

The Lord's Service

The Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JUNE 02, 2024



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Reflections
From All That Dwells Below the Skies*

HENRY KIHLEN
SETTING BY DENNIS R. JOHNSON

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 PSALM 84: 1-2, 4, 10

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, your presence is better than life itself. You are strength to all in need, and hope to those who travel through sorrow. As the sparrow and the swallow find a home at your altars, so we place our lives before you. Receive them in the name, and for the sake of, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE *Lord of the Worlds Above* 375

CONFESSION OF SINS

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

THE KYRIE ELEISON

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON



⌘ RESPONSIVE READING OF THE LAW FROM THE EPISTLES

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.

⌘ THE PEACE

⌘ GLORIA PATRI

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INTERLUDE

Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands

ARR. BY LOWELL MASON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING PSALM 84:1-12 *p. 583*

NEW TESTAMENT READING REVELATION 21: 1-4, 9-11, 22-23 *p. 1233*

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 84 *O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely* 371

⊗ GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 6:25-34 *p. 965*

⊗ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

SERMON *Desire, Pilgrimage, and Destination*

⊗ THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEMBERSHIP VOWS Carl, Laruen, and Riley Coleman

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

That Man is Blest Who, Fearing God

SETTING BY HEALEY WILLAN



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

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

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*Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
your chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness,
with water from the rock.*

*Hungry and thirsty, faint and weak,
as you when here below,
our souls the joys celestial seek
which from thy sorrows flow.*

*We would not live by bread alone,
but by your word of grace,*

*in strength of which we travel on
to our abiding place.*

*Be known to us in breaking bread,
but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
your table in our heart.*

*There sup with us in love divine;
your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heav'nly wine,
be our immortal food.*



HYMN OF DEPARTURE

The God of Abraham Praise

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

Maestoso

A. JAMES

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot
WORSHIP LEADER: Robert David
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson, D.M.A.

Desire, Pilgrimage, and Destination

PSALM 84

Augustine: Two c_____ formed by two l_____.

The goal of our faith: communion with _____.

1. Desire (verses 1-4)

The first thing evoked is desire, or p_____.

The temple is beautiful because it's God's _____.

God's beauty is p_____ b_____.

The language of desire: y_____, f_____, c_____ out.

The courts and the L_____ can never be separated.

2. Pilgrimage (verses 5-7)

Desire leads to d_____.

Desiring hearts are hearts set on p_____.

One desire: appearing b_____ God in Z_____.

Pilgrims pass through v_____.

3. Destination (verses 8-12)

Having loved the house he is now a__ h_____ in the house.

In the house God gives g_____ and g_____.

Jesus is the t_____ where God dwells ___ m_____.

As pilgrims: here we have n___ l_____ c_____.

Missions Work Highlight

JANE BRINKERHOFF

Mission to the World

Jane Brinkerhoff with Mission to the World (MTW), the mission sending agency of the Presbyterian Church of America, serves in the Nagoya Church Planting Team in the city of Nagoya, which is strategically located in central Japan between the major cities of Tokyo, Kyoto, and Osaka. Using evangelistic Bible studies, small groups, and mercy ministries, Jane has helped spread the gospel and start churches in unchurched towns in the greater Nagoya area. Although some of these churches are now self-supporting and under Japanese leadership, there are many other needy areas. Jane wants to minister in such areas with the goal of starting more churches in Japan that is still considered unreached. As you pray for Jane, pray also for more workers willing to serve in building Christ's kingdom in Japan, not only as missionaries, but also from within the Japanese church as well.

Announcements

It is our joy to receive the Coleman Family (Carl, Lauren, Riley, Caroline, Christian, Sophia, and Charlotte) into WPC today!

Today will be our last week of Sunday School. We will have our Sunday school program next week, June 9th, after the worship service.

The Fellowship Committee will be holding a church barbecue on Sunday, June 9th following the Sunday School Closing Ceremony. Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be provided. The congregation is asked to bring side dishes, salads and desserts.

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	10:00AM
Sunday School (<i>Sept–June</i>)	11:45 AM
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 PM

Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley

Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday School	12:00 PM

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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).

Senior Pastor

Rev. Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

Assistant Pastor

Rev. Justin Chiarot

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