

Westminster At Worship

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021

10:30 a.m.



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM JAN WITUCKI

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing praise to God,

People: Give thanks for God's name.

Leader: For God clothes us with strength and joy,

People: And God turns our mourning to dancing.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

People: Let us worship God together.

MUSIC

"Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"

(see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Trusting you does not always come easy when each day we are faced with the ugliness of the world. We do not believe that love conquers fear. We are convinced that power comes through weakness. We cannot conceive how you could heal us.

Forgive our lack of faith, O God, and renew our trust in you, for we would be disciples of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

— *Silent Prayer* —

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...In and through Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

†SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Gospel Lesson

Mark 5:21-43 (CEB)

21 Jesus crossed the lake again, and on the other side a large crowd gathered around him on the shore. **22** Jairus, one of the synagogue leaders, came forward. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet **23** and pleaded with him, "My daughter is about to die. Please, come and place your hands on her so that she can be healed and live." **24** So Jesus went with him. A swarm of people were following Jesus, crowding in on him. **25** A woman was there who had been bleeding for twelve years. **26** She had suffered a lot under the care of many doctors, and had spent everything she had without getting any better. In fact, she had gotten worse. **27** Because she had heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his clothes. **28** She was thinking, If I can just touch his clothes, I'll be healed. **29** Her bleeding stopped immediately, and she sensed in her body that her illness had been healed. **30** At that very moment, Jesus recognized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" **31** His disciples said to him, "Don't you see the crowd pressing against you? Yet you ask, 'Who touched me?'" **32** But Jesus looked

around carefully to see who had done it. **33** The woman, full of fear and trembling, came forward. Knowing what had happened to her, she fell down in front of Jesus and told him the whole truth. **34** He responded, "Daughter, your faith has healed you; go in peace, healed from your disease." **35** While Jesus was still speaking with her, messengers came from the synagogue leader's house, saying to Jairus, "Your daughter has died. Why bother the teacher any longer?"

36 But Jesus overheard their report and said to the synagogue leader, "Don't be afraid; just keep trusting." **37** He didn't allow anyone to follow him except Peter, James, and John, James' brother. **38** They came to the synagogue leader's house, and he saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. **39** He went in and said to them, "What's all this commotion and crying about? The child isn't dead. She's only sleeping." **40** They laughed at him, but he threw them all out. Then, taking the child's parents and his disciples with him, he went to the room where the child was. **41** Taking her hand, he said to her, "*Talitha koum*," which means, "Young woman, get up." **42** Suddenly the young woman got up and began to walk around. She was 12 years old. They were shocked! **43** He gave them strict orders that no one should know what had happened. Then he told them to give her something to eat.

Hebrew Lesson

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 (CEB)

1 After Saul's death, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, he stayed in Ziklag two days. **17** Then David sang this funeral song for Saul and his son Jonathan. **18** David ordered everyone in Judah to learn the Song of the Bow. (In fact, it is written in the scroll from Jashar.) **19** Oh, no, Israel! Your prince lies dead on your heights. Look how the mighty warriors have fallen! **20** Don't talk about it in Gath; don't bring news of it to Ashkelon's streets, or

else the Philistines' daughters will rejoice; the daughters of the uncircumcised will celebrate. ²¹ You hills of Gilboa! Let there be no dew or rain on you, and no fields yielding grain offerings. Because it was there that the mighty warrior's shield was defiled—the shield of Saul!—never again anointed with oil. ²² Jonathan's bow never wavered from the blood of the slain, from the gore of the warriors. Never did Saul's sword return empty. ²³ Saul and Jonathan! So well loved, so dearly cherished! In their lives and in their deaths they were never separated. They were faster than eagles, stronger than lions! ²⁴ Daughters of Israel, weep over Saul! He dressed you in crimson with jewels; he decorated your clothes with gold jewelry. ²⁵ Look how the mighty warriors have fallen in the midst of battle! Jonathan lies dead on your heights. ²⁶ I grieve for you, my brother Jonathan! You were so dear to me! Your love was more amazing to me than the love of women. ²⁷ Look how the mighty warriors have fallen! Look how the weapons of war have been destroyed!

SERMON

"Out of the Depths"

Rev. Linda Williams

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with

the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, thank you for giving us a joy for generosity and a genuine love for those who are in need. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts and upon our lives that together we may bring healing and hope to the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

MUSIC

"In Remembrance"
Dawn Auger & Brandi Higgins

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - LINDA

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Sanctus

Leader: ...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna
in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Memorial Acclamation

Leader: ... we proclaim together the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

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.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

"Sing Wherever I Go"
(see insert)

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 4, 2021

FLOWERS today are dedicated to Rev. Linda Williams in celebration of her 20th Anniversary of Ordination.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day.

HEARTS & HANDS KNITTING will not meet on Tuesday, July 6. Knitting at church will resume on Tuesday, July 13.

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 or Tami tami.sivy@gmail.com with questions, or to be added to a Facebook group.

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.

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 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 oefgunner09@gmail.com or 989-293-1571.

THE FAMILY & FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE extends a welcome to anyone who would like to volunteer on our team. Our mission is to support the ministry of Christian Education of youth and to nurture fellowship among all the members of the congregation. Please contact Dawn Reszke or the church office with any questions.

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.

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.

Ministers	All the People
Pastor	Rev. Jamie Milton
Parish Associate	Rev. Linda Williams
Liturgist	Anne Remington
Dir. of Youth Ministry	Brandi Higgins
Nursery Supervisor	Elaine Edwards
Choir Director	Dawn Auger
Hand Bell Director	Peggy Hanson
Organist	Wendy Tally
Treasurer	Heather Heidtman
Custodian	Harold Miller
Secretary	Judy Harrelson
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This Week at Westminster

Today, Sunday, July 4, 2021

- 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Outdoor Patriotic Hymn Sing

Monday, July 5

Church office closed

Tuesday, July 6

- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 150

Wednesday, July 7

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

Thursday, July 8

- 8:30 a.m. Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran

Next Sunday, July 11

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

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Summer Office Hours

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

Closed Friday



