



Westminster  
Presbyterian Church

July 6, 2025  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Jeanne Cotter

WELCOME

PREPARATION MUSIC "Going Home" arr. Joseph Martin

INTROIT "Ancient Words" *see below*

CALL TO WORSHIP

(by Joanna Harader, spaciousfaith.com, adapted)

Holy One, be in our midst:

**Whisper in our ears;**

Glimmer in our vision;

**Write your word on our hearts.**

With open ears, open eyes, open hearts,

**We come.**

God of love

**Dwell within us.**

\*HYMN "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" #298 (*Hymnal*)

***There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;***

***There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.***

***There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;***

***There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement given.***

***For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind;***

***And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.***

***If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's word;***

***And our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.***

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYER

SUNG PRAYER            "Change My Heart, O God" #61 (*Lift Up Your Hearts*)  
*Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.  
You are the potter, I am the clay;  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.*

SCRIPTURE READING    Jeremiah 5:1-3, 20-25

SPECIAL MUSIC            "Gabriel's Oboe"            arr. Ennio Morricone

SCRIPTURE READING    Jeremiah 31:31-34

SERMON                    "Written on our Hearts"            Pastor Janet

HYMN                      "Canticle of the Turning"            *see below*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION SONG            "In the Singing"            #2255 (*Sing the Faith*)  
*In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open,  
In the blessing, in the breaking, in the Presence at this table –  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace.  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.*  
  
*In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance,  
In the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people –  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace.  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.*

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**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC            "Deep Within"            arr. Richard Cotter

PRAYER

**Gracious God, at your table you have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared the bread and cup to be Christ's faithful disciples, so that our living may be part of the life of your realm and our love be your love, reaching out into the life of the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" #384 (*Hymnal*)

***O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.***

***O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.***

***O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the sunshine through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be.***

***O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust, life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.***

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE "Cry of My Heart" #2165 (*Lift Up Your Hearts*)

Refrain: ***It is the cry of my heart to follow you.***

***It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.***

***It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.***

***Teach me your holy ways, O Lord, so I can walk in your truth.***

***Teach me your holy ways, O Lord, and make me wholly devoted to you.***

*Refrain*

***Open my eyes so I can see the wonderful things that you do.***

***Open my heart up more and more, and make me wholly devoted to you.***

*Refrain*

POSTLUDE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arr. Victor Labenske



Many thanks to **Grant Asklar** for our special music this morning! 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. Committed to lifelong learning, Grant has attended prestigious summer programs including the Brevard Music Center Saxophone Institute, the Frederick L. Hemke Saxophone Institute, the Boston University Tanglewood Institute, and the Eastman Saxophone Workshop.

"Ancient Words"

*Holy words long preserved  
For our walk in this world,  
They resound with God's own heart;  
Oh, let the ancient words impart.*

*Words of life, words of hope  
Give us strength, help us cope  
In this world, where e'er we roam  
Ancient words will guide us home.*

*Ancient words ever true  
Changing me, and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts;  
Oh let the ancient words impart.*

*Holy words of our faith,  
Handed down to this age.  
Came to us through sacrifice;  
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.*

*Holy words long preserved  
For our walk in this world.  
They resound with God's own heart;  
Oh let the ancient words impart.*

*Ancient words ever true,  
Changing me, and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts;  
Oh let the ancient words impart. (repeat 3x)*

*We have come with open hearts;  
Oh let the ancient words impart.*

**"Canticle of the Turning"**

***My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
That the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
That you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
And my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?***

***Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
And the world is about to turn.***

***Though I am small, my God, my all,  
You work great things in me,  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
To the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
And to those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
For the world is about to turn.***

*Refrain*

***From the halls of power to the fortress tower,  
Not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tear,  
Every tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
For the food they can never earn;  
There are tables spread; every mouth be fed,  
For the world is about to turn.***

*Refrain*

***Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around.***

*Refrain*