcomes All”

Welcome and Living Our Faith

Song #388

“Come All You People”

Call to Worship

Come all you people, come and praise your maker!

We come ... Lord – open our hearts!

Come all you people, come and praise your maker!

We come ... Lord – open our minds!

Come all you people, come and praise your maker!

We come ... Lord – meet us here!

Song #276

“Sing a New Song unto the Lord”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of heaven – you are steadfast in your love for us; your faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Yet, we confess that our faithfulness to you wavers.

Right: **You teach us your commandments, but we disregard them in favor of what is comfortable or convenient.**

Left: **You show us the ways of justice and mercy, but we ignore injustice and neglect to care for neighbors in need.**

Right: **You call us to tell your story, but we shy away from proclaiming the good news.**

Left: **You send us out to continue Christ’s work, but we live as fearful followers rather than trusting your presence with us.**

Forgive us, God, and transform our hearts. In your faithfulness, help us to be more faithful, so that we may bear witness to your love and grace.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Response #71 "Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me"

Passing the Peace

Scripture Nehemiah 1:1-11
Matthew 28:16-20

Message "Revisiting the Wall"
The Rev. Dr. J Herbert Nelson

Song #771 "What Is the World Like"

Offering

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

Prayers of the People

**Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.**

The Lord's Prayer

Song #628 "Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord"

Sending

Response #765 "May the God of Hope Go with Us"

*Following the service, we invite you to join us in the Meeting Room
for coffee, tea, and fellowship.*

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 honor of William and Madison Wolanski, by Susan Alexander.

Please remember in your prayers Tom Eliason, Judy Hoopes and Howard Horne, who were recently hospitalized.

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

Image: He Qi, “The Risen Lord,” <http://www.heqiart.com>

In He Qi’s “The Risen Lord,” Christ stands with arms open wide in welcome and in blessing, both gathering us in and sending us out. May you feel that welcome here and find strength for the ministry to which Christ calls you.

Pastors: Greg Jones and Sudie Niesen Thompson
Pianist: Paul Fleckenstein
Song Leader: Sharon Babcock
Digital Artist: Bob Cox

