

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

July 9, 2017

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

May none of God's wonderful works keep silence, night or morning. Bright stars, high mountains, the depths of the seas, sources of rushing river: may all these break into song as we sing to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May all the angels in the heavens reply: Amen! Amen! Amen! Power, praise, honor, eternal glory to God, the only God of grace. Amen!
An Egyptian Doxology (third century)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable are his ways!

People: For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?

Leader: Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?

People: For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. Romans 11:33-36

*Hymn: *O Lord, You Are My God and King* #270

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

O God of love, who sent Jesus among us, hear our confession and forgive our sin. When we invoke Christ's name for selfish reasons, have mercy upon us. When our faith is convenient and does not lead to commitment, surround us with grace that we may repent. When we are prone to call on you to satisfy our needs, may our hearts be open to the needs of others. When we obey you at no cost to our comforts, remind us of your cross. Forgive our leisurely approach to your sacrifice for us as Christ intercedes on our behalf.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: *O Lord, Have Mercy* #578

O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy;
O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.
O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy;
O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Therefore, I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sin, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Leader: Friends, believe and proclaim the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Gloria Patri: *Glory Be to the Father* #581
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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

Offertory
*Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #606
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Lord, we know that your law was given for our benefit. Help us to understand. Give us the courage to be obedient and the joy of living for our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Psalter: Psalm 67 #341
O God, Show Mercy to Us

Scripture Reading: Matthew 15:21-31

Anthem: *Be Thou My Vision* Alice Parker

Time for Young Disciples

(Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.)

*Hymn: *God Himself Is With Us* side panel

Scripture Reading: Genesis 45:1-8

Sermon: God Sent Me Here

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer:

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.

*Affirmation of Faith: Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised* #724

*Benediction

*Choral Response: *Go Into the World* Dale Wood

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

God Himself Is With Us

Gerhard Tersteegen, 1729
Trans. composite

Joachim Neander's Bundes-Lieder, 1680

1. God Him-self is with us: Let us now a - dore Him, And with awe ap -
2. God Him-self is with us: Whom an - gel - ic le - gions Serve with awe in
3. Lord, come dwell with - in us, While on earth we tar - ry, Make us Thy blest

pear be - fore Him. God is in His tem - ple, All with - in keep
heav - en - ly re - gions. "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly," Sing the hosts of
sanc - tu - a - ry, Grant us now Thy pres - ence, Un - to us draw

si - lence, And be - fore Him bow with rev - erence. Him a - lone, God we own;
heav - en, Praise to God be ev - er giv - en. Bow Thine ear To us here:
near - er, And re - veal Thy - self still clear - er. Where we are, Near or far,

To our Lord and Sav - iour Prais - es sing for - ev - er.
Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Thy Church now rais - es.
Let us see Thy pow - er, Ev - ery day and hour. . . . A - MEN.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Hamp Miller Fred Niehaus
Clarice Miller Chris Kline
Shepherd: Judy Taylor
Liturgist: Robin Moore
Reader: John Moore

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, July 11

5:30 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting

Sunday, July 16

9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

**Westminster Presbyterian Church
(PCUSA)**

Westminster Presbyterian Church exists to declare God's love for all through Jesus Christ, to nurture and encourage spiritual growth, to maintain the integrity of divine worship, and to share the love and joy found in Christ by giving ourselves to our community and to the world.

THE SESSION

Class of 2017

Ken Deppisch
Bennie Kitchens
Chris Kline
Lisa Thompson

Class of 2018

Bobbie Ann Anderson
Clarence Bahs
Deborah Dalton
Kristi Hachtel
Michele Peck

Class of 2019

Bruce McNellie
Robin Moore
Ray Taylor
Patricia Thompson
Betsy Tucker

THE INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP at Westminster Church is always open to persons who wish to join us in witness and service to Jesus Christ. If you are interested in church membership or desire more information about this congregation, please indicate on the Friendship Pad or speak to the pastor, or one of the elders following the service.

MINISTERS:

All the Members of the Congregation

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Joseph's Coat Brought to Jacob
Giovanni Andrea de Ferrari 1640

**July 9, 2017
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

¹Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Have everyone leave my presence!" So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it.

³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt!" ⁵And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

⁸"So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.

Genesis 45:1-8