



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Portage, Michigan

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PRELUDE "Gather Us In" arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME

MUSIC FOR PREPARATION "Faith of our Fathers" arr. Phillip Keveren

INTROIT "Cry of My Heart" #2165 ([Sing the Faith](#))

*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

CALL TO WORSHIP (by Elizabeth Dilley, adapted; inspired by Psalm 27)

God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

**God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble,
and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!**

Day after day, we seek God's face and the assurance of God's holy love:

O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us!

Be our guide and our light instead!

One thing we ask of God:

**That we may live in God's presence all the days of our life,
and never cease to behold the beauty of God's home.**

Beloved of God, let us come worship with thankfulness,
for God is among and within us!

Thanks be to God!

*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.*

INVITATION TO PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

SONG "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.***

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4
James 1:19-25

SERMON "A Healthy Faith" Pastor Jerry

HYMN "Though I May Speak" #335 (Hymnal)
***Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain; as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
But not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.***

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 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" #369 (Hymnal)

***I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!***

*BLESSING

*CLOSING SONG "What Does the Lord Require of You?" #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.***

POSTLUDE "This Is the Day of New Beginnings" arr. Mark Hayes