



Westminster
Presbyterian Church

July 13, 2025
5th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Maestoso March" Melody Bober

WELCOME

PREPARATION MUSIC "O Waly Waly" English melody, arr. Paul A. Tate

INTROIT "Where the Spirit of the Lord Is" #2119 (*Sing the Faith*)
***Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace;
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love.
There is comfort in life's darkest hour,
There is light and life, there is help and power
In the Spirit, in the Spirit, of the Lord.*** (repeat)

CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us away from the noise of the world; that we may focus our thoughts on things which are lasting.

In God's presence we see our lives more clearly; the broken pieces are put back together.

God calls us out of isolation into community.

Sharing in worship, caring about one another, we find out what it means to be human.

But God will send us back into the world's brokenness and trouble.

We will go with hope and confidence, strengthened to serve and love, ready to be bearers of God's grace and peace.

*HYMN "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" #482 (*Hymnal*)

***Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!***

***Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?***

***Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.***

PRAYER (*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers, Augsburg Fortress Press, adapted*)

God of consolation and compassion, of healing and renewal,
Your breath alone brings life to dry bones and weary souls.

**Pour out your Spirit upon us,
that we may face life's discouragements,
times of despair, and even death
with the hope of the resurrection
and faith in the living Christ. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING John 11:17-26

SPECIAL MUSIC "Light of Sothis": "1. Grace" Amy Quate

SCRIPTURE READING Ezekiel 37:1-14

SERMON "Can These Bones Live?" Pastor Jerry

SONG "The River Is Here" #98 (*Lift Up Your Hearts*)

***Down the mountain the river flows
And it brings refreshing wherever it goes.
Through the valleys and over the fields
The river is rushing and the river is here.***

***Refrain: The river of God sets our feet a-dancing,
 The river of God fills our hearts with cheer.
 The river of God fills our mouths with laughter,
 And we rejoice for the river is here.***

***The river of God is teeming with life
And all who touch it will be revived;
And those who linger on this river's shore
Will come back thirsting for more of the Lord.*** *Refrain*

***Up to the mountain we love to go
To find the presence of the Lord.
Along the banks of the river we run,
We dance with laughter giving praise to the Son.*** *Refrain*

PRAYER

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 "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" #314 (*Hymnal*)

***Like the murmur of the dove's song,
Like the challenge of her flight,
Like the vigor of the wind's rush,
Like the new flame's eager might:
 Come, Holy Spirit, come.
To the members of Christ's body,
To the branches of the Vine,
To the church in faith assembled,
To her midst as gift and sing:
 Come, Holy Spirit, come.***

***With the healing of division,
With the ceaseless voice of prayer,
With the power to love and witness,
With the peace beyond compare:
 Come, Holy Spirit, come.***

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE "Dance with the Spirit" #135 (*Lift Up Your Hearts*)

***Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
Walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way.*** (*repeat*)

POSTLUDE "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" arr. Paul A Tate



Special thanks to Grant Asklar for joining us last Sunday and this morning with his lovely playing on oboe, flute and sax. We wish him great success on his upcoming national tour of Book of Mormon.

Grant is a dedicated educator and versatile woodwind musician from Buffalo, NY. He earned his undergraduate degree in Music Education from SUNY Buffalo State University and a Master of Music in Saxophone Performance from Western Michigan University. At WMU, he served as a graduate teaching assistant for the Bronco Marching Band and the Pep Band. Grant has performed throughout Europe and at the Northwest Lewiston Jazz Festival.

As a member of the WMU Jazz Orchestra, he performed in collaborations with renowned artists such as bassist Dave Holland, trombonist Elliot Mason, and pianist Arturo O'Farrill. An active performer in regional theater, Grant regularly appears as a woodwind specialist with Farmers Alley Theatre, the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre, and the Grand Rapids Civic Theatre. He was featured as a concerto soloist with the Western Michigan Symphony Orchestra after winning the WMU Concerto Competition in 2023.