

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Nacogdoches, Texas

## The Service for the Lord's Day



*Jeremiah 14:19-21*

4:19 Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

14:20 We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you.

14:21 Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us.

**August 16, 2020 11:00 a.m.**

## **Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**

**Assembling in Spirit Via the Internet**

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PRELUDE

Dr. James Pitts, organist

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come! Let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

**All: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.**

Leader: O Lord, come to our assistance. O Lord, hasten to help us.

**All: God is spirit, and all who worship God must worship in spirit in in truth.  
Let us worship God!**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, alt.  
 MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; arr. *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

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## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: We serve a gracious God, who longs to bless us and give us life. But we resist God's goodness and grace and persist in seeking what we imagine will be better than God's gifts. Nevertheless, God persists, in seeking us and calling us to return in humility to confess our faults and renew our lives in God's mercy. Let us come to God in prayer.

**All: Almighty God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory. You bless us generously, but we deny your blessing to others. You provide for us so richly and invite us to seek first your kingdom, but we are slow to embrace your will for us and quick to store up treasures on earth. Show us once more the way to your heart, forgive us, and help us to amend our lives. Lead us to your cross, there only to find true freedom and fulfillment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(Continue in silent prayer...)*

RESPONSE

*Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

Dvořák

**Lord, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Leader:** Hear the Good News! Christ Jesus came into the world to seek and save sinners. He personally bore our sins in his body on the cross that we might be dead to sin and alive to all there is in him. Friends, we are forgiven!

**All:** In Christ we are forgiven! Let us forgive others, give God thanks, and live in peace.. Alleluia! Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory Be to the Father*

**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.**

OFFERING REFLECTIONS

ORGAN INTERLUDE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY

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

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## HEARING GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

**Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22**

SOLO

**"Lord, Here I Am"**  
Emily Rhoades, soprano

Jay Althouse

GOSPEL LESSON

**Luke 18:9-14**

SERMON

**"What Jesus Sees"**

Rev. Howard Reed\

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Apostles' Creed**

*(Ecumenical version)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION  
AND LORD'S PRAYER

# WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN 661

THANKSGIVING

## 661 Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

His Eye Is on the Sparrow



1 Why should I feel dis-cour-aged? Why should the shad-ows come?  
 2 "Let not your heart be trou-bled," his ten-der word I hear,  
 3 When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-rise,



Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heaven and home,  
 and rest-ing on his good-ness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
 when song gives place to sigh-ing, when hope with-in me dies,



when Je-sus is my por-tion? My con-stant friend is he:  
 though by the path he lead-eth but one step I may see:  
 I draw the clos-er to him; from care he sets me free:



his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me;



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I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, (I'm hap-py) I sing be-cause I'm free, (I'm free)



for his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*The congregation is grateful to James Pitts, Michele Peck, Kevin Helmer, Whitney Frazier, our soloists and bell-ringer Noble Peck, for faithfully sharing worship with many others via the internet.*



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