



14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 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

Morning Has Broken

Charles Callahan

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**.

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 given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Art Connolly from his wife, Joan.

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 September 20.

Let us worship God!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Christ is here.

Drawing us in the Spirit's tether,
uniting disciples across distances and divides,

Christ is here.

Speaking to our souls,
listening to our prayers,

Christ is here.

Binding us as one body,
sending us out in service,

Christ is here.

Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Christ is here. Let us worship the Lord.

HYMN NO. 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

Vs. 1 – 2

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.
I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome;
God's free bounty glorify,
true belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh.
I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgiving God,
You teach us to seek reconciliation
with those who have wronged us;
for, above all else,
we are to love one another.
But we let resentment smolder
until anger flares,
destroying any chance of peace.
We are quick to blame others
and slow to admit our own mistakes.
Grant us grace, we pray.
Make space in our wounded hearts
for the possibility of forgiveness,
and teach us to turn toward others in love
as you have turned toward us. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Greg Jones

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:15-20

SERMON

Sudie Niesen Thompson

HYMN NO. 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord
Vs. 1 & 4

HALL

Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;
give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.

Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;
through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all;
we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:	Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised!	may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:	Be this the eternal song through all the ages long:
may Jesus Christ be praised!	may Jesus Christ be praised!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Frederick Swann

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
 The Rev. Jill Getty
 Director of Music/Organist: Dr. F. Anthony Thurman
 Chorister: Sharon Babcock
 Videographers: Chip Pfleegor, Roger Reinicker, Baden Saathoff and Sophia Wolff

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 resources for children attached at the end of the bulletin are provided by Illustrated Ministry. Please print them to participate in this service or for family devotions throughout the week. You can find educational offerings at the end of this Order of Worship.

The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were written by our 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).

Online Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

New way to join! Go to zoom.us/join, enter **Meeting ID 899 3845 5537** and click "Join."

Our Bible study continues and new faces are always welcome.

Women's Online Community Group

2nd and 4th 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 Online Education Events

Two-Part Series on the Vaughn Prison Riot and Beyond

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

September 10 – God Showed Up and Showed Off

September 17 – The God of Second Chances

Patricia May was a counselor at the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center in Smyrna who was taken hostage during the riot in February 2017. Join us on September 10 as Patricia describes her reality of what transpired, the reasons why and her experience of God in the midst of chaos. On September 17, Patricia will share with us the compelling story of [Second Chances Farm](#), a new local enterprise that provides returning citizens with mentorship programs and green collar jobs at hydroponic, indoor, vertical farms in economically distressed communities. For more information about Patricia, [click here](#).



Join us using this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86027521655>. Or go to zoom.us/join, enter Meeting ID **860 2752 1655** and click "Join." Look for more topics and information on the WPC [Facebook](#) page.

180 Youth Ministry will resume in September.

Join Us! Worship Service on the Church Lawn

Saturday, September 12, 5:30 p.m.



On Saturday, September 12, 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 may still be warm, so dress accordingly and feel free to bring a bottle of water. **IMPORTANT! Please bring your own lawn chairs or blanket to sit on.**

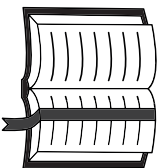
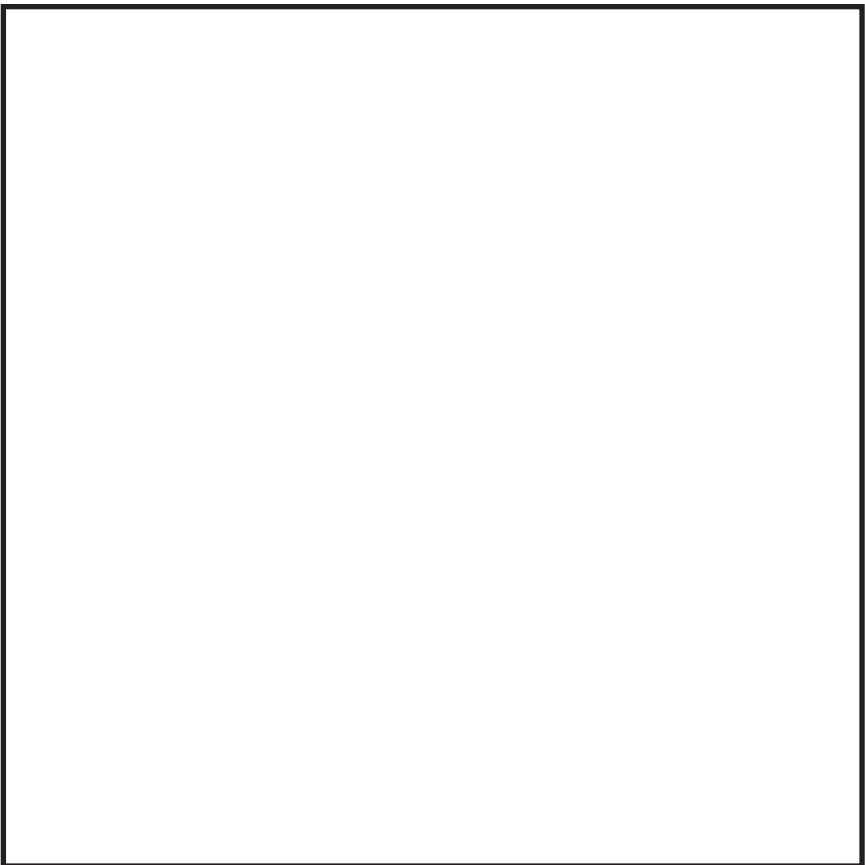
The liturgy will be emailed to you after you make your online reservation to print and bring to the service. If it rains, the service is cancelled. Worship on the lawn does not replace our virtual worship service, which will be available on our [website](#) on Sunday, September 13.

