

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
September 21, 2025 ~ 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



PRELUDE "Canticle of the Sun" arr. Paul A. Tate

WELCOME

PREPARATION MUSIC "Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart"  
Frederick Atkinson

INTROIT "Spirit of the Living God" #322 (*Hymnal*)  
***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***  
***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***  
***Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.***  
***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (repeat)***

CALL TO WORSHIP (written by Beth Merrill Neel)

We are here to follow Jesus  
**With halting steps**  
And questioning minds  
**With ready hands**  
And pierced hearts

**With joy for each other**

And gratitude to God.

**Let us follow Jesus,**

And let us worship God.

\*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 seek 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.***

INVITATION TO PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

SONG

"Healing Grace"

#68 (*Lift Up Your Hearts*)

***Merciful God and Father, loving us like no other,  
Hear our prayer, the cry of our hearts as we come to you.  
We acknowledge our transgressions, we confess to you our sins;  
Show us mercy and compassion,  
touch our lives with your healing grace again.  
Release us from the past as we seek your face: wash us clean at last.  
We receive your love, we receive your healing grace.  
We receive your love, we receive your healing grace. (repeat)  
Touch our lives with your healing grace again.***

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 4:7-15

ANTHEM

"How Excellent Thy Name" G.F. Handel, arr. Patrick Liebergen

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:4-26

SERMON

"Celebrating OUR Ministry"

Pastor Jerry

HYMN

"We All Are One in Mission"

#435 (Hymnal)

***We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single, great commission compels us from above  
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.***

***We all are called for service to witness in God's name;  
Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:  
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace  
So every folk and nations may feel God's warm embrace.***

***Now let us be united and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.  
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.***

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!***

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

"Be Rooted in Hope"

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***Be rooted in hope. Be tended in grace,  
Nourished by light from God's loving face.  
Bear fruit that will last and let your lives be  
A sign of the peace that can heal and set free. (repeat)***

POSTLUDE

"Jesus, Yesterday, Today and For Ever"

Suzanne Tolan

