# Westminster At Worship

4th Sunday after Pentecost Vacation Bible School

June 20, 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

**WESTMINSTER AT WORK - Westminster Without Walls** 

# **VBS THEME SONG**

"Priceless Treasure"

// I am a priceless treasure; God knows me; God hears me; God is my comfort. I am his and there's nothing better; Forgiven and chosen forever; I am a treasure! //

I am a child of God; I know that I am loved; He hears me when I pray; He always makes a way. I am his, and he is mine; I am the prize he came to find.

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## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

### **PEOPLE:** God's faithful love lasts forever.

LEADER: Let those who honor the Lord say it:

### **PEOPLE:** God's faithful love lasts forever!

LEADER: Open the gates of righteousness so we can come in,

#### **PEOPLE:** So we can give thanks to the Lord.

LEADER: This is the Lord's gate;

**PEOPLE:** Those who are righteous enter through it.

# **OPENING HYMN**

Bradbury

"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Savior, like a Shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare: Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are; blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray: Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray; blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free: Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to thee; blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill; Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still; blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

# GOD KNOWS YOU (VBS DAY 1)

<u>Bible Story:</u> God identifies David as the future king (1 Samuel 16:1-13)

<u>Bible Verse:</u> "O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me." (Psalm 139:1)

# GOD HEARS YOU (VBS DAY 2)

<u>Bible Story:</u> David escapes Saul and writes psalms to God. (1 Samuel 23:1-14; Psalm 86)

<u>Bible Verse:</u> "I love the Lord because he hears my voice and my prayer for mercy." (Psalm 116:1)

# **VBS SONG**

"God is Listening"

He knows you; He loves you; God is listening.

He knows you; He loves you; God is listening; God knows every word before you even say it.

He hears every prayer; Before you even pray it; So let him hear you now; Let him hear you shout.

He knows you; He loves you; God is listening.

He knows you; He loves you; God is listening; God knows every word before you even say it.

He hears every prayer; Before you even pray it; So let him hear you now; Let him hear you shout.

He knows you; He loves you; God is listening; He knows you; He loves you.

God is listening; He knows you; He loves you; God is listening.

He knows you; He loves you; God is listening; God is listening.

# GOD COMFORTS YOU (VBS DAY 3)

<u>Bible Story:</u> God reassures King Hezekiah. (2 Kings 18:5-19:34) <u>Bible Verse:</u> "He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others." (2 Corinthians 1:4)

## **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.

# GOD FORGIVES YOU (VBS DAY 4)

<u>Bible Story:</u> Jesus reinstates Peter. (John 18:1-21:19) <u>Bible Verse:</u> "But you are a God of forgiveness, gracious and merciful, slow to become angry, and rich in unfailing love." (Nehemiah 9:17)

# CALL TO CONFESSION

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

# Assurance of Pardon

God tells us we do not have to fear. God knows us. God hears us. God comforts us. God forgives us. Believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

# Thanks be to God.

GREATOREX

#### RESPONSE

"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.

#### **OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

#### 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.

#### <sup>+</sup>UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## In the spirit of faith, Great God, we thank you for the opportunity to give our gifts to you, to participate in extending your love to more and more people, and to give all glory to you. Amen.

#### Ηγμν

Azmon

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread thro' all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease, 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace. He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

#### GOD CHOOSES YOU (VBS DAY 5)

<u>Bible Story:</u> God chooses Esther to save her people. (Esther 2-8) <u>Bible Verse:</u> "I have called you by name; you are mine." (Isaiah 43:1)

#### **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Beloved of God as you leave this place today remember:A child shares each of the following:God knows you. We are treasured.

God hears you. We are treasured. God comforts you. We are treasured. God forgives you. We are treasured. God chooses you. We are treasured.

## POSTLUDE

MINISTERS PASTOR PARISH ASSOCIATE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY NURSERY SUPERVISOR CHOIR DIRECTOR HAND BELL DIRECTOR ORGANIST TREASURER CUSTODIAN SECRETARY CCLI License #2328090 All the People Rev. Jamie Milton Rev. Linda Williams Nikelle Johnson Brandi Higgins Elaine Edwards Dawn Auger Peggy Hanson Wendy Tally Heather Heidtman Harold Miller Judy Harrelson

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JUNE 20, 2021**

**FLOWERS TODAY** are given by Alicen Rogers in memory of her father, Don Morse, and in honor of her husband, Jeff.

**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 as we plan to hold our next outdoor worship experience at Nate Doan Park on Sunday, June 27 at 2:00 p.m. (Westminster's 10:30 a.m. worship will still take place.)

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 during and following worship on Sunday, June 27. 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!

**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 <u>oefgunner09@gmail.com</u> or 989-293-1571.

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.

**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 move series has restarted. Join us on June 24 for *The Hate U Give*; July 22: *Soul*; and August 26: *Just Mercy*. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. All ages welcome! Popcorn and soda will be served.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** will meet the first and third Thursdays of June, July, and August at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. We are exploring the book, *First and Second Samuel* by David C. Hester. Books are available in the church office (a donation to help off-set the cost is 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.

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

### This Week at Westminster

#### Today, Sunday, June 20, 2021

10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service

#### Tuesday, June 22

9:00 a.m. Staff Planning Meeting6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 150

#### Wednesday, June 23

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

#### Thursday, June 24

5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran

#### Next Sunday, June 27

10:30 a.m. Worship Service2:00 p.m. Outdoor Worship at NateDoan Park

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#### **Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. lunch 12:00 -1:00 p.m.

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