

9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 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.





ORDER OF WORSHIP

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).

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 (Isaiah 55:1-2, NIV)

David Marmelstein

HYMN No. 32

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Vs. 1 & 3

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known. And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne, While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care, and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abundance, in your hands meager offerings become bread to feed a multitude. Your mercy overflows to fill deserted landscapes with hope and grace.
In you there is always more than enough. But we see only scarcity: too few resources to share with our neighbors, too little energy to respond to those in need. We turn from those who suffer rather than offering compassion and care. Transform us, we pray.

Open our hands to share freely and generously and stretch our hearts to new expressions of love.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN Alexis Droke

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON "Leftovers" Sudie Niesen Thompson

HYMN NO. 460 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea. Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord. My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now unto me, as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall.
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Patti Ridout

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.

Vs. 1. 4-6

- V. 1 Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan, above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
- V. 5 O Master, from the mountainside, make haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide; O tread the city's streets again;
- V. 4 The cup of water given for you still holds the freshness of your grace; yet long these multitudes to view the sweet compassion of your face.
- V. 6 Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod; till glorious from your heaven above shall come the city of our God.

BENEDICTION

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. Sudie Niesen Thompson
Director of Music for Children and Youth: Alexis Droke
Call to Worship: David Marmelstein
Prayers of the People: Patti Ridout
Chorister: Sharon Babcock
Pianist: Charley Babcock

Videographers: Chip Pfleegor, Roger Reinicker and Baden Saathoff

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 Prayer of Confession was 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.)).

EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

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

Compassion Camp LIVE on Zoom

TODAY

11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Join us on Zoom for the last week of Compassion Camp online Sunday school! Check your email blast for details and a Zoom invitation, or contact Chesna (chesnahinkley@wpc.org) for more information. There will be music, movement, Bible



stories, games, crafts, and friends! Compassion Camp is designed for kids ages 4-11, and younger kids are welcome at parents' discretion.

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

Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

Coordinator: Jill Getty

For women of the church to provide connection and friendship, this group meets on Zoom. If you are interested, please email Jill Getty at <u>jgetty@wpc.org</u> and she will add you to the weekly participant email list to receive the Zoom link and password.

PARADIGM LOST

Wednesday, August 5 • 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Why have Israelis and Palestinians failed to achieve a two-state solution? Professor Ian Lustick (University of Pennsylvania) has analyzed this Middle East conflict for 50 years and argues that the two-state solution is dead. The only option available is a one-state solution. Join Dr. Lustick for his presentation (via Zoom) on Wednesday, August 5, at 7:00 p.m. To register, RSVP to delawarephr@gmail.com.



WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

Thursday, August 6, at 7:00 p.m. – Film screening of *John Lewis: Good Trouble* Thursday, August 13, at 7:00 p.m. – Discussion of *John Lewis: Good Trouble*

Our Peace & Justice Work Group is pleased to host a showing of the new documentary *John Lewis: Good Trouble*, highlighting the life and work of this Civil Rights icon. We will introduce and watch the one hour and 36 minute film on August 6, then follow up on August 13 with a discussion of the film and the history it describes. If you are unable



to join us on the 6th, we hope you will watch the film on your own and join us on the 13th for discussion.

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.

SYRIAN COLLECTION DROP-OFF INFORMATION

TODAY 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

August 3 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

August 4 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.



At last! The time is quickly approaching to drop off your donations at Westminster for our Interfaith Collection for Syrian Refugees. If you have waited to clean those closets, there is still time! Click here to see our flyer with an updated list of requested items. This week we added pencils, crayons, pencil sharpeners and rulers to the list. Donated items can be dropped off at Westminster Presbyterian Church (by the double blue doors off 13th Street, near Community Hall) during the dates and times shown above and on the flyer. Your donations will soon be loaded into a shipping container and on its way to Syria. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

JOIN US ON THE CHURCH LAWN! FIRST IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE SINCE MARCH

Saturday, August 8, 5:30 p.m.

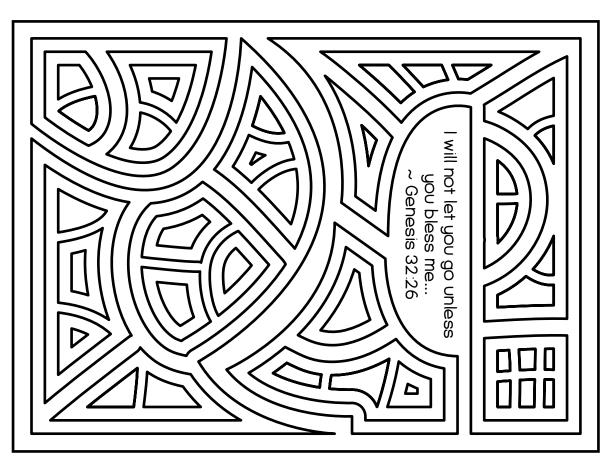


On Saturday, August 8, we will worship on our church lawn at 5:30 p.m. (ending by 6:10 p.m.). To ensure the safety of everyone, attendance is limited and an online reservation is required. Please submit **ONE** reservation per family. When we reach the maximum number of family units we can host, the 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 <u>website</u> on Sunday, August 9.

Click here to make your online reservation for August 8 worship on the lawn!

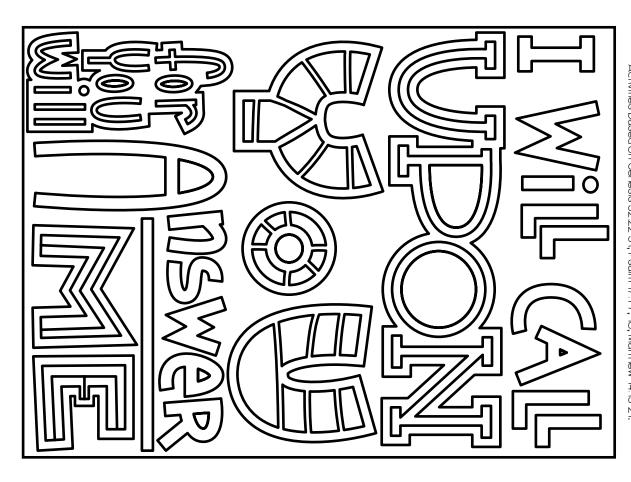




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WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Genesis 32:22-3 I, Psalm 17:1-7, 15, Matthew 14:13-2 I.





Matthew I4 shares the miracle of Jesus feeding thousands of people with five loaves of bread and two fish. **Draw what you imagine this looked like**.

FOLLOW the RATH

Genesis 32 tells the powerful story of Jacob wrestling with God. Jacob gives the place a new name because of what he saw. Follow the path of letters, and each time you come to a capital letter, write that letter down at the bottom of the page. See what Jacob saw spelled out below.

