

Call to Worship

People of God – praise the Lord!

Let our praise echo throughout the earth!

In the stillness of the morning and in the celebrations of night,

Let our praise echo throughout the earth!

Through our words and through our deeds,

Let our praise echo throughout the earth!

For God cares mightily for creation; the Lord loves us fiercely.

Let our praise echo throughout the earth!

(Inspired by *Psalms 113*)

Song #670

“From the Rising of the Sun”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Creator God,
you call us to love and serve you
with body, mind, and spirit
through loving your creation
and our sisters and brothers.**

**Yet, too often,
we serve other things –
things that are not of you.**

**We serve a world that prizes profits over people,
and systems that diminish or oppress;
we serve our own interests or ambitions,
and a culture that values success above all else.**

**Holy One,
open our hearts to receive your grace,
and nurture within us a deep sense of gratitude,
so that our lives may be a response to your love.
With all that we are, and with all that we have,
help us to love and serve you,
in obedience to Christ’s call.**

(Adapted from a prayer from *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers*)

Silent Prayer

Response #62

“Love the Lord Your God”

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart.
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.**

Assurance of God’s Forgiveness

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Scripture

Luke 16:1-13

Gen Wallace Roe, Lay Reader

Message

“The Shrewd Manager”

Greg Jones

Song #692

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

Offering

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

**Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me. (Glory to God #698)**

Song #63

“The Lord Is God”

Sending

Response #700

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

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.

Please remember in your prayers Jim Bercaw and Tom Eliason, who were recently hospitalized.

Pastors: Greg Jones and Sudie Niesen Thompson

Pianist: Paul Fleckenstein

Song Leader: David Price

Digital Artist: Bob Cox

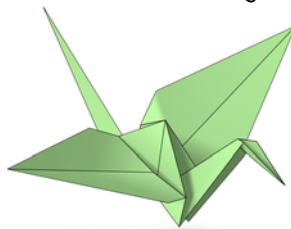
What is Your Prayer for the World?

Justice for all people.

Peace among nations.

Education for each and every child.

An end to hunger.



Whatever your prayer for the world, we hope you will share it with us!

Today and next Sunday, September 25, there is a table in Community Hall (near the Deacon card table) where you can write your prayers, concerns, or hopes for the world on a sheet of origami paper. Our *Living Mosaics* Art Team will then transform these prayers into Paper Cranes for use in the *Living Mosaics* service on World Communion Sunday. Please stop by the table and offer your prayer!