

Westminster At Worship

5th Sunday after Pentecost

June 27, 2021

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Sing praises to God,

PEOPLE: Our courage and our strength.

LEADER: Sing praises to God,

PEOPLE: Who is faithful and true.

LEADER: Sing praises to God,

PEOPLE: That we may be steadfast in our faith and true in our discipleship and friendship.

OPENING HYMN

"Sing Praise to the Father"

Trio

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty God, we often confuse might with right, power with strength, and ego with faith. Unravel the cords of our confusion and help us find the courage:

To recognize our giftedness, to hear and answer your call, and to live as your people of love each and every day. When our

courage wanes, strengthen us. When our faithfulness falters, lift us up. For we are ready to receive your grace. We are eager to live with courage and faithfulness as we journey together as friends.

— *Silent Prayer* —

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Trust in God, and you will find your courage and faith. For we are the children of a God mighty enough to overcome all of our sins and doubts with the power of love and grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven

Thanks be to God.

+SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Open your hearts wide and greet one another as friends with signs of peace and love. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Gospel Lesson

John 15:12-17 (NRSV)

12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. **13** No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. **14** You are my friends if you do what I command you. **15** I do not call you servants any longer, because the

servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. **16** You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. **17** I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Hebrew Lesson

1 Samuel 17:57-18:5; 19:1-7; 20:42 (NRSV)

57 On David's return from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand. **58** Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" And David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite." **18** When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. **2** Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. **3** Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. **4** Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. **5** David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army. And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved.

19 Saul spoke with his son Jonathan and with all his servants about killing David. But Saul's son Jonathan took great delight in David. **2** Jonathan told David, "My father Saul is trying to kill you; therefore be on guard tomorrow morning; stay in a secret place and hide yourself. **3** I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will speak to my father about you; if I learn anything I will tell you." **4** Jonathan spoke well of David to his father Saul, saying to him, "The king should not sin against his servant David, because he has not sinned against you, and because

his deeds have been of good service to you; **5** for he took his life in his hand when he attacked the Philistine, and the Lord brought about a great victory for all Israel. You saw it, and rejoiced; why then will you sin against an innocent person by killing David without cause?" **6** Saul heeded the voice of Jonathan; Saul swore, "As the Lord lives, he shall not be put to death." **7** So Jonathan called David and related all these things to him. Jonathan then brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as before.

42 Then Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, since both of us have sworn in the name of the Lord, saying, 'The Lord shall be between me and you, and between my descendants and your descendants, forever.'" He got up and left; and Jonathan went into the city.

SERMON

"Jonathan: Friend for Life"

Rev. Jamie Milton

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his 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.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Jesus Loves Me"

Jan Witucki, harp

†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Please rise, in body or in spirit, and let us pray together —

We return to you, O God, the gifts you have given, that this money, and our lives, might bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ. Send these gifts out into the world to help our friends, both near and far, all who need to know your love, care, and grace. Amen.

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

"We All Are One in Mission"

Trio

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JUNE 27, 2021

FLOWERS TODAY are given by Joyce Grigg in celebration of her husband, Roy's, 100th birthday.

WESTMINSTER WITHOUT WALLS OUTDOOR WORSHIP: As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, it is understood that the safest place to gather is outdoors. We think this is a great opportunity for Westminster to make itself more visible to our community. Please join us TODAY as we worship at Nate Doan Park at 2:00 p.m.

IT IS SAD TO SAY GOODBYE...: As many of you know, Nikelle Johnson, Westminster's Christian Education Director, will undertake a new journey in

July when she begins studies in the Master of Divinity/Master of Public Theology Program at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. Nikelle has been a blessing to have at Westminster and we are sad to see her go, but we are also excited to see what God has planned for her future. We will celebrate Nikelle following worship TODAY. Please join us as we wish her a blessed new journey. If you are considering sharing a memory in a card, or giving her a gift, please do so! We will have a collection basket with her name on it!

