



September 16, 2018 11:15 a.m.
17th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Songs #411 “God Is Here Today”
#670 “From the Rising of the Sun”

Welcome and Living Our Faith

Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

We follow Christ, who says, “Take up your cross.”

We follow Christ, who calls us to commit to his way.

We follow Christ, who summons us to new life.

Let us worship God with gladness.

Song #628 “Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, we confess that we stray from your path
when we live only for ourselves,
when we turn from our neighbors and refuse to share their burdens,
and when we ignore the pain of the world
by neglecting people who are poor or ill.
Free us from our self-centered ways
and inspire us to follow your way of compassion-fueled justice
so that we may experience the abundant lives you want us to live.
Amen.**

Assurance of God’s Forgiveness

Scripture Lesson

Mark 8:27-38

Jim Wilson, Lay Reader

Response

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

Message

Greg Jones

Song #456

“Listen, God Is Calling”

Offering

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

Prayers of the People

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.**

Song #314

“Christ, Be Our Light”

Sending

Response #741

“Guide My Feet”

*Following worship, please 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 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. The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Art Connolly, Jr. from Joan Connolly.

Please remember in your prayers Margaret Hodges, Janet Rucker, Leucia Venable and Mary Young who were recently hospitalized.

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

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