

The Lord's Service

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 06, 2020



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*O Lord Most High
In Deep Humility I Pray*

ARR. HEALEY WILLAN
LANI SMITH

Please use the prelude as a time of silent preparation for the worship of the Triune God.

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CALL TO WORSHIP

PHILIPPIANS 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God of unchanging power and light, look with mercy on your whole church. Bring to completion your saving work, so that the whole world may see the fallen lifted up, the old made new, and all things brought to perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

The Earth, with All That Dwell Therein 68 (vv. 1, 4, 5)

CONFESSION OF SINS

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON



STANDING IF COMFORTABLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: spoken, sung

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSIVE READING OF THE LAW

You shall have no other gods before me.
For from him and through him and to him are all things.

You shall not make for yourself a graven image.

In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.
Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.
Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

You shall not kill.
Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

You shall not commit adultery.
You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

You shall not steal.
Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor
Rather speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house, or anything that is your neighbor's
Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

✠ GLORIA PATRI

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INTERLUDE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, Your love for us is everlasting; you alone can turn the shadow of death into the brightness of the morning light. Help us to turn to you with believing hearts. In the stillness of this hour, speak to us of eternal things, so that, hearing the promises in scripture, we may have hope and be lifted above our distress into the peace of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ZEPHANIAH 3:1-20

NEW TESTAMENT READING

HEBREWS 2:1-13



GOSPEL READING

JOHN 10:1-15



RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord. **Praise be to God.**

SERMON

Rejoice!

MR. JUSTIN CHIAROT



THE APOSTLES' CREED

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I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

(not collected, brought up by deacons)



⌘ DOXOLOGY

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⌘ SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

⌘ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

⌘ THE 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.

⌘ THE COMMUNION

⌘ HYMN OF DEPARTURE *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* 310 (vv. 1, 5)

⌘ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⌘ POSTLUDE *Immortal, Invisible* WELSH MELODY/ARR. R.C.WILSON

PREACHER: Mr. Justin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

Missions Work Highlight

LYDIA CENTER IN MACEDONIA

Lydia's goal is to promote a moral life, the right of a woman to choose to give birth to a child, and the right of a child to be born. Abortion is NOT an option. Lydia focuses on prevention, education, family life, raising and educating children. Our goal is to promote and develop moral and spiritual values based on the Bible.

Pray for the lives of the unborn, so precious in God's sight, for increased cultural acceptance of adoption, and for special protection over the marriages of those who work in life-affirming ministry all across the globe.

Scripture Texts

ZEPHANIAH 3:1-20

- ¹ Woe to the city of oppressors, rebellious and defiled!
- ² She obeys no one, she accepts no correction. She does not trust in the Lord, she does not draw near to her God.
- ³ Her officials within her are roaring lions; her rulers are evening wolves, who leave nothing for the morning.
- ⁴ Her prophets are unprincipled; they are treacherous people. Her priests profane the sanctuary and do violence to the law.
- ⁵ The Lord within her is righteous; he does no wrong. Morning by morning he dispenses his justice, and every new day he does not fail, yet the unrighteous know no shame.
- ⁶ “I have destroyed nations; their strongholds are demolished. I have left their streets deserted, with no one passing through. Their cities are laid waste; they are deserted and empty.
- ⁷ Of Jerusalem I thought, ‘Surely you will fear me and accept correction! Then her place of refuge would not be destroyed, nor all my punishments come upon her. But they were still eager to act corruptly in all they did.
- ⁸ Therefore wait for me,” declares the Lord, “for the day I will stand up to testify. I have decided to assemble the nations, to gather the kingdoms and to pour out my wrath on them— all my fierce anger. The whole world will be consumed by the fire of my jealous anger.
- ⁹ “Then I will purify the lips of the peoples, that all of them may call on the name of the Lord and serve him shoulder to shoulder.
- ¹⁰ From beyond the rivers of Cush my worshipers, my scattered people, will bring me offerings.
- ¹¹ On that day you, Jerusalem, will not be put to shame for all the wrongs you have done to me, because I will remove from you your arrogant boasters. Never again will you be haughty on my holy hill.
- ¹² But I will leave within you the meek and humble. The remnant of Israel will trust in the name of the Lord.
- ¹³ They will do no wrong; they will tell no lies. A deceitful tongue will not be found in their mouths. They will eat and lie down and no one will make them afraid.”
- ¹⁴ Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem!
- ¹⁵ The Lord has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm.
- ¹⁶ On that day they will say to Jerusalem, “Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp.
- ¹⁷ The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.”
- ¹⁸ “I will remove from you all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals, which is a burden and reproach for you.
- ¹⁹ At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you. I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles. I will give them praise and honor in every land where they have suffered shame.
- ²⁰ At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes,” says the Lord.

