

The Lord's Service

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 11, 2020



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*“Adagio” from Sonata I
Arioso*

MENDELSSOHN
J. S. BACH

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 REVELATION 7:10, 12
Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!
Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

- ☒ PRAYER OF THE DAY
Eternal God, as we are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, so give us the grace of repentance that we may pass through the grave with him and be born again to eternal life. For he is the One who was crucified, dead, and buried, and rose again for us, Jesus our Savior, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

- ☒ HYMN OF PRAISE *Praise the Savior Now and Ever* 243 (vv. 1, 3)

CONFESSION OF SINS

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON



GLORIA PATRI

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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.

INTERLUDE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ.. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

JONAH 1:17 - 2:10

NEW TESTAMENT READING

REVELATION 7:9-12



GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 12:38-42



RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

SERMON

Jonah and the Great Fish

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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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.

⌘ 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.



HYMN OF DEPARTURE

Amazing Grace

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

Postlude in Bb Major

LANI SMITH

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Ron Bonagura (9:00AM)
Robert Van Gent (11:00AM)

ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

Jonah and the Great Fish

JONAH 1:17-2:10

1. Death (1:17-2:6a)

God “appoints” _____ times. He is _____ over all c_____.

Jonah is r_____, but God has gone _____ him.

The fish is s_____ through j_____.

The three days and three nights in the fish is the _____ of Jonah.

Repentance: a turning to God’s p_____ and W_____.

Jonah’s prayer draws extensively on the _____s.

Everything looks different from the b_____.

Jonah prays from the b_____ of S_____.

The _____ evokes a cosmic _____ between God and evil.

Being b_____ from God’s sight is the e_____ of hell.

The ray of hope: turning to God’s t_____.

2. Resurrection (2:6b-2:10)

Finally, the story of Jonah, changes _____.

We will have to ask how a _____ Jonah’s repentance is.

Theme of the book: _____ belongs to the _____.

Salvation is an act of God against our ho_____ w_____.

Spurgeon: the fish was an A_____!

We are pointed to the God-f_____ of Christ.

He descended into the darkness and hell of _____ our sins.

Christ is v_____ in the r_____.

We make the same journey as Jonah in b_____.

Salvation belongs to the Lord = J_____ is our s_____.

Christ has disgorged us from _____ which had s_____ us.

Missions Work Highlight

ALL 4 JESUS MINISTRIES

ADAM GORDON– MISSIONARY TO COLLEGE CAMPUSES IN THE HUDSON VALLEY

Please PRAY for the student ministry at SUNY New Paltz and OCCC. Physical meetings are not allowed but they are running five virtual Bible studies through zooming technology. SUNY New Paltz has allowed conduct in person on campus outreaches using social distancing methods. Even with the limited ability for outreach they are still reaching new students from both Christian and non Christian backgrounds.

The street ministry is finishing up the Fall Blitz. Evangelistic outreaches have been conducted in the cities of Poughkeepsie and Newburgh and towns of New Paltz and Pawling. PRAY for the Lord of the harvest to bring fruit from those efforts. Looking ahead to future evangelistic outreach and praying for more people to join them.

Announcements

Officer Nominations for 2021: Please prayerfully consider those who can serve in the coming year. Give sheets to an elder or Jo-Anne Weber. Also, please do not discuss your nomination with the person nominated. The Session will, if appropriate, check on their willingness to serve.

The Fellowship Committee is requesting donations of boxed or wrapped cookies, crackers, cheeses, biscotti, muffins, granola bars, etc. for the Fellowship Coffee Times following each service. Nothing homemade at this time. Donations can be left in the kitchen.

Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child are available in the Narthex and also in the entrance to the new building. There is also a bin in the Narthex if you would like to donate individual items. Shoeboxes are due back at church on Sunday, November 22. If you have any

Scripture Texts

JONAH 1:17 - 2:10

- ^{1:17} Now the Lord provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. ² ¹ [a]From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God.
- ^{2:1} He said: “In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry.
- ³ You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me.
- ⁴ I said, ‘I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.’
- ⁵ The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head.
- ⁶ To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you, Lord my God, brought my life up from the pit.
- ⁷ “When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, Lord, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple.
- ⁸ “Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God’s love for them.
- ⁹ But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the Lord.’”
- ¹⁰ And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

Scripture Texts, *continued*

REVELATION 7:9-12

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

¹² saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

MATTHEW 12:38-42

³⁸ Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from you.”

³⁹ He answered, “A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

⁴⁰ For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

⁴¹ The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now something greater than Jonah is here.

⁴² The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon’s wisdom, and now something greater than Solomon is here.

Praise the Savior Now and Ever

That by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery. Heb. 2:14, 15

1. Praise the Sav - ior now and ev - er; praise him, all be -
 2. Man's work fail - eth, Christ's a - vail - eth; he is all our
 3. Sin's bond sev - ered, we're de - liv - ered; Christ has bruised the
 4. For his fa - vor, praise for - ev - er un - to God the

neath the skies; pros - trate ly - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing
 righ - teous - ness; he, our Sav - ior, has for - ev - er
 ser - pent's head; death no lon - ger is the stron - ger;
 Fa - ther sing; praise the Sav - ior, praise him ev - er,

on the cross, a sac - ri - fice. Vic - t'ry gain - ing,
 set us free from dire dis - tress. Through his mer - it
 hell it - self is cap - tive led. Christ has ris - en
 Son of God, our Lord and King. Praise the Spir - it;

life ob - tain - ing, now in glo - ry he doth rise.
 we in - her - it light and peace and hap - pi - ness.
 from death's pris - on; o'er the tomb he light has shed.
 through Christ's mer - it he doth us sal - va - tion bring.

Amazing Grace!

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Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?
1 Chron. 17:16

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems. The first system includes a treble clef staff with lyrics and guitar chords (G, D7, Em, C, G, D7, G) and a bass clef staff. The second system also includes a treble clef staff with lyrics and guitar chords (C, G, Em, G, D7, G) and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are as follows:

1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a wretch like me!
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
 3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 he will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.

5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
a life of joy and peace.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun.

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

Westminster Kingston

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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