

# Westminster At Worship

*8th Sunday after Pentecost  
Confirmation Sunday*

July 18, 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: Come, let us worship God with the passion and joy of King David and all the people who sang and danced before the ark of the covenant.

**PEOPLE: Let us worship our Savior with the songs of praise and thanksgiving of the apostle Paul and all who are blessed with every spiritual blessing.**

LEADER: God has blessed us in our Lord Jesus Christ, destined us to be children of God, and sealed us in the Holy Spirit.

**PEOPLE: Let us worship God.**

### OPENING HYMN

*"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"*

by, Brian Robert Doerksen

*Come, now is the time to worship; come, now is the time to give your heart. Come, just as you are to worship; come, just as you are before your God. Come.*

*One day every tongue will confess. You are God. One day every knee will bow; still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.*

*Come, now is the time to worship; come, now is the time to give your heart. Come, just as you are to worship; come, just as you are before your God. Come.*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, pour out your mercy on us. Where there is despair, fill us with hope. Where there is sorrow, fill us with comfort. Where there is sin, fill us with forgiveness. Where there is hatred, fill us with love. Where there is worry, fill us with assurance.**

**Gather us in the arms of your grace and glory, that we may reflect your glory with honor and praise all the days of our lives. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

*— Silent Prayer —*

**Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, believe the Good News of the gospel: In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **RESPONSE**

GREATOREX

*“Gloria Patri”*

*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**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### **PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

**Gospel Lesson**  
**Mark 6:14-29 (NRSV)**

# Hebrew Lesson

## 2 Samuel 6:1-19 (NRSV)

### SERMON

*"Just Dance"*  
Rev. Jamie Milton

### HYMN

LORD OF THE DANCE

*"Lord of the Dance"*  
(vs 1, 2, 3 & 5)

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth. Refrain*

*I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they would not follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; they came with me and the Dance went on. Refrain*

*I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame; they whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high; and they left me there on a cross to die. Refrain*

*They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. Refrain*

**Refrain:** *Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

### REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

### PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS - Lillian Chambers & Sabine Sivy

### LITANY OF CONFIRMATION

PASTOR: ...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

CONFIRMANDS: *Jesus Christ has called us to be His disciples. He has chosen us, and in baptism has joined us to Himself. We are thankful for God's call and for the hope we have in Jesus.*

**CHURCH: We, the Body of Christ, promised at baptism to share the Good News of the Gospel, to teach all that Christ commands, and to nurture young people in their faith journey.**

CONFIRMANDS: *My parents and my church, Christ's community, have been faithful to nurture me and bring me up in the faith. I am grateful for this gift.*

PASTOR: In Confirmation Class, Lily and Sabine studied God's Word, learned the belief and practice of the church, and experienced faith under the leaders of this church.

CONFIRMANDS: *My time in Confirmation has encouraged me to choose to live in a relationship with God that will endure and grow. I am thankful for this time of study and growth and the opportunity I had to learn more about my Christian faith.*

**CHURCH: We rejoice that you are now prepared to be a member of this faith community, and we pray that you will choose to join as a full and responsible member.**

CONFIRMANDS: *I understand what commitment to Christ and membership in this church means, and am thankful that God has brought me to this day.*

PASTOR: ...May the Spirit of God rest upon you.

**ALL: To God be the Glory! Amen.**

## QUESTIONS FOR THE CONFIRMANDS

### †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.**

## **PRAYER / CHARGE TO CLASS**

### **WELCOME**

**ELDER:** ...May the Spirit continue to strengthen and sustain you in the worship and mission of the church. Amen.

**PEOPLE:** With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

## **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**

*"Thine Is the Glory"*  
Handbell Ensemble

**DOXOLOGY**

OLD 100TH

*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

*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**

**Gracious God, we thank you for trusting us to reflect your  
glory. For claiming us as your own with all of creation, we  
give you thanks and praise. As you receive these gifts and  
offerings, receive us also. Blessing all together, that our gifts  
and our lives might be a blessing that honors and glorifies  
you. Amen.**

**BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD**

**HYMN OF DEDICATION**

FILLMORE

*"I Will Sing of the Mercies"*

*I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will  
sing. I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of  
the mercies of the Lord. With my mouth will I make known  
your faithfulness, your faithfulness; with my mouth will I make  
known your faithfulness to all generations. I will sing of the  
mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the  
Lord.*

*All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise forever for the  
things he has done. All the hosts of the angels sing God's  
praise forever, all the hosts of the angels sing God's praise.  
Who can be compared to God in faithfulness, in faithfulness?  
Who can be compared to God in faithfulness to all*

*generations? I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.*

## **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 18, 2021**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Westminster's confirmands: Lillian Chambers, daughter of Nick and Marcy Chambers; and Sabine Sivy, daughter of Jason and Tami Sivy.

**JOIN US TODAY** at 1:00 p.m. on the north lawn for a Westminster Without Walls family-fun Water Days worship service. Please dress appropriately for fun games with water, and bring a towel and lawn chair if you have it. (We will have a no splash zone for those wishing not to get wet.)

**SWEATY SHEEP:** Want to join your church friends for some exercise and fellowship? On Wednesday, July 21 we will walk at the Tobico Marsh Big Loop Trail Head off Killarney Beach Road. In case of rain/thunderstorms, we will walk at the Bay City mall (Bay City Town Center). 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 our Facebook group.

**SUMMER MOVIE SERIES:** Join us on Thursdays, 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.

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

**THE WIRED WORD ADULT FAITH FORMATION:** During the summer months, join us on the second and fourth 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).

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION:** Join us on the first and third Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom for a time of fellowship. All are invited! 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, July 18, 2021**

- 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service  
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### **Tuesday, July 20**

- 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Hands Knitting  
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 150

### **Wednesday, July 21**

- 1:00 p.m. Coffee & Conversation via Zoom  
6:00 p.m. Sweaty Sheep (Meet at Tobico Marsh)

### **Thursday, July 22**

- 8:30 p.m. TOPS  
1:00 p.m. Summer Movie Series (*Soul*)  
5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran

### **Next Sunday, July 25**

- 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service

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### **Summer Office Hours**

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

Closed Friday

### *Join us for the Installation of The Reverend Jamie Milton*

**Sunday, August 8, 2021  
3:00 p.m.**

The Pastor Nominating Committee of Westminster Presbyterian Church is pleased to invite you to the Installation Service for our new pastor, The Reverend Jamie Milton.

We rejoice that the Lord has led Pastor Jamie to lead our congregation, and we look forward to celebrating this occasion as the family of God.

A time for fellowship and food  
will follow the service.



