

# Westminster At Worship

*A Celebration of Worship  
Share Meals  
Sacrament of Communion*

September 17, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Please silence your cell phones prior to entering the sanctuary.

*†Those who are able to stand may do so.*



## GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

**PRELUDE**

**SETH CUNNINGHAM**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WESTMINSTER AT WORK**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**†CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: Receive God's good gifts.

**PEOPLE: Taste and see that God is good.**

LEADER: Give thanks for all things.

**PEOPLE: Taste and see that God is good.**

LEADER: Be fed by the bread of life.

**PEOPLE: Taste and see that God is good.**

LEADER: Share God's love with all.

**PEOPLE: Taste and see that God is good.**

## †HYMN

*“Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”*

O QUANTA QUALIA

*Lord, we have come at your own invitation,  
chosen by you, to be counted your friends;  
yours is the strength that sustains dedication;  
ours, a commitment we know never ends.*

*Here, at your table, confirm our intention;  
give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;  
teach us to serve without pride or pretension,  
Lord, in your kingdom, whatever our place.*

*When, at your table, each time of returning,  
vows are renewed and our courage restored,  
may we increasingly glory in learning  
all that it means to accept you as Lord.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, at this heavenly banquet you exalt the humble  
and humble the exalted.**

**Simple and sinful as we are,**

**you have even given us a place at the table of our Lord.**

**Transform our lives by your grace, and turn the tables on this  
world.**

**Teach us to do what is right and to share what we have,  
showing hospitality to strangers and entertaining angels  
unaware, so that we may be present at the wedding of heaven  
and earth; through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

— *A Time of Silent Confession* —

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:  
In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **†RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE**

*“Gloria Patri”*

GREATOREX

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.*

*Amen, Amen.*

## **†SHARING GOD’S PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **FANNING THE FLAME**

### **PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD**

#### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

#### **READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

##### **First Reading**

**1 Corinthians 11:20-26**

##### **Second Reading**

**Acts 2: 42-47**

#### **SERMON**

*“Share Meals”*

Rev. Jamie Milton

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD WITH THANKSGIVING

### OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*~Please record your presence on the "Friendship Pad"*

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*"The Light of the World"*  
Chancel Choir

BESIG AND PRICE

### †DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### †UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy One, in the presence of your people we offer our heartfelt  
thanksgiving,  
our sacrifice of gratitude and praise.  
As we give our lives to you, show us how to love and serve you  
and how to love and serve one another; for the sake of Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### †AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

LEADER: We are not alone, sliding through a mystery with no  
guidance.

PEOPLE: **We have an Advocate who guides us with power and  
truth.**

LEADER: We do not pray alone, worried about "getting it right" or  
being heard.

**PEOPLE:** We have an Advocate who prays with us, in deep, wordless sighs.

LEADER: We do not work alone for the healing of the world.

**PEOPLE:** We have an Advocate who directs our paths and reveals Christ to us.

LEADER: We are born of water and fire, adopted into the family of God.

**PEOPLE:** We have an Advocate who strengthens our relationship with the Holy.

LEADER: We are a people of bountiful gifts and many connections.

**PEOPLE:** We have an Advocate who blesses and encourages us.

LEADER: We are yet coming to know more fully the height and depth and breadth of the love of God.

**PEOPLE:** We have an Advocate who does not rest in revealing that truth to all creation.

## †HYMN

*"Come to the Table of Grace"*

TABLE OF GRACE

*Come to the table of grace.  
Come to the table of grace.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of grace.*

*Come to the table of peace.  
Come to the table of peace.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of peace.*

*Come to the table of love.  
Come to the table of love.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of love.*

*Come to the table of hope.  
Come to the table of hope.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of hope.*

*Come to the table of joy.  
Come to the table of joy.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of joy.*

## **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE: And also with you.**

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

**PEOPLE: We lift them to the Lord.**

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**PEOPLE: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The prayer continues...*

LEADER: Blessed are you, O Lord our God...

...Therefore we praise you, joining the song of  
the universal church and the heavenly choir:

## SUNG RESPONSE

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

LAND OF REST

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

*The prayer continues...*

LEADER: You are holy, O God of glory...  
...Great is the mystery of faith:

## SUNG RESPONSE

*"Christ Has Died; Christ is Risen"*

LAND OF REST

*Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.  
(repeat)*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**PEOPLE:** 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.

