

# Westminster At Worship

*A Celebration of Worship  
Soul Food: Eat to Live  
12th Sunday after Pentecost*

August 11, 2024

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**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**†CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: We have gathered from different places and different backgrounds.

**PEOPLE: May those who are grieving find comfort.**

LEADER: May those who have turned away from God find forgiveness.

**PEOPLE: May those who are waiting find hope.**

LEADER: May all find God's steadfast love and grace.

**PEOPLE: Let us worship the One who gives us life!**

## +HYMN

*“Here in this Place”*

GATHER US IN

*Here in this place the new light is streaming;  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young; our lives are a mystery.  
We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;  
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water;  
here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away:  
here in this place the new light is shining;  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever;  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children.**

**We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against our adversaries.**

**We have hoarded the fruits of our labors rather than share our bounty with the needy.**

**We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness but have indulged in evil gossip.**

**We have not forgiven the wrongs others have done, even though we desire your forgiveness toward us in Jesus Christ. Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. Amen.**

*— A Time of Silent Confession —*

### **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

God has redeemed us from all our iniquities through Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us as living bread for the life of the world.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## †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 our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

**Epistle Lesson**  
**Ephesians 4:25-5:2**

**Gospel Lesson**  
**John 6:35, 41-51**

### SERMON

*“Eat To Live”*  
Rev. Jamie Milton

### †HYMN

*“Guide me, O thou Great Jehovah”* CWM RHONDDA

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty.  
Hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow.*

*Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.*

#### **†PROFESSION OF FAITH**

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **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.

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD WITH THANKSGIVING**

#### **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

#### **OFFERTORY**

*"You Are My All in All"*

ARR. BY LARSON

*Dawn Auger, Sally Calvo, Lin Stuijbergen*

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

#### **†DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

#### **†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Gracious God, we bring these gifts to you, that you may bless them. May they bring comfort to those who mourn, help to those in need, and joy to all your beloved children. Amen.**

## BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

### †HYMN

*"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"*

RANDOLPH

*God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again;  
unseen wings protecting hide you,  
daily manna still provide you:  
God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you:  
God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again;  
keep love's banner floating o'er you;  
smite death's threatening wave before you:  
God be with you till we meet again.*

### †CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM



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### **Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday  
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## **Giving to Westminster**

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.

Visit our website [www.wpcbc.org](http://www.wpcbc.org) and click on the "Give Now" button at the top of the page. This will direct you to our Online Giving Portal or simply scan the QR Code below.

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 AUGUST 11, 2024

The **FLOWERS** today are given by Larry and Deb Pryce in loving memory of their son Jason Bleshenski

**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.

**PER CAPITA 2024** Per capita for 2024 is \$29.50. Remember that Per Capita goes to fund the greater church including our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly, which in turn, provides great support to Westminster. **Look for the blue envelopes in the pew backs or in your box of envelopes.**

**BULLETIN BOARDS:** Check out the Church bulletin board just outside the sanctuary for upcoming church events and happenings, **plus sign-up sheets for volunteer opportunities!** In addition, the Community bulletin board in Fellowship Hall has information on health screenings, grief groups and other events in the area.

**FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS:** If you would like to sign up to work our "You Choose" Food Pantry, Wednesday evenings or Thursday mornings, please see the sign up sheets on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.

Another way to help is to work with one of our Food Pantry partners. For every hour a volunteer works at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, we earn credit to buy food for our own pantry. **We'll be heading to the FBEM warehouse in Flint on Monday, August 26th from 1:30-4:30 p.m.** Contact the church office if you're able to help that day and look for more opportunities in the coming months.

**SUMMER MOVIE SERIES:** We've been entertained the last 2 months with our summer movies, this Tuesday, we'll be informed. Join us as we watch "A Place at the Table". The documentary focuses on hunger and food insecurity in a rural town in Colorado and how a local church organization worked to combat those issues, similar to what we are doing here at Westminster. Make plans to attend, **Tuesday, August 13th at 1:30 p.m.** in the Session Room.

**BOOK & BRUNCH:** For this summer's Book and Brunch Series, we will continue our theme from last summer of hunger and food insecurity. We are reading Poverty, by America. We'll meet next **Sunday, August 18th, in the Session Room after worship.** There are still plenty of books available and don't worry if you weren't able to come to the earlier sessions. All are welcome to join in the discussion.

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!** School is just around the corner! Join us **Sunday, August 18th.** During the worship service we'll bless backpacks, briefcases and bags as our children and youth begin another school year and the rest of us continue working. All are welcome to participate!

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

**CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE:** We hope you have been saving those gently used items and clothes! The Presbyterian Women will hold a Rummage and Bake Sale September 11-13th. You may bring items in beginning Sunday, September 8th (after the ice cream social, please) through Tuesday, September 10th. If you are able to donate baked goods, please bring them on Wednesday, September 11th.

**PICKLEBALL:** Come try out the fastest growing sport in the US! A group from Westminster is inviting anyone who is interested to play pickleball at Delta College on Friday evenings, weather permitting, from 5-7 p.m. No experience necessary or equipment needed. This is a great opportunity for fun and fellowship! The courts are located outside on the North end of the campus (the tennis courts). Spectators welcome!