



**Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Portage, Michigan**

January 29, 2023  
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

"Praise the Lord"

arr. by Victor Labenske

WELCOME

MUSIC FOR PREPARATION

"A Quiet Moment"

by Barbara Boertje

INTROIT

"You Are Here"

#18 ([Lift Up Your Hearts](#))

***You are here among us, for we have gathered in your name.  
We can feel your presence in this place.  
You are here among us. You are enthroned upon our praise.  
You are here, here to heal and here to save.  
You are here, in our midst, how we've waited for moments like this.  
Have your way in this place, Holy Spirit come do as you wish.  
We are changed as you move in our midst.***

CALL TO WORSHIP

(by Katherine Hawker, adapted)

Happy are we

**When our treasures cannot be quantified.**

Happy are we

**When our knowledge is tempered by mystery.**

Happy are we

**When our pain is held in the balm of love.**

Happy are we

**When our delight comes from beyond ourselves.**

Happy are we

**When we can join hearts and voices in praising God together.**

\*HYMN

"God Is Here!"

#461 ([Hymnal](#))

***God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.***

***Here are symbols to remind us of our life long need of grace;  
Here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching, Here in silence, as in speech,  
Here in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.***

***Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold,  
Here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant see in worship to explore  
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.***

***Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt  
Keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:  
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe.***

## PRAYER

(from *The Worship Sourcebook*, adapted)

Loving God, we come to you in worship and thanksgiving.

You are greater than we can understand:

Open our eyes that we may see what Jesus has shown us of you.

You are more loving than our hearts can respond to:

Help us to give ourselves to you in worship so that we learn what you want us to be.

You are wiser than we can know:

Quiet our minds as we worship so that we can hear what you say to us.

**Loving God, in Jesus you chose to come to the world in humility.**

**You chose the path the world saw as foolish. You showed us strength in what seemed like weakness. In you, we have discovered the transforming power of love. We worship and adore you. Amen.**

## \*RESPONSE

"Glory to God"

Paul Vasile, used by permission

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free,***

***As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, Amen.***

***World without end, without end, Amen. World without end, without end, Amen.***

***World without end, without end, Amen.***

***As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen.***

## SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:1-8

## ANTHEM

"Sanctus"

by Terre McPheeters

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12

## SERMON

"Walking Humbly"

Pastor Jerry

## HYMN

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

#434 (Hymnal)

***Today we are all called to be disciples of the Lord,  
To help to set the captives free, make plow-share out of sword,  
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,  
To serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.***

***God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race  
To live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.  
But we are vain and sadly proud, we sow not peace but strife,  
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.***

***Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,  
With righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,  
A world that was created for a harmony of peace.***

***May we in service to our God act out the living word,  
And walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord  
To God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.***

## PRAYER

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.***

## \*BLESSING

## \*RESPONSE

"Together We Serve"

#2175 (Sing the Faith)

***Together we serve, united by love,  
Inviting God's world to the glorious feast.  
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,  
Extending God's love to the last and the least.***

***We seek to become a beacon of hope,  
A lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through,  
Until we see Christ in each person we meet.***

***We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,  
The busy, the lonely and all who need care.  
We offer a home to those who will come,  
Our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.***

***Together, by grace, we witness and work,  
Remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.  
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,  
Remembering love is the strength of our song***

## POSTLUDE

"Sing to the Lord"

arr. by Mark Hayes