



Westminster Presbyterian Church

August 31, 2025 ~ 12th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Shine, Jesus, Shine" arr. Phillip Keveren

WELCOME

PREPARATION MUSIC "Come to Me" arr. Paul A. Tate

INTROIT "Come to Me" #64 (*Lift Up Your Hearts*)

*Refrain: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened;
You who are weary and burdened, come to me.
Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
And I will give you rest.*

*Take my yoke upon you and learn of me,
For I am gentle and humble in heart.
And you will find rest, rest for your soul,
For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*

Refrain

And I will give you rest.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us gather like those who sat at Jesus' feet, who listened to his words, who reached out for his healing touch.

We come ready to listen, hungry for good news, in need of grace.

I tell you, Christ is here with us, calling us to life and love.

We come with joy, for we too want to be Jesus' disciples.

Let us praise God for gathering us into this community of worship.

Let us praise God for Jesus, who meets us here.

*HYMN "Jesus, Our Divine Companion" #305 (*Hymnal*)

***Jesus, our divine companion, by your lowly human birth
You have come to join the workers, burden bearers of the earth.
You the carpenter of Naz'reth, toiling for your daily food,
By your patience and your courage you have taught us work is good.***

***Where the many toil together, there you are among your own.
Where the solitary labor, you are there with them alone.
You, the peace that passes knowledge, dwelling in the daily strife;
You the bread of heav'n are broken in the sacrament of life.***

PRAYER Jesus, you are the way in our wanderings.

You are the truth in our wonderings.

You are the life that is always at work among us.

Be our way in times that trouble and confuse us.

Be our truth in the face of words that harm and condemn.

Be the life uniting us in mutual care and service.

Let your healing presence be among us.

Speak your word of grace and power.

Shine your light so we can follow you. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 4:23-5:3

SONG "Blest Are They" #2155 (*Sing the Faith*)

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you.

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. Refrain

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God! Refrain

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. Refrain

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom. Shine for all to see. Refrain

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 19:1-5, 13-26

SERMON "Jesus Among the People"

Pastor Janet

HYMN "O Christ the Healer"

#380 (*Hymnal*)

***O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored, when reached by love that never ends?***

***From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed;
Yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.***

***How strong, O Lord, are our desires, how weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths unconscious pride resists or shelves.***

***In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease;
Our common life declares our ills: Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?***

***Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find
The wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.***

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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #403 (*Hymnal*)

***What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.***

***Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!***

***Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms he'll take and shield thee. Thou wilt find a solace there.***

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE "Seek Ye First" #333 (*Hymnal*)

***Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!***

***Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!***

POSTLUDE "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" arr. Marilyn Ham