

Westminster At Worship

7th Sunday of Easter

May 16, 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

WESTMINSTER AT WORK - Rescue Mission Volunteer Opportunity

†CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: To worship and pray,

PEOPLE: We have come this day.

LEADER: To meditate on God's teachings,

PEOPLE: We have come this day.

LEADER: Gathered as one family of Christ,

PEOPLE: We come together in love.

OPENING HYMN

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Trio

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Will you join me in prayer:

God, though you call us to delight in your teachings, we can become cynical and full of doubt. Do not judge us, we pray, but heal us and restore us to you. Guard us and protect us from evil, and sanctify us in truth; in Jesus' name.

— *Silent Prayer* —

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Christ Jesus, God has promised to forgive us and reconcile us to God and each other. We are thankful for this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

†SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Called to be one in Jesus Christ, we are made to love one another in unity and grace. Let us share signs of unity and grace as we pass the peace of Christ with one another this day. Peace be with you.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

First Lesson

John 17:15-26

15 I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. **16** They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. **17** Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. **18** As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. **19** And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. **20** "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, **21** that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that

the world may believe that you have sent me. **22** The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, **23** I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. **24** Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. **25** "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. **26** I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Second Lesson

Acts 1:15-17; 21-26

15 In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, **16** "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— **17** for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." **21** So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, **22** beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." **23** So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. **24** Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen **25** to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." **26** And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

SERMON

“Presence, Prayer, and Petition”

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

“O Worship the King”

Handbell Choir

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

Bless these gifts to be nourishment for a world hungry for your grace. Bless us to be nurturers of love for a world hungry for your compassion. Bless us to be one in ministry with you and with one another, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

"We All Are One in Mission"

Trio

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

LEADER: With the power of God's Holy Spirit,

PEOPLE: We have been made one in unity and love.

LEADER: Even as we go our separate ways.

PEOPLE: We go in unity and love,

LEADER: We go to serve and love,

PEOPLE: With the power of the Spirit.

LEADER: We go with the blessing of community,

PEOPLE: Guiding our steps and protecting our paths.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 16, 2021

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 TODAY and on May 30.

THE AGING & SPIRITUALITY Summer Movie Series begins on Tuesday, May 25 at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, where we have good ventilation and lots of space to spread out (as well as popcorn). We will view *I Can Only Imagine*, a 2018 American Christian biographical drama film. The film is based on the story behind the group MercyMe's song, *I Can Only Imagine*, the best-selling Christian single of all time. The movie tells the life story of Bart Millard, the lead singer who wrote the song about his relationship with his own father. In 2018, this film won the Dove Award for "Inspirational Film of the Year". Throughout the summer we will continue to watch one film a month — June 29th, July 27th, and August 31st — the last Tuesday of each month. Stay tuned for more information on this summer's movie schedule.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Save the date! VBS will take place on Monday, June 14 through Friday, June 18. This year's theme is *Treasured: Discovering You're Priceless to God*, and will be a combination of in-person fun and pre-recorded activities on Facebook.

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!

THE MISSION PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE is working with the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission on a project which involves replacing all of the floor tiles in the women's section of the building. We are looking for volunteers to help paint, patch some walls, and do some light clean up on Wednesday, May 19 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or a half day, if possible. If you are interested, please contact the church office. 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 16, 2021

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

Tuesday, May 18

- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, May 19

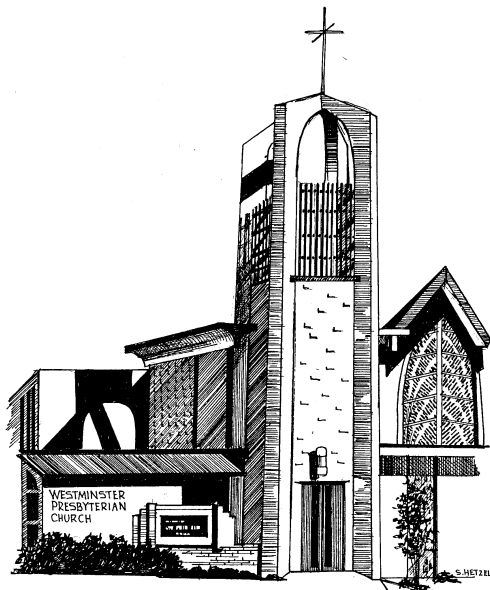
- 1:00 p.m. The Wired Word via Zoom

Thursday, May 20

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

Next Sunday, May 23

- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Pentecost Sunday Outdoor Fellowship



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

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

