



11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2020

Westminster Presbyterian Church extends an enthusiastic welcome, in Christ's name, to all who worship here or join us in fellowship. Our church family seeks to embody God's boundless love by embracing, liberating and empowering people – whoever they are and wherever they may be on their faith journeys – to realize the transforming power of Christ in our congregation, community and the world beyond.



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIMES

Susan Spilecki

PRELUDE

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Raymond H. Haan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our virtual worship service. We invite you to participate in the liturgy by joining the worship leader on lines printed in **bold**.

The materials attached at the end of the bulletin for worshipping with children are provided by Illustrated Ministry. Please print them to participate in this service or for family devotions throughout the week. Westminster's educational offerings have also moved online. You can find this week's opportunities at the end of this Order of Worship.

We hope you will stay connected with our community of faith during this season of social distancing by subscribing to the *Westminster Weekly Word* e-newsletter through the homepage of our website (www.wpc.org), liking us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware), or following us on Instagram (www.instagram.com/wpcdelaware).

The flowers in the sanctuary today are presented by the Christian Education and Adult Education Committees in appreciation for Chesna Hinkley, Director of Christian Education and for Alexis Droke, Director of Music for Children and Youth.

Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event, while expressing praise and thanksgiving to God. Please contact Linda Watson during business hours at 302-571-6719 or lwatson@ycst.com to choose a date. The next available date is August 30.

Let us worship God!

CALL TO WORSHIP

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

**A family formed by faith,
we gather to worship the Living Lord.**

Lifelong followers seeking sustenance,
new disciples searching for grace—

**a family fashioned by faith,
we gather to kneel before the Giver of Mercy.**

Children of God, come!

**The Lord gathers us in and calls us his own.
Let us praise God!**

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation, the God of power,
the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One,
there is much we must confess:
When we discount another's pain
or overlook neighbors in distress,
forgive us.
When we choose callous words
over compassionate impulses,
forgive us.
When we think others less deserving of grace
and ration kindness as if it could be exhausted,
forgive us.
Have mercy upon us, Lord,
and heal our brokenness
so that every word and deed
that proceeds from our hearts
might glorify you. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Blessing of the School Supplies

Greg Jones

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 15:21-28

SERMON

"She Keeps Shouting"

Sudie Niesen Thompson

HYMN NO. 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.

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.**

HYMN NO. 318

In Christ There Is No East or West
Vs. 1 & 2

ST. PETER

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.	In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Promenade in G Major

McNeil Robinson

GOING FORTH: OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES TO GOD

With gratitude for the grace we have received, we go forth from worship to offer our energy, our hands, and part of our income in service to God. One way we respond to Christ's call is by giving our financial gifts to further God's mission in the world. You may mail a check to the church or make an online offering to support the many ministries of Westminster Presbyterian Church by clicking "Donate Now" on the homepage of our website (www.wpc.org).

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (John 14:27). We invite you to share signs of Christ's peace with those with whom you are gathered, or to pass the peace virtually by calling, emailing, or texting your family and friends in our congregation and beyond.

PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dr. Gregory Knox Jones
The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson
Director of Music/Organist: Dr. F. Anthony Thurman
Director of Christian Education: Chesna Hinkley
Chorister: Jason Berger
Tower Chimes: Susan Spilecki
Videographers: Chip Pfleegor and Roger Reinicker

SOURCES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We are grateful to Westminster John Knox Press for making available the complete list of public domain hymns included in the *Glory to God* hymnal and to Illustrated Ministry (www.illustratedministry.com) for our children's bulletins.

The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were written by our own Associate Pastor, the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson, and published in: "Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts," Volume 53.1: Lectionary Aids for 2019-2020, Year A, ed. Kimberly Bracken Long (Office of Theology and Worship of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)).

BACKPACKS PROJECT

2020 Update



Our Backpacks Project has been modified to meet the unique needs of our five partner elementary schools as they navigate the start of the school year. We are providing students at EastSide Charter, Shortlidge Academy, Warner, and UrbanPromise with specific requested items, such as whiteboards, markers, crayons, notebooks, pencils, binders, and folders. We are continuing to work with Highlands on its needs. Your generous financial support will make a real difference in these students' readiness to learn during this challenging time. Please make your donation [here](#), or send your check with "Backpacks Project" noted on the memo line. Thank you!

With the *Blessing of the Backpacks* today, we launch our children and youth, as well as students from these five schools, into the upcoming school year with God's abundant blessings and the love and support of our church family. While we can't be physically present with representatives of the schools as we have in the past, this celebration of our support to education is as meaningful as ever.

EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

Virtual Christian education and small group opportunities can also be found on the homepage of the Westminster website (www.wpc.org).

Online Bible Study

Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/4937200361>

Presenter: Chesna Hinkley

Our Bible studies are continuing the book of Exodus this week. New faces are always welcome! Contact Chesna (chesnahinkley@wpc.org) with questions.

Women's Online Community Group

2nd and 4th Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

Coordinator: Jill Getty

All women are welcome to join us for large group prayer time followed by small group discussions using Zoom breakout rooms. Small Groups have a set of questions that facilitate our discussions, enabling fellowship and the opportunity to get to know each other. No preparation is needed. Click the Zoom link [here](#) to join this stress-free and happy group fellowship. Or, go to zoom.us/join, enter Meeting ID **477 914 100** and click "Join." For information, email Jill Getty at jgetty@wpc.org.

WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

Thursday, August 20, at 7:00 p.m. – *Voter Suppression Then and Now; A Brief History of Black Voting Rights in America*

Westminster's Peace & Justice Work Group is pleased to offer one of the six segments of "Racism in America: The History We Didn't Learn in School," developed and presented by Sue Linderman. At the founding of the United States, many groups, including landless white men, slaves, free blacks, and women, could not vote; almost a third of the amendments added to the Constitution after the Bill of Rights was ratified focused on expanding that privilege. Yet the assault on voting rights of black citizens, fought from the ratification of the 14th Amendment, continues to this day. Join us as we learn some of our hidden history.



Join us using this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84768977211>. Or go to zoom.us/join, enter Meeting ID **847 6897 7211** and click "Join." Look for more topics and information on the WPC [Facebook](#) page.

180 Youth Ministry and Thursday Online Bible Study will resume in September.

UPCOMING DEACON EVENTS

Bingo on the Lawn

Saturdays, August 22 and 29 • 6:15 p.m.
(immediately after worship on the lawn)

On Saturdays, August 22 and 29, those who attend the 5:30 p.m. worship service on the church lawn (reservations are required to attend the service) will have the option to play a fun game of bingo after the service! Participants will stay socially distanced in their assigned circles that will be spaced 6-8 feet apart. For those who feel comfortable removing their masks, feel free to pack a snack or dinner to enjoy while playing bingo (no alcoholic beverages). The Deacons will provide new disposable bingo packets, sanitized clipboards, individual bottles of water, apple juice, individual packages of chips, pretzels and cheese crackers. Please bring your own pen or pencil if you do not want to use one from the church,

Join Us on the Church Lawn for Our Third In-person Worship Service Since March!

Saturday, August 22, 5:30 p.m.



On Saturday, August 22, we will worship on our church lawn at 5:30 p.m. (ending by 6:10 p.m.). To ensure the safety of everyone, attendance is limited and an online reservation is required. Please submit **ONE reservation per family**. When we reach the maximum number of family units we can host, the reservations will close.

Everyone who attends the service must wear a mask, practice social distancing by keeping a distance of at least six feet from anyone who is not in your family, and sit where indicated by an usher. Children must remain with their parents at all times. There will be no congregational singing; however, Tony will play a digital piano and some of our choristers will sing. Remember that at that time of day it is still hot and most of the lawn will not be in the shade. Dress accordingly and feel free to bring a bottle of water. **IMPORTANT! Please bring your own lawn chairs or blanket to sit on.**

