



YOU PREPARE A  
TABLE BEFORE  
ME IN THE  
PRESENCE OF  
MY ENEMIES.  
YOU ANOINT  
MY HEAD WITH  
OIL; MY CUP  
OVERFLOWS.

- PSALM 235 -

## Westminster Presbyterian Church

September 1, 2024

PRELUDE "En Bateau" from "Petite Suite" Claude Debussy  
for four-hands: Sirasa Schonder, Marie Kerstetter

WELCOME

PREPARATION MUSIC "Menuet" from "Petite Suite" Claude Debussy  
for four-hands: Sirasa Schonder, Marie Kerstetter

INTROIT "Spirit Song" verse 1 #13 (*Lift Up Your Hearts*)

***O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love,  
Let him fill your life and satisfy your soul.  
O let him have the things that hold you and his Spirit, like a dove,  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.***

CALL TO WORSHIP (from *Bread for the Journey*, adapted)

God says, "Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.

**Come, you who have no money. Come, buy and eat"**

We have come to feast on the living bread, that we might minister to the world's  
hungers.

**We have come to drink from the waters of life, that we might minister to the  
world's thirst.**

Let us worship God, source of every blessing.

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be  
filled.**

\*HYMN "All Who Hunger" #2126 (*Sing the Faith*)

***All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread  
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here in truth we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.***

***All who hunger, never strangers; seekers, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.***

***All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.***

## PRAYER

We come with hungry hearts and thirsty souls, O God.

**We come feeling depleted of energy, with the emptiness of sorrow, with unanswered questions and unfulfilled hopes. We come aware of all that is not well in our world. We come troubled by the hate we see around us, by the willingness of so many to harm their neighbors, by injustice and those who remain indifferent to it.**

We come with hungry hearts and thirsty souls

**We come to be fed at your table, nourished by your presence, refreshed by your Spirit, filled with your love. In the midst of all that troubles us, threatens our serenity, and causes us to fear... remind us that you are with us. Speak your word of peace to us. Renew our confidence in your goodness and mercy, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

SPECIAL MUSIC "O God, Beyond All Praising" Gustav Holst, arr. Paul Tate  
Sirasa Schonder, piano

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23

SERMON "Food for Thought: A Table Before You" Pastor Janet

HYMN "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" verses 1-4 #521 (*Hymnal*)

*Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;  
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.*

*As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;  
So when you call your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice. Refrain*

*With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude  
That you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'nly food. Refrain*

*Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf declare our oneness in the Lord? Refrain*

*The mystery of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:  
Whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. Refrain*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sung*)

*Our Father which 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 and ever, Amen. Forever and ever, Amen.*

BREAKING THE BREAD, POURING THE CUP

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC "Morning Songs" arr. Paul Tate

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**And bless God's holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**And forget not all God's benefits.**

\*HYMN "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" verse 5 #521 (*Hymnal*)

*Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;  
You give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.*

*You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,  
To serve each other in your name in truth and charity. Refrain*

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing" vv. 1-2 #538 (Hymnal)  
*Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.*

*Thanks we give and adoration for thy gospel's joyful sound;  
May the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.*

POSTLUDE "What You Have Done For Me" arr. Paul Tate



We welcome pianist Sirasa Schonder as our guest musician this morning. Sirasa studied music at Carleton College and medicine at Wayne State University. She practiced internal medicine before raising her children. She accompanies local music students and does musical directing at Kindleberger Park Summer Festival as well as the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre. Marie feels very blessed to have her as a dear friend and for the opportunity to play together. We thank Sirasa for blessing our worship this morning with her musical gifts.