



7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 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

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 for available dates. The next available dates August 2, 23 and 30.

Let us worship God!

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 139:1-12)

Evie Saathoff

HYMN NO. 265

“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”

Vs. 1 & 5

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
your creatures cry –
creation groans –
but we turn away.**

**We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility:
we are young; we are old;
we are tired; we are busy.**

It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference.

**Life-giving God,
wash us clean.
Restore our imaginations and our hearts.
Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins
until we love with abandon
and our hands reach out in blessing,
for the creation waits with eager longing
for the revealing of the children of God. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Chesna Hinkley

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 28:10-19a

SERMON

"Bethel"

Sudie Niesen Thompson

HYMN No. 65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
Vs. 1 & 3

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.	When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dick Jolly

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. 306

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
Vs. 1 & 5

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.	From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.
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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
Chesna Hinkley: Director of Christian Education
Alexis Droke: Director of Music for Children and Youth
Soloists/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Olivia Forney, Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox
Call to Worship: Evie Saathoff, video produced by Baden Saathoff
Prayers of the People: Dick Jolly
Videographers: Chip Pfleegor, Roger Reinicker and Baden Saathoff

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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 is adapted from a prayer published in *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, July 26, at 11:00 a.m.

Please check the letter that was mailed to you from Westminster for details on how you can be part of the meeting.

EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

Virtual Christian education and small group opportunities can also be found on the homepage of the Westminster website (www.wpc.org). Midweek Bible studies continue through the summer, and new faces are always welcome!

"Let's Talk About It" on Zoom

Today at 10:10 a.m.

Facilitated by Sue Linderman

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

While we may not be able to gather in person, we still value opportunities to experience the challenges and benefits that come from bringing racial issues into the light of day, with openness to differing opinions and respect for one another. Exactly two years ago, our *Let's Talk About It* discussion was titled "Confederate Monuments – Stay or Go?" Our country is once again confronting this question, as well as the naming of military bases and sports teams. All are welcome to join us on Sunday, July 19 as we share our reflections on this issue and why the situation seems different now than it was then.

Compassion Camp LIVE on Zoom

TODAY and Sundays, July 26 and August 2

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

We are using Illustrated Ministry's COMPASSION CAMP online VBS curriculum for Sunday School fun, live on Zoom! 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. For security reasons, there be a **unique link every week** emailed in our Christian education email blast on Tuesdays. Email Chesna (chesnahinkley@wpc.org) to be added to the list.



180 Youth Ministry Summer Schedule

FOR RISING 6TH – 12TH GRADERS

Jackbox Games on Zoom

Thursday, July 23, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

We'll get together on Zoom (Meeting ID: 493 720 0361) to play Jackbox! Each household needs a device to access Zoom AND each player needs a smart phone, tablet, or computer to play. Follow us for more on Instagram @180youth_wpc.



Online Bible Studies

Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. OR

Thursdays 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. on Zoom

<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 jgetty@wpc.org and she will add you to the weekly participant email list to receive the Zoom link and password.

WPC Peace & Justice Education Events

Westminster's Peace & Justice Work Group is excited to continue a program of education events on **Thursday evenings**. Look for more topics and information in the *Weekly Word* e-newsletter and on the WPC [Facebook](#) page.

UP NEXT: Thursday, July 23, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84768977211>

This session will feature a speaker from the Campaign to End Debtors' Prison. Come learn how Delaware's laws and policies related to fines and fees unfairly punish those in poverty. We'll also discuss what can be done about it!