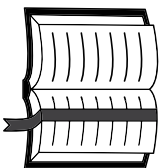
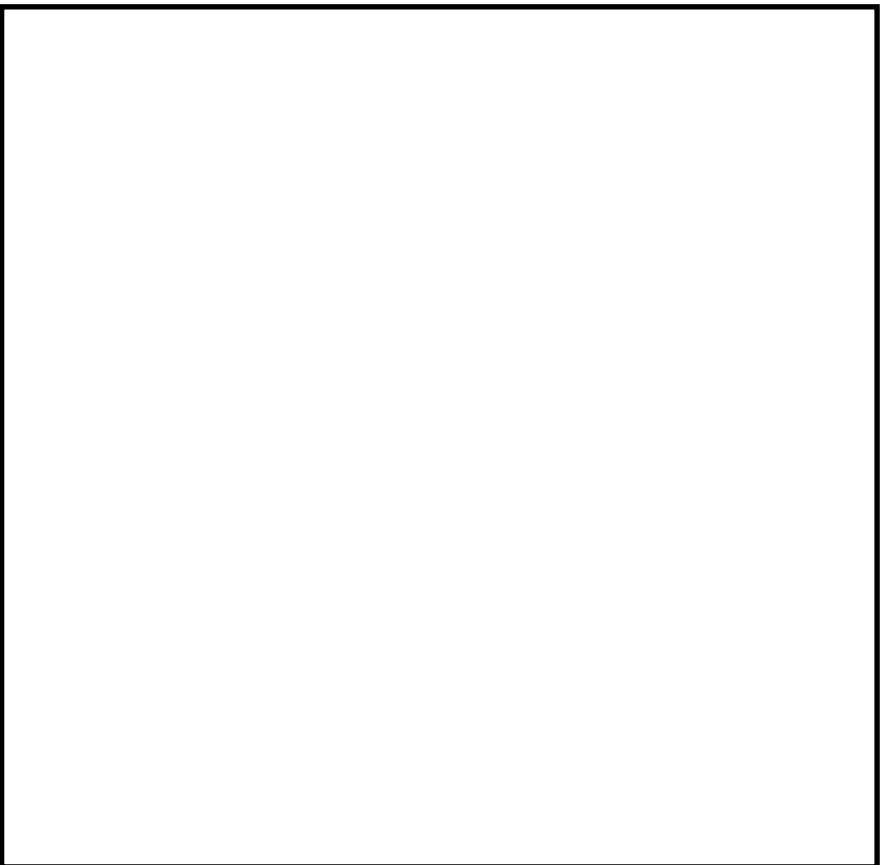
The liturgy will be emailed to you after you make your online reservation to print and bring to the service. If it rains, the service is cancelled. Worship on the lawn does not replace our virtual worship service, which will be available on our [website](#) on Sunday, August 23.

[Click here](#) to make your online reservation for August 22 worship on the lawn!



DRAW IT

In Matthew 15, Jesus shares the importance of how we talk. The words we say have power! Draw a picture of you using your words to encourage someone else.



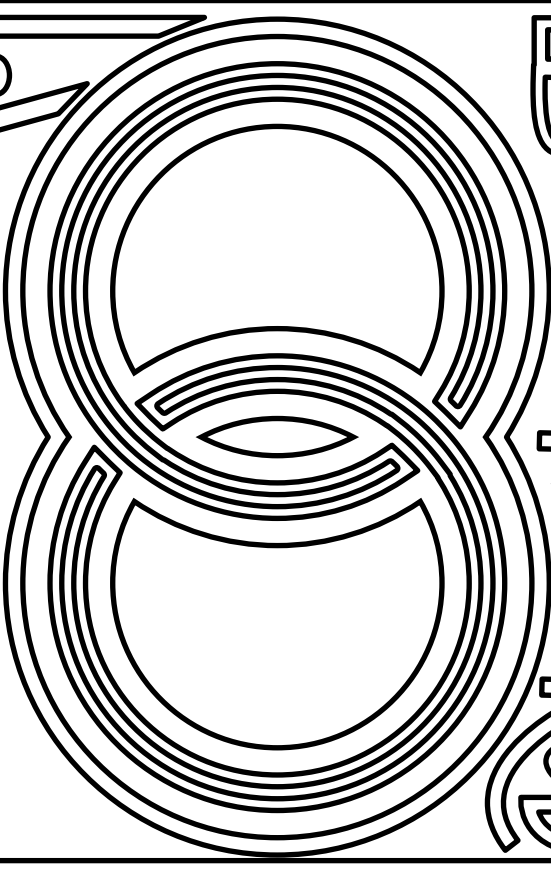
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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Genesis 45:1-15, Psalm 133, Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28.

HOW VERY GOOD
& PLEASANT
IT WHEN KINDRED



LIVE
UNITED

WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Matthew 15 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

I Z C S R R J H D H E L P E M
 R B G Z O R U G L T I H X L E
 W E J N L O K D J J E Z Z B R
 N E T T C R S W R L P E J A C
 E R X H H I O U B O G F V T Y
 T S D E G M I A S D L H F B U
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| JESUS | PARABLE | HELP |
| LISTEN | HEART | LORD |
| UNDERSTAND | WOMAN | TABLE |
| FATHER | DAUGHTER | GREAT |
| MOUTH | MERCY | FAITH |
| DISCIPLES | SHEEP | HEAL |

SOLVE (the) MAZE

In Genesis 45, Joseph's brothers have traveled all the way to Egypt for food due to famine in their land. Help them find their way!

