



Westminster  
Presbyterian  
Church

August 10, 2025  
9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Immortal, Invisible with Handel's Water Music"

arr. Marilyn Ham

WELCOME

PREPARATION MUSIC "Andante"

by Joseph Haydn  
Trumpet Solo: Val Glasscock

INTROIT "Gather Us In" vs. 1, 2, 4 #2236 (*Sing*)

*Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in – the lost and forsaken, gather us in – the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,  
We are the old – who yearn for your face;  
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
Called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in – the proud and the strong;  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light-years away,  
But here in this place the new light is shining,  
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are people who have been called to follow where God leads us.

**By faith we can obey, even when asked to walk into an unknown future.**

We are people who have been challenged to tell God's story to others.

**By faith we have the ability to share the good news.**

We are God's children who are invited to feast at the table of grace.

**By faith we will embrace our sisters and brothers in Christ.**

\*HYMN

"The God of Abraham Praise"

#488 (Hymnal)

***The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;  
The ancient of eternal days, the God of love!  
The Lord, the great I Am, by earth and heav'n confessed,  
We bow before your holy name, forever blest.***

***Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will;  
In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,  
Deep writ upon the human heart, on sea, or land.***

***Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest, \*  
A land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.  
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,  
And trees of life forever grow, with mercy crowned.***

***You have eternal life implanted in the soul;  
Your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.  
We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name;  
The first, the last, beyond all thought and still the same.***

*\*verse 3 from Glory to God*

#### PRAYER

It was faith which made them listen to your words, trust in your promises, dare to imagine a different home, risk undertaking new adventures, setting aside their fears and doubts. Give us such faith, God of our ancestors, give us such faith.

**With the faith you give us, with the faith you have in us, God in Community, Holy in One, pour out your Spirit upon us this day and forevermore. Amen.**

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 15: 1-6

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

Vivaldi Trumpet Concerto

*Antonio Vivaldi*

*Played by Val Glasscock, Fred Welch and Nancy Husk*

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

#### SERMON

"Walkin' after Midnight"

Rev. Amber Nettleton

#### HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

#356 (Hymnal)

***Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!***

***Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.***

***O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be.  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.***

## 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                    "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"                    #399 (Hymnal)**  
***We walk by faith and not by sight; No gracious words we hear***  
***From Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke; But we believe Him near.***

***We may not touch His hands and side, Nor follow where He trod;***  
***But in His promise we rejoice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"***

***Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; And may our faith abound***  
***To call on You when You are near And seek where You are found.***

***That, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light***  
***We may behold You as You are, With full and endless sight.***

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*RESPONSE                    "We've Come This Far by Faith"                    #656 (Glory to God)**  
***We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord, trusting in the holy Word;***  
***God's never failed us yet. O, can't turn around, we've come this far by faith.***  
***We've come this far by faith. (repeat)***

### POSTLUDE

#### "Rondo"

by Robert Vandall



*We thank Fred Welch, Val Glasscock and Nancy Husk  
for our special music this morning!*