



Westminster Presbyterian Church

July 7, 2024

PRELUDE "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives" by Mark Knickelbein

WELCOME

PREPARATION MUSIC "Shepherd, Like a Savior Lead Us" by Lorie Line

You may come forward and light a candle to represent the prayer you bring today.

INTROIT "I Will Call Upon the Lord" #2002 (Sing the Faith)

***I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my enemies. I will call upon the Lord.
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock;
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.
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and let the God of my salvation be exalted. (repeat)***

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalms 100 and 104)

Sing out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing.

For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

From the sky God sends rain and fills the earth with blessings, making the crops grow food and giving us strength to live out our days.

Lord, you have made so many things; the earth is filled with plenty and plenty to share. Praise God for God's good gifts!

*HYMN "O Jesus, I Have Promised" #388 (Hymnal)

***O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.
O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.
O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.
O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow thee
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.***

PRAYER OF NEED AND SURRENDER in the style of a Biblical lament

In all honesty, Lord, being human is difficult. There are so many things we do not understand or comprehend, so much that hurts and troubles our souls. We cry out to be "fixed" and for our world somehow to be "saved." Honestly, it is our overwhelming longing for hope and strength that brings us to this place and this sanctuary - Westminster's holy womb.

Here in this place, we can pause to catch our breath and find strength, so that we do not lose hope or heart. Open us up to the seeds of faith that You have planted deep within us; help us to trust in a love that does not fail. Open us to our true selves so that we may be Christ in the world. Amen

SILENT REFLECTION

SPECIAL MUSIC "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" by guest guitarist Jared Norwood

SCRIPTURE READING John 12:24-26 (TEV)

*Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great compassion,
Speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.*

*Save us, Thy people, from consuming passion,
Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.*

*Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,
Bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,
Still let thy Spirit unto us be given
To heal earth's wounds and end our bitter strife.*

*Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,
Showing to wandering souls the path of light;
Walk Thou beside us lest the tempting byways
Lure us away from Thee to endless night.*

*Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst save us
From death and deep despair, from sin and guilt;
We render back the love Thy mercy gave us;
Take Thou our lives and use them as Thou wilt.*

*Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,
Who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain,
We would be faithful to Thy gospel glorious:
Thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!*

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS: Chris Rohwer, Tom VerHage, Alissa Worstell

LITANY

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together, we are the body of Christ.

And individually members of Christ.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

PRAYER OF THE CONGREGATION

God of grace, who has called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us, that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY-INSTALLED ELDERS

COMMUNION HYMN

"One Bread, One Body"

#130 (Hearts)

*Refrain: One bread, one body, One Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.*

*And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew, Servant or free, Woman or man, No more. Refrain

Many the gifts, Many the works, One in the Lord of all. Refrain

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. Refrain

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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

BREAKING THE BREAD, POURING THE CUP

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Waiting for the Sunrise"

By Deborah A. Offenhauser

PRAYER

**O God, send us out from this table to follow Jesus with joy and gladness.
May our lives embody Jesus' love and grace each and every day. Amen.**

*RESPONSE

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And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.***

*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

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

by Mark Knickelbein

We thank guest guitarist Jared Norwood who has been playing music since 9 years old on guitar and viola, and professionally for about 5 years. Currently, he is music director for Allegan Assembly of God church and co-owner/operator of his music business "JustJaye," which directs and arranges music for artists' studio and live music performances.

Jared is passionate about his playing and is excited to share it with the world.