

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 - 9:45 AM WORSHIP



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace, S. Temple¹

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus Christ, we assemble with all your creatures in this circle of life.

People: We ask you to join our circle and celebrate with us.

Leader: Jesus Christ, as we join in celebration with you and all creation,

People: We ask for your blessing, your *shalom*, on the creatures present here that we love, and all creatures celebrating in the wild.

Leader: In the name of God, who creates all life, in the name of Jesus Christ, who redeems all life, and in the name of the Spirit, who renews all life, we cry with all in the circle of life:

People: Shalom! Shalom! Shalom! May your blessing come!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 17

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!, Wie Lieblich Ist Der Maien²

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Lord, for all the animals in the whole wide world,

People: We thank you, God!

Leader: Lord, for all the fun and friendship we have with animals,

People: We thank you, God!

Leader: Lord, for all the times we have hurt or neglected animals,

People: We are sorry.

Leader: Lord, for all the times we have used poisons that have killed animals,

People: We are sorry.

Leader: Lord, for all the times we have destroyed the homes of animals in the forests, oceans or fields,

People: We are sorry (*continue with silent confession*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Christ forgives us for all our sins against the creatures of the earth. Christ forgives us and calls us to honor and protect all animals. May the animals of earth be our companions in life and lead us to celebrate our place in the circle of life.

People: Amen!

***ACCLAMATION HYMN 582**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me³

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE** (*Greet your neighbor with a first-bump, elbow-bump or wave*)

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Greet each other with the peace of Christ.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Poland

After the message, children may follow the teacher to room 11 for Spiritual Adventures

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:20-25

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 16:19-31

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

SERMON

Good Stewards

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS (unison prayer)

Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life, let your blessing be upon all these animals. May our relationships with them mirror your love, and our care for them be an example of your bountiful mercy. Grant the animals health and peace. Strengthen us to love and care for them as we strive to imitate the love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

You are welcome to bring your animal forward for an individual blessing. You may also bring a picture of your animal and receive a blessing, or the ashes of a pet that has passed to receive a prayer of thanksgiving.

***HYMN 320**

The Church of Christ in Every Age, Wareham⁴

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE 601

Amen. Amen. Amen.

*Threefold Amen, Danish Amen*⁵

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Sara Hayes

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY

All Things Bright and Beautiful, arr. J. Rutter⁶

***DEDICATION HYMN 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, Praise God*⁷
Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise
Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

O God, we thank you for these gifts. Multiply them, and enable the work of love and care the world and all of its creatures. We thank and praise you. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples, Kingsfold⁸

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festival Alleluia, D. Miller⁹

Leaders Today:

Pastor: Rev. Scott Anderson
Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman
The Chancel Choir
Ushers: The Fletcher Family, Ed Cothroll

Liturgist: Roger Fletcher
AV/Tech: John Tarr
Dorothy Blotz, accompanist



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WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Joy!

Doug & Cindy Kornetzke are thrilled to share that they are going to be grandparents! Aaron and Leah are expecting a boy in February (due 2/20)! Looks like there are lots of trips to California in their future. Congratulations!

The Friday Fish Fry—Last Call to sign up

Join us for a Friday night Fish Fry on October 7th, 4:30 PM at Hilltop Supper Club. It's located at 4173 County HWY P in Cross Plains and is a beautiful drive from Madison. In addition to the Fish Fry (deep fried or baked cod or deep-fried perch), Top sirloin, Jumbo shrimp, or Salad will be available. We hope everyone can attend. This is our first Fish Fry outing in 3 years! For questions contact Carrie Aberle carrie_ra1@charter.net. Sign up in the Narthex or email Carrie by today!

Knitwits

Knitwits meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 9:30. We knit hats, mittens, and other things to donate to the schools, so kids can all go out for recess. We would love to have you join us. If you are interested, but don't have the equipment (yarn or needles) or don't know how to knit, come anyway! We can outfit you and get you going on a project. If you have any questions, you can be in touch with Marian Rohde or Kathy Kamp.

World Communion Sunday, October 2

Interested in learning more about Ukraine? On October 2nd, Sam and Kurt Hermsen will present information on Ukraine's history and politics both during and after the service. Following worship there will be special Ukrainian treats and opportunities to make crafts to show our support for the peoples of Ukraine.

Another way we celebrate World Communion Sunday is by collecting a Peace and Global Witness Offering. When we look around our world these days, it is sometimes hard to feel joyful. Yet joy inherently embraces optimism. Joy is the companion of faith and hope. In our polarized world torn by war, famine, and marginalization of the poor and disenfranchised, we are in desperate need of joyful and brave people who are willing to ask the hard questions and live the difficult solutions that make peace possible. Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we connect with each other, as the Church, together, to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world and right here at home. 25% of this offering stays with our church to support peace efforts in our own community, 25% stays with our presbytery, and the remainder goes to PCUSA to advocate globally for peace and justice in cultures of violence through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. Please consider this worthy donation. Checks may be made out to Westminster with "peace" in the memo.

CWU – Key Woman Needed

Church Women United aims to have a link with every affiliated church. They refer to that liaison person as the “Key Woman.” The role of the key woman is to bring back information to her church from Church Women United and also communicate pertinent information from her church to CWU. The Key Woman is encouraged to attend the monthly programs that CWU hosts from September to May and occasionally attend the board meetings to provide input and suggestions. Ruth Hein has been serving in this role for a number of years and she would like to have someone else assume this position. If you are interested, please contact her.

CWU October Program

Church Women United Invites You (women, men & youth) to our October Program: Solving the Climate Crisis. Bob Lindmeier, Senior Chief Meteorologist at WKOW-TV, will speak about what we can do and where there is hope. Event: Friday, October 7th: 9:30 AM - Coffee and Fellowship, 10 AM - Presentation at Dale Heights Presbyterian Church, 5501 University Ave, Madison, WI 53705

Pres House Meals

Beginning in October, Westminster prepares dinner for the students at Pres House on selected Sundays throughout the 2022/23 academic year. All volunteers are welcome! If you would like to help out, there are several opportunities: provide a side dish (salad, rolls, vegetable, dessert), help cook the meal, or help serve the meal. The dates Westminster Presbyterian signed up for are: October 2nd, November 6th, December 18, January 29th, March 5th, April 12, and May 7th.

You can volunteer one time or many times – whatever works for your schedule! Please let Doug Rouse know if you can help: dirouse@wisc.edu.

We are in great need of volunteers for Sunday October 2!

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

Care List: Ann Friedley, Jack Hamann, Gloria Hanson, Hugh Moss

Members & Friends: Vern & Sally Forsberg, Patrick Mullin, Paul Quin

