

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day July 15, 2018
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God of mercy, grant that the Word you speak this day may take root in our hearts, and bear fruit to your honor and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Love Lifted Me* arr. Michael T. Smith
Zach Marshall, tenor

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: We gather as God's children —

People: **However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.**

Leader: We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community —

People: **So this becomes a place where all are welcome.**

Leader: We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with others —

People: **Let us worship God.**

*Hymn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* #263

*Prayer of Adoration

Leader: O God, you are infinite, eternal and unchangeable,

People: **Glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth.**

Leader: Your works everywhere praise you, and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: **Therefore, we praise you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, and hear us now as we lift our silent confessions to you. . . .

Time for Personal Confession

Response: *Lord, Have Mercy* #551

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
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Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

People: **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, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Psalter: *Psalm 24*

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

People: **For he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

People: **Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

Leader: They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

People: **Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

People: **Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

People: **Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

Scripture Reading: *Second Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19*

Anthem: *Be Thou My Vision* arr. 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: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #475

Scripture Reading: *Ephesians 1:3-14*

Sermon: *Chosen and Loved* Jennifer Marshall

*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.

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.

*Hymn: *Baptized in Water* #482

*Benediction

*Choral Response: *Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace* #545

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able



ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Tony Thompson Sue Atkins
Patricia Thompson Gary Atkins
Shepherd: Margaret Sultenfuss
Liturgist: Clarence Bahs
Reader: Sue Atkins

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, July 19

11:30 am Presbyterian Women Dutch Treat Lunch

Friday, July 20

August newsletter deadline

Sunday, July 22

11:00 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Session Meeting

TODAY'S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by Ron and Bobbie Ann Anderson in loving memory of Allen and Mildred Anderson.

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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

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MINISTERS:

All the Members of the Congregation

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

~ Ephesians 1:3-14 (NRSV)