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP**

### **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*You are invited to come forward to receive communion. Using either station at the front of the church, you will receive a piece of bread and a cup of juice. Please take communion before returning to your seat. If you wish to remain seated, someone will bring communion to your seat. If you require gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know.*

### **UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**O Lord our God, we rise from this table  
knowing a love beyond our deserving.  
Thank you for giving us a place at your table;  
for serving us the bread of life;  
for offering to us, even to us,  
the cup of salvation.  
In humility and hope,  
we go now from this table,  
to welcome and love your people  
at our tables.  
In Christ we pray. Amen.**

### **BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD**

#### **†HYMN**

*"Let Us Break Bread "*

LET US BREAK BREAD

*Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together our knees;  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*



*Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine wine together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

## †CHARGE & BENEDICTION.

## †POSTLUDE

**SETH CUNNINGHAM**



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### **Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday  
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## **Practicing Generosity**

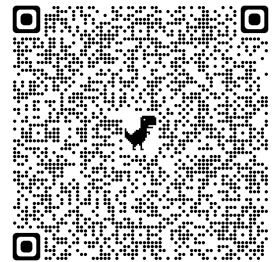
There are many ways to share your gifts with Westminster.

Cash and checks are welcome. Please use your offering envelopes or the envelopes found in pew backs and place your gift in the offering plate when it is passed.

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Contributions can also be sent through the mail to the attention of the Church Treasurer.

We're grateful for your gifts, however you choose to give.  
**THANK YOU!**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

**NURSERY CARE** is available for infants and toddlers during the worship service. Our nursery is equipped with a paging system. Quality childcare is provided by Elaine Edwards who is infant/CPR trained.

**HOME COMMUNION:** If you are unable to join us in-person for worship and would like to be added to our home communion list, please call the church office and let us know. Pastor Jamie, Rev. Linda, an Elder or Deacon will provide home communion on the first Sunday of the month, after the worship service.

**JOIN US ON FACEBOOK:** Westminster Presbyterian Church-Bay City.

**THE WELL-LIVED LIFE:** Join us tomorrow, **September 18th at 1:00 p.m.** as we begin a new study on the book The Well-Lived Life by Gladys McGarey, MD; at 102-years-old, she shares her experiences in living life fully. We feel this book will be meaningful no matter your age. **We'll meet at Sheffield Bay** and share in discussion with residents from the community. This is a wonderful opportunity to move outside our church walls and connect with new friends (and old friends, as a few of our church members are residents at Sheffield.) **Books are still available in the church office.** The sessions will run for the next 6 Mondays.

**BAY CITY'S WELCOME TABLE:** Save the date for **Saturday, September 23rd** as we (along with other Midland Street businesses) host a free community-wide event. Join us from **11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.** right on Midland Street for food, games, music, face painting and more! If you're able to volunteer to help with the event. Please call the church office.

**50-YEAR MEMBER CELEBRATION:** Join us **Sunday, September 24, 2023** immediately following worship for a Picnic Lunch hosted by the Deacons honoring all our 50-Year Members. Everyone is invited to join the celebration.

**COMING TOGETHER TO END HUNGER:** On **Saturday, September 30, from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., here at Westminster** we'll join with Churches from the Presbytery of Lake Huron and host a panel discussion on ways to alleviate hunger issues in our communities. More details are in the September Log and if you're able to help host, or help with lunch, please call the office. Thank you!

**LUNCH AND LEARN:** Join us **Tuesday, September 26th at noon** in Fellowship Hall as we welcome Bonnie Fritz, nurse educator and Director of Golden Horizons Adult Day Center. Over lunch, she'll give us an overview of dementia and dementia care. There will be an opportunity to ask questions. Please bring a brown bag lunch. We'll provide beverages and a sweet treat.

**FALL RETREAT:** Save the date for our fall retreat, set for **Saturday, October 14th** at Bay Shore Camp in Sebawaing. Details about the day are being planned and we'll have more information in the coming weeks. Please call the church office if you interested in signing up and/or if you have any questions.

**FALL RUMMAGE SALE:** Start saving those gently used items, the Presbyterian Women will be hosting their Fall Rummage Sale **the first week of October**. Specific dates and times will be announced soon. And if you're able to help with the sale, a sign up sheet is located in the Dewitt entrance. Proceeds from the sale help with Food of Faith.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY (Thursday evenings):** Thursday's Bible Study will use the Follow Me Curriculum, beginning with "Celebrate Communion" The sharing of bread and wine is an essential part of how Christians relate to God and to one another. Come explore these traditions and rituals with us **each Thursday at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**. Books are now available in the office.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY (Sundays):** Join Rev. Linda on Sunday mornings, **at 9:00 a.m. in the Session Room**, for a study on the Gospel of John. We'll combine both a devotional reading of John along with with addressing some of the challenges in understanding the fourth Gospel.

**WINGS OF PRAYER:** Patti Wesenick will be leading our Wings of Prayer group while Karen Mitchell is away, **beginning September 19th-October 3rd**. If you have prayer requests during this time, please call Patti at (989) 737-6844. Thank you to Karen, Patti, and ALL our Wings of Prayer participants who provide this wonderful outreach to our congregation when we're in need.

**TROOP 150 EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS:** Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Boy Scout projects last week. To-date, they have raised \$680.00. If you would still like to contribute, please see Randy Thibo.