

Westminster Presbyterian Church

June 9, 2024



art: "The Parable of the Great Banquet" by Maurice Morel

PRELUDE "Knowing You" arr by Mark Hayes

WELCOME

PREPARATION MUSIC "If You Will Trust in God to Guide You"
arr by David Sarandon

INTROIT "What Does the Lord Require?" #97 (*Hearts*)
***What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?
To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.
Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God
What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?
To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.***

CALL TO WORSHIP (from the *Iona Abbey Worship Book*)
The God of heaven has made a home on earth.
Christ dwells among us and is one with us.
The highest in all creation lives among the least.
Christ journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.
Come now all who thirst
And drink the water of life.
Come now all who hunger
And be filled with good things.
Come now all who seek
And be warmed by the fire of love.

*HYMN "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" Psalm 100 #220 (*Hymnal*)
***All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell. Come ye before him and rejoice
Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
O enter then his gates with praise; Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.
For why? The Lord our God is good. His mercy is forever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.***

PRAYER (adapted from *Banquet of Praise*)
God of abundant grace and goodness, we give you praise and thanks today.
**We are grateful for the gift of food and opportunities to share it;
the love of friends and family and your call to love those who are lost and alone;
the grace of belonging and the welcome you extend to all.
Help us to receive all your gifts with gratitude and embrace the vision of your
reign with eager joy, in the name of Jesus who shows us the way. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 14:1-14

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Benedictus"

by Karl Jenkins
Guest trombonist: Nathaniel Chiu

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:15-24

SERMON

"Food for Thought: Another Dinner Party"

Pastor Janet

SONG

"Together We Serve"

#2175 (*Sing the Faith*)

***Together we serve, united by love,
Inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
Extending Your love to the last and the least.***

***We seek to become a beacon of hope,
A lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
Until we see Christ in each person we meet.***

***We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
The busy, the lonely and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
Our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.***

***Together, by grace, we witness and work,
Remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
Remembering love is the strength of our song.***

PRAYER

THE 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

"Here I Am, Lord"

#525 (*Hymnal*)

***I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?***

Refrain:

***Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.***

***I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain***

***I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain***

*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

"The Gift to be Simple"

arr by David Sarandon

Many thanks to Nathaniel Chui for our Special Music this morning. Nathaniel (known to his friends as Chui) is a very active local musician. He was a 2020 WMU graduate who plays with the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre and with the Kalamazoo Philharmonia. He also sings at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church.

We are very grateful to his being with us today..