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

SWEATY SHEEP: Do you remember the Sweaty Sheep group from years ago? It's back! Want to join your church friends for some exercise and fellowship? Join the Sweaty Sheep group on Wednesday, July 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tobico Marsh Big Loop Trail Head off Killarney Beach Road for a walk in the State Park. We hope to make this a weekly occurrence at different parks throughout Bay City! Contact Sandy at [**sandra.graves@gmail.com**](mailto:sandra.graves@gmail.com) or Tami [**tami.sivy@gmail.com**](mailto:tami.sivy@gmail.com) with questions, or to be added to a Facebook group.

SUMMER MOVIE SERIES: Did you develop a taste for watching movies during the pandemic like so many of us did? Now that we are able to gather again for some in-person activities, Westminster's summer movie series is back! Join us on July 22 (*Soul*) and August 26: (*Just Mercy*). We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m., and a time for discussion will follow the movie. All ages are welcome! Popcorn and soda will be served.

IF YOU FEEL A CHILL IN THE AIR, feel free to take a shawl/lap robe to help keep you comfortable during worship. They are available on the table in the Narthex. Return them to the basket after worship and they will be washed and brought back to be used again.

BRUNCH & BIBLE STUDY: AKA Chew... Chat...Consider...In previous summers we have focused our discussions on topics like Jesus' parables and a variety of topics promoted by past Bible studies. This summer we want to try something a little bit different. A few years ago, *Thoughtful*

Christian: Faithful Living in a Complex World developed a three-part series called *Civility*. As America becomes increasingly polarized, many Americans recognize the lack of civility in politics and the problems this creates. Join us following the worship service for brunch and Bible discussion on July 11 and August 8. Weather permitting, we will gather outside, so dress comfortably. Please let us know if you are planning to attend so that we can prepare enough food and material. Please contact Pastor Jamie or Rev. Linda with any questions.

THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE extends a welcome to anyone who would like to volunteer to help run Sunday worship services (and other events) throughout the year. Please contact Aaron Morse at [**oeffgunner09@gmail.com**](mailto:oeffgunner09@gmail.com) or 989-293-1571.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will meet the first and third Thursdays of July and August at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. We are exploring the book, *First and Second Samuel* by David C. Hester. Any questions regarding the class or for Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 989-686-1360 or email at [**parishassoc@wpcbc.org**](mailto:parishassoc@wpcbc.org).

THE WIRED WORD ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Join us on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. Enjoy lively conversations about current events in the news and the Bible passages that relate to those events. Any questions regarding the class or for Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 989-686-1360 or email at [**parishassoc@wpcbc.org**](mailto:parishassoc@wpcbc.org).

This Week at Westminster

Today, Sunday, June 27, 2021

- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
2:00 p.m. Worship Service at Nate Doan Park

Wednesday, June 30

- 1:00 p.m. The Wired Word via Zoom

Thursday, July 1

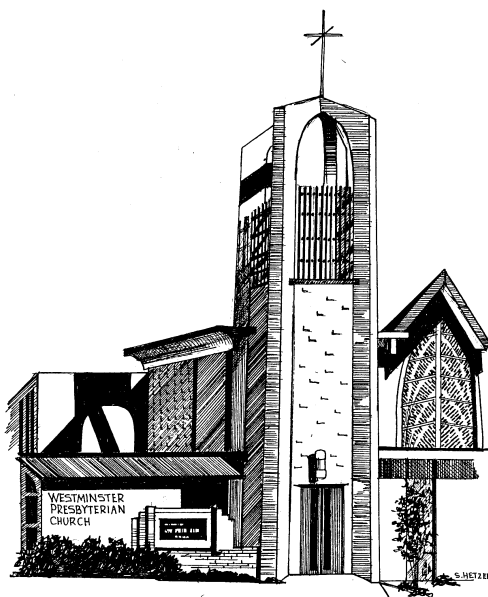
- 5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom

Friday, July 2

Church Office Closed

Next Sunday, July 4

- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service



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Summer Office Hours

(July & August)

Monday - Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

