

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### WELCOME & 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

*Cry Out and Shout*, K. Nystedt<sup>1</sup>

*Cry out and shout, ye people of God, the Lord is strength and song! Therefore, with joy shall ye draw waters from the wells of salvation! Cry out and shout, ye people of God.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We've come to worship God, who makes streams flow from rock,

**People: who turns the parched earth into springs of water,**

Leader: who sends the rain from heaven and makes the wilderness blossom and flourish.

**People: As the deer thirsts for flowing streams, so we thirst for You, O God.**

Leader: Come, let's worship our life-giving God,

**People: who pours out living water on all who thirst.**

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*HYMN 182

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*, Kingsfold<sup>2</sup>

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again (continue with silent confession). Amen.**

SONG OF CONFESSION HYMN 551

*Lord, Have Mercy, Land of Rest*<sup>3</sup>

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

from Romans 5

Leader: This is the good news of God's grace:

**People: Though we were sinners, Christ died for us.**

Leader: Once we were lost and dead—

**People: now Christ has become our life and salvation.**

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## \*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Please turn to the back wall and wave to our online worshippers, offering them the peace of Christ and then greet each other.

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

#### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 4:5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting

by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testi-

mony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

## SERMON

*Holy Conversations*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*HYMN 479

*Ho, All Who Thirst, Jacob's Well*<sup>4</sup>

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

### PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 649

*Amazing Grace* (verse 3), *Amazing Grace*<sup>5</sup>

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come. 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

## CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

## OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*, arr. C. Callahan<sup>6</sup>

### \*DEDICATION HYMN 694

*Great God of Every Blessing* (verse 1), Aurelia<sup>7</sup>

*Great God of every blessing, of faithful loving care, you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share. How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start; sincerely and completely I offer you my heart."*

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**O Lord, you are our God; we are the people of your pasture, the sheep of your hand. As you have fed us by your mercy, may it be our daily bread to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**\*HYMN 719**

*Come, Labor On, Ora Labora*<sup>8</sup>

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Adagio in a minor, J.S. Bach*<sup>9</sup>

**Leaders Today:**



Pastor: Rev. Scott Anderson

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

The Chancel Choir

Ushers/Greeters: Judy Graham, Karen Osborne, Chuck Kamp, Sandra Cole (Deacon)

Liturgist: Lucia Hayes

AV/Tech: John Tarr

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## WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Rummage Sale**

It's back! The fabulous Westminster rummage sale is coming on Saturday, April 15, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m! What do we need from YOU?

We will need help setting up Wednesday afternoon, April 12, and all day Thursday and Friday, April 13 and 14. We also could use willing hands to clean up 1-3 p.m. on Saturday. We can take donations ONLY the week of the sale: please make sure all items are clean, in working order, and in new or gently used condition. We cannot put out for sale anything that is soiled or dirty, torn, broken, or not working. Questions? Want to volunteer? Contact Beth Swedeen at [bethswedeen@gmail.com](mailto:bethswedeen@gmail.com) or Sara Pope at [rose-girl1991@yahoo.com](mailto:rose-girl1991@yahoo.com) Sale profits go to local non-profits, and we often donate unsold items at the end of the sale to local groups. Everyone who volunteers is guaranteed a fun time!

### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

Around the world, millions of people face challenges to obtain food, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. One Great Hour of Sharing is a special collection throughout Lent to help improve the lives of people around the world in challenging situations. Mathew 25 encourages us to see Christ in those who are hungry, thirsty, and oppressed. This special collection is our opportunity to reach out and assist those in need. Please consider making a contribution anytime now through Easter. Checks can be made to Westminster with "OGHS" in the memo.

## **Food Pantry – Volunteers Needed!**

The Allied Food Pantry needs volunteers. The number of visitors has increased, particularly from Spanish-speaking countries. Spanish skills are a plus! We need volunteers on both Tuesday and Wednesday.

-Tuesday, 8-10 a.m.: Help unload and put away delivery from Second Harvest.

-Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.-noon, 5:30 -7:30 pm. Set up fresh food, guide shoppers through the pantry, and stock the shelves, No experience required!

If you can help out, please contact Carol Rushmore at [rushmore5116@gmail.com](mailto:rushmore5116@gmail.com).

## **Ramadan Interfaith Iftar**

Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice is sponsoring the seventh annual Ramadan Interfaith Iftar (Break the Fast) on Saturday evening, April 1st, 2023, at 7:00 pm at Kromrey Middle School, 7009 Donna Dr., Middleton, WI 53562. Westminster is a sponsor of this event and we hope you will consider attending. This interfaith event brings together people of all faiths to join with our Muslim siblings as they break their daily Ramadan fast. The event is an opportunity to come together as an interfaith community, learn about Islam and Ramadan, make new friends, and share a wonderful dinner. You do need to RSVP (link below). If you are able to bring a dish to pass, that link is also below.

Evite link to RSVP - <http://evite.me/CbVZmENA7y>

Sign-Up Genius link to sign up to bring a dish and/or to volunteer - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA9A929A4F94-ramadan>

## **Taizé Worship**

Our mid-week Taizé Worship continues. This service, which begins at 6:30 p.m., and will alternate locations, as follows:

- At Covenant Presbyterian: March 15, 29
- At Westminster Presbyterian: March 22

Please consider joining us. The service will not be livestreamed or recorded for later.

## **SAVE THE DATES!**

- **Mallards Game!** We will be having a Mallard's baseball game outing on Thursday June 22 at 6 PM. Cost will be \$13 a person.

- **VBC** – Westminster will be joining forces with Christ Presbyterian Church from July 31 through August 3 for Vacation Bible Camp. Children, youth and adults are invited to participate!

- **Women's Retreat** - We will be having another Women's retreat at Holy Wisdom on Saturday, October 7. Kathleen Owen will be leading.

## **Family Lent Resources**

Families and children of all ages: The Family Ministries table in the Narthex has Lenten Devotions, Lent calendars, and One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks for the taking! Come check it out!

## **Education Forum March 26**

Please join the Education committee on March 26 after worship to hear Alia Stevensen, Chief Development & Partnerships Officer, for The Foundation for Black Women's Wellness (FFBWW), a Wisconsin based non-profit organization that exists to 'Empower a Generation of Well Black Women'. Each year the FFBWW engages and serves over 7,000 women across Dane County and Wisconsin through direct services programming, and thousands more through advocacy work. Join us in learning more about how the FFBWW energizes, mobilizes and supports Black women to transform their lives and health through education, advocacy and powerful partnerships; and how we can work together to ensure everyone in our community is healthy, thriving and free! This forum will take place in the lounge shortly following the morning service.

## **Church Office**

-Katie will be on vacation starting March 13 and returning March 27. Volunteers will be in the office from 9am-12pm most days. For pastoral emergencies, you can contact Pastor Scott directly at [scott@westminstermadison.org](mailto:scott@westminstermadison.org).

-Pastor Scott will be in California March 17-19 to speak at the memorial service for his close friend and colleague Rev. Jim Zazzera, who died of pancreatic cancer last month. Scott will be back in the office on Tuesday, March 21. Rev. Hugh Drennan, a retired Presbyterian minister, will be here to preach on March 19.

## **IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...**

**Care List:** Hugh Moss, Bucky Pike, Vicki Cothroll, Joel Jones

**Members & Friends:** Paul Quin, Peg Zimmer, Patrick Mullin, Nancy Smart, Tom Garcia, Connie Dettloff