[Click here](#) to make your online reservation for September 12 worship on the lawn!



DRAW IT

In Matthew 18, Jesus teaches us how to handle conflicts or fights we have with other children of God. Draw what it looks like to work out a problem with another person in a loving way.

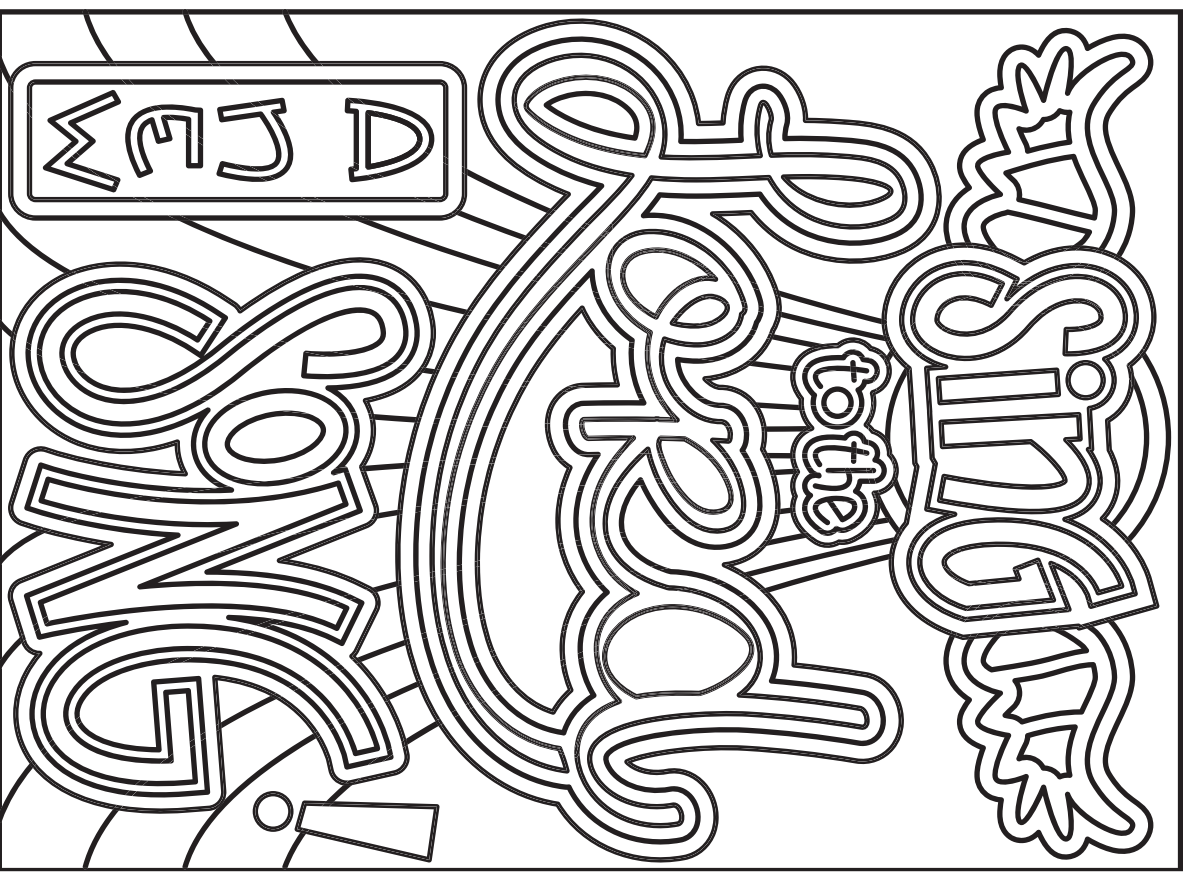


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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 149, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20.



WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Romans 13:8-14 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

P A S U S E J X Q W V W B C J
N O I T A V L A S L R O N O H
A M N A N U R O B H G I E N C
J W H D T H G I L I I R O W E
I B A C C Z W J L X L B E Y P I
K L N K O E A W A L E V E H C
E O Y E E M N X I H H E Z S H
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I Y R L L I F L U F G E L A X
G A C Z H I L T J T A N B J
D K A H L J D U N N C R F T R

OWE	WAKE	DAY
LOVE	SLEEP	DARKNESS
FULFILL	SALVATION	LIGHT
LAW	NEAR	HONOR
COMMANDMENT	BELIEVER	JESUS
NEIGHBOR	NIGHT	CHRIST

FOLLOW the PATH

What important act does God give instruction for in Exodus 12 (which later becomes a regular event of remembrance every year)? Follow the path of letters, and each time you come to a capital letter, write that letter down at the bottom of the page. When you get to the end of the path, see the name of this ritual spelled out below.

