



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

Make Us One, arr. J. Chrisman¹

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 119

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: **Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful,**

Leader: for the Lord takes pleasure in the people.

People: **Let the faithful sing for joy!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

***HYMN 301**

*Let Us Build a House, Two Oaks*²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord God,

while we were still slaves to sin,

you died for our salvation.

Yet we still worship the false gods of the world,

forgetting that you are Lord.

Loving worldly wealth,

we have not loved you with our whole heart

nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Trusting worldly strength,

we have not trusted your word

nor followed the Word-made-flesh.

**Forgiving by worldly norms,
we have not shown mercy to others
as you have shown mercy to us.
Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ's name**