Scripture Texts, *continued*

HEBREWS 2:1-13

- ¹ We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.
- ² For since the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment,
- ³ how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.
- ⁴ God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.
- ⁵ It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking.
- ⁶ But there is a place where someone has testified: “What is mankind that you are mindful of them, a son of man that you care for him?”
- ⁷ You made them a little lower than the angels; you crowned them with glory and honor
- ⁸ and put everything under their feet.” In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them.
- ⁹ But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.
- ¹⁰ In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered.
- ¹¹ Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.
- ¹² He says, “I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises.”
- ¹³ And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again he says, “Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

Scripture Texts, *continued*

JOHN 10:1-15

- ¹ “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber.
- ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.
- ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.
- ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.
- ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.”
- ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.
- ⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.
- ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them.
- ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.
- ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.
- ¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
- ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it.
- ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.
- ¹⁴ “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—
- ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.

The Earth, with All That Dwell Therein

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The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Ps. 24:1

1. The earth with all that dwell there - in, with all its wealth un - told,
2. What man shall stand be - fore the Lord on Zi - on's ho - ly hill?
3. Lo, such are they that seek for God, and blest by him they live;
4. Ye ev - er - last - ing doors, give way; lift up your heads, ye gates!

be - longs to God who found - ed it up - on the seas of old.
The clean of hand, the pure of heart, the just who do his will.
to them his per - fect righ - teous - ness the God of grace will give.
For now, be - hold, to en - ter in the King of glo - ry waits.

5. Who is this glorious King that comes
to claim his sovereign right?
It is the Lord omnipotent,
all-conqu'ring in his might.
6. Ye everlasting doors, give way;
lift up your heads, ye gates!
For now, behold, to enter in
the King of glory waits.
7. Who is this glorious King that comes
to claim his rightful throne?
The Lord of Hosts, he is the King
of glory, God alone.

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

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After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Heb. 1:3

1. Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the
4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, and
5. Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

REFRAIN

• joi - ce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
• he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
• keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your
• bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.
• take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

heart, lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

Westminster Church is both a place and a people. We gather in this sacred space to worship, to learn, and to serve God as he meets us in Christ. To this end we dedicate our time, our talent, and our resources. Here the Gospel of Christ is freely proclaimed: *We are weaker and more sinful than we ever dared admit, but through Christ we are more loved and accepted than we ever dared hope.* As a community of Christians, we are building a bridge to the future through faith and friendship. To this end, we pray God will give us strength, vision, and wisdom. We are thankful that you could join with us today. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Welcome to Westminster!

Westminster Stated Services

Worship	9:00 AM, 11:00AM
Sunday School (<i>Sept–June</i>)	11:45 AM
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 PM

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Sunday School	10:00 AM
Worship	11:00 AM

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Cover

The Celtic cross reminds us, as Presbyterians, of our historical roots in the British Isles dating back at least to the fifth century. *Post Tenebras Lux* is a Latin slogan from the 16th-century Protestant Reformation meaning *After Darkness, Light*. The cross and the slogan combine to express our desire to be rooted in the ancient faith and to embrace the attainments of the Protestant Reformation.

Westminster was organized in 1854 and is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

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