

Westminster At Worship

6th Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

10:30 a.m.



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

**WESTMINSTER AT WORK - Westminster Without Walls - Pentecost
Celebration**

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing a new song.

People: A song of love for all.

Leader: Sing of the Spirit of love,

People: The Spirit who loves us all.

Leader: Sing of God's abiding love,

People: That we might love one another and all of the world.

Leader: Sing a new song.

People: A song of love for all.

OPENING HYMN

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Trio

A PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Adapted by Heidi Carrington Heath and originally written by Amy Young

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus' name we pray.

— *Silent Prayer* —

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's Spirit is with us, embracing us with forgiveness and grace, abiding in us with the power of love for all. We are thankful for this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

†SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Loving one another as we have been loved by God, let us share signs of our love as we pass the peace of Christ together. The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

First Lesson

1 John 5: 1-6

5 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. **2** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and

obey his commandments. **3** For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, **4** for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. **5** Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? **6** This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Second Lesson

Acts 10, selected verses

SERMON

“Spirit-Led Openness”
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 at 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.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"There Is A Higher Throne"

Trio

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

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Wendy Tally

†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us to be your friends and to know your will in the world. Therefore, we pray in Jesus' name that these tithes and offerings spread your love near and far. Amen.

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

"Let Us Build a House"

Trio

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 9, 2021

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION are extended to the family and friends of Donald Stokes. Don passed away on Wednesday, May 5, 2021. A Memorial Service will take place at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, May 12 at 11:00 a.m.

CONGRATULATIONS to Richard and JeAnne Hebner who are celebrating their 66th wedding anniversary on May 14!

NOW HIRING - DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES: Westminster Presbyterian Church is hiring for the part-time position of Director of Youth Ministries. If you or someone you know are interested, please email a resume to office@wpcbc.org, att: Phil Reagh.

PENTECOST SUNDAY: Please join us for a celebration of the birth of the church following the worship service on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. We will congregate on the north lawn, and festivities will include a Pigout Picnic, puppets, activities for children, music, and more!

OUTDOOR HYMN SING: It has been wonderful to be able to return to in-person worship with our safety guidelines in place. One thing that we are still unable to do safely indoors is sing together. Knowing we all miss that part of worship, we plan to hold some outdoor hymn sings. Following worship, join us on the north lawn for a time of masked singing. During the month of May, we plan to sing together on May 16, and 30.

MOTHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER: During this past year of the pandemic, babies continued to be born, and mommies were still in need. With the help of members of Deborah Circle, the Mother's Day Baby Shower (with some modifications) will again be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Through Sunday, May 16, we will be collecting baby items at the church. While we welcome items for babies of any age, newborn to 6 months is particularly requested. Purchase items for the shower or donate handmade items — all are welcome! We do ask for new items only. We plan to donate our items to the Salvation Army, Good Samaritan Rescue Mission, and Bay Area Women's Center. Thank you!

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Join us on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom as we delve into the Book of Acts. Acts is all about stories — activities, actions, actors. And with that, the promise that

it will never be dull! As always, the reason to study the Bible is not to simply know the facts, but to reflect on how these activities, actions, and actors connect to our 21st century lives. The book, *Acts from Scratch*, is available in the church office (donation appreciated). Any questions regarding the class or for Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 989-686-1360 or email at 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.

THE BOOK CLUB will meet on Tuesday, May 25 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. We will discuss the book, *The Red Tent* by, Anita Diamant. Books are available at church this month. They are available in the church office for check-out and can be picked up during regular business hours. Contact Nikelle at cedirector@wpcbc.org to receive Zoom login information.

DEBORAH CIRCLE: Ladies, you are invited! The Deborah Circle will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m. Contact Darlene Kusterer or the church office for Zoom information.

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

This Week at Westminster

Today, Sunday, May 9, 2021

- 9:00 a.m. New Member Class
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, May 10

- 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, May 11

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Spiritual Growth Meeting

Wednesday, May 12

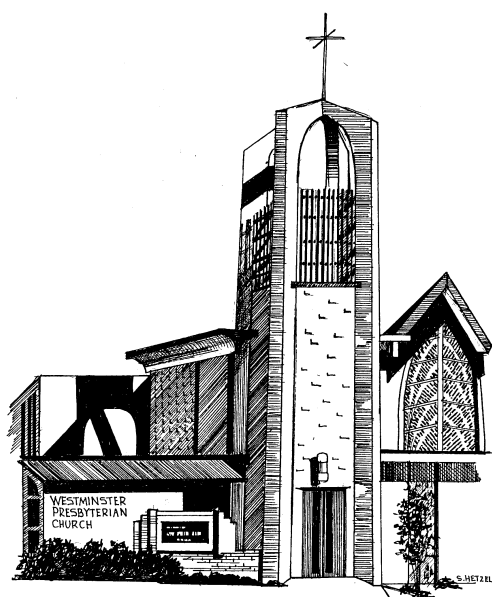
- 1:00 p.m. The Wired Word via Zoom
- 8:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 13

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

Next Sunday, May 16

- 9:00 a.m. New Member Class
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Outdoor Hymn Sing



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8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