UPCOMING DEACON EVENT

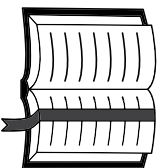
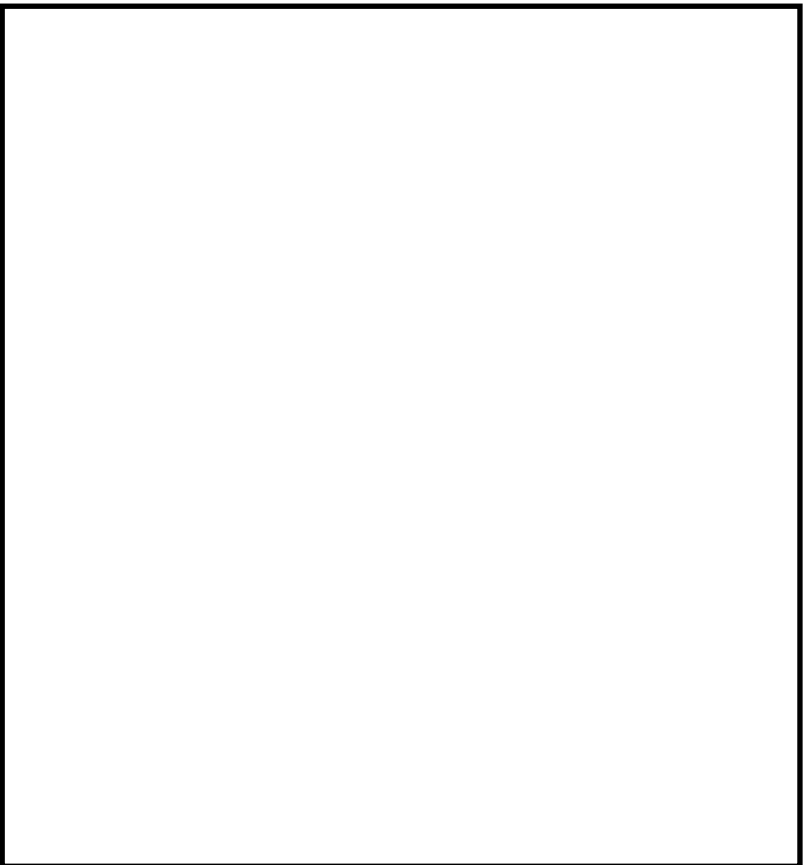
Family-Friendly Virtual Trivia

Wednesday, July 22, 7:00 – 7:45 p.m.

All are welcome to join us for fun game time on Zoom! Deacon **Jenn Blackford** will be our host. Please reach out her at blackfordj11@gmail.com if interested in participating and for the Zoom link.

DRAW IT

Genesis 28 describes Jacob's amazing dream where he saw a ladder going up to heaven with angels coming up and down the ladder. The dream reminded Jacob of the Lord's presence with him in a very powerful way. Imagine you are Jacob, and draw how you picture this dream.



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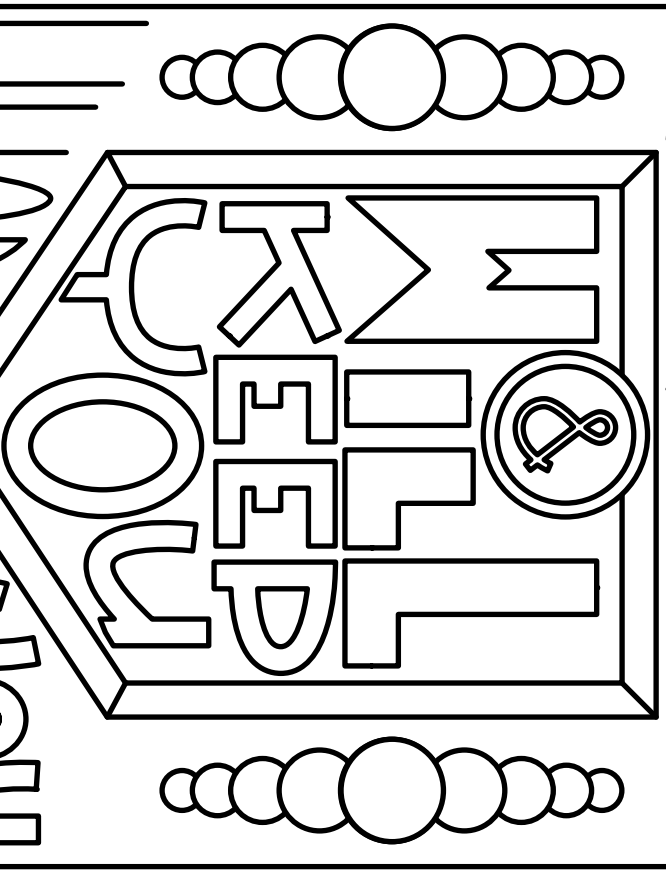
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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Genesis 28:10-19a, Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.

KNOW *that I AM* WITH YOU



WHEREVER YOU GO

