

Westminster At Worship

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 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: When winds tear into our vessels,

PEOPLE: God's grace will be our guide.

LEADER: When insecurities mount up within our souls,

PEOPLE: God's strength will be our guide.

LEADER: When hardships weaken our resolve,

PEOPLE: God's mercy will be our guide.

LEADER: When insults rip and slander strains,

PEOPLE: God's courage will be our guide.

LEADER: When vulnerability saps our faith,

PEOPLE: God's presence will be our guide.

OPENING HYMN

CWM RHONDDA

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Three, Holy One, triune God, we confess that we do not believe that you have overcome sin and death. We are more in touch with the pangs of our weakness than we are with the power of your love. In fear, we worship idols; in despair, we collapse in hopelessness; in rage, we seek to dominate others.

O God of David, forgive us. O Son of David, have mercy on us.

O Spirit of the Living God, grant us peace.

Send us out with the good news: nothing can withstand the victory of the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray and lift up our silent confessions.

— *Silent Prayer* —

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear and believe this good news: Jesus, the Christ, son of Mary, Son of the Most High God, was broken and poured out for our salvation.

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. 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

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.**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 48 (NRSV)

1 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God. His holy mountain, **2** beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King. **3** Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defense. **4** Then the kings assembled, they came on together. **5** As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic, they took to flight; **6** trembling took hold of them there, pains as of a woman in labor, **7** as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish. **8** As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes forever. **9** We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. **10** Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory. **11** Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments. **12** Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers, **13** consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation **14** that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will be our guide forever.

Hebrew Lesson

2 Samuel 5:1-10 (NRSV)

5 Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. **2** For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people

Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.” **3** So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. **4** David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. **5** At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. **6** The king and his men marched to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who said to David, “You will not come in here, even the blind and the lame will turn you back”—thinking, “David cannot come in here.” **7** Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion, which is now the city of David. **8** David had said on that day, “Whoever would strike down the Jebusites, let him get up the water shaft to attack the lame and the blind, those whom David hates.” [a] Therefore it is said, “The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.” **9** David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. **10** And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

SERMON

“David the King...Finally”

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.

HYMN

CLOSER WALK

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”
see insert

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

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”
Wendy Tally, xylophone

†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious triune God, we thank you for the suffering love of Jesus Christ, and for your presence with us in times of joy and of sorrow, sickness and health, faithfulness and brokenness. We bring these offerings as signs of our gratitude and as tools in the ministry of the church. Use them and us to make known the good news of your healing love and renewing power, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

KEL VINGROVE

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will
you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will
you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*

*Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will
you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you
risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you
let me answer prayer in you and you in me?*

*Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you
set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss
the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to
what I mean in you and you in me?*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my
name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In
your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 11, 2021

MEMORIAL GATHERING FOR JOYCE

HUNT: You are invited to a drop-in memorial gathering for Joyce Hunt on Sunday, July 18 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Williams Township Park pavilion, located at 1080 W. Midland Road in Auburn, MI. Soft drinks, water, and snacks will be provided, and if you wish to bring other beverages, feel free to do so. There will be a brief memorial service at 1:30 p.m., and sandwiches will be delivered at 2:00 p.m. Please RSVP by email at beldar57@yahoo.com or by snail mail to: Jonny Hunt - 2208 Price Road; Midland, MI 48642.

SWEATY SHEEP: Want to join your church friends for some exercise and fellowship? On Wednesday, July 14 we will walk at Williams Township Park, and on Wednesday, July 21 we will walk at Tobico Marsh. In case of rain/thunderstorms, we will walk at the Bay City mall (Bay City Town Center). Contact Sandy at sandra.graves@gmail.com or Tami tami.sivy@gmail.com with questions, or to be added to our Facebook group.

SUMMER MOVIE SERIES: Westminster's summer movie series is back! 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.

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 TODAY and on August 15. 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.

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.

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.

This Week at Westminster

Today, Sunday, July 11, 2021

- 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Bible & Brunch (Chew...Chat...Consider...)

Tuesday, July 13

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

Wednesday, July 14

- 1:00 p.m. The Wired Word via Zoom
6:00 p.m. Sweaty Sheep (meet at Williams Township Park)

Thursday, July 15

- 8:30 p.m. TOPS
5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom

Next Sunday, July 18

- 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service
1:00 p.m. Outdoor Westminster Without Walls Worship Service

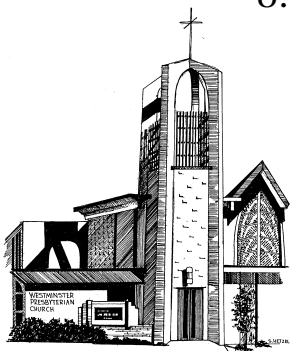
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Summer Office Hours

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

Closed Friday



Join us for a
Westminster Without Walls

Water Days

Outdoor Worship Service on



Sunday, July 18 at 1:00 p.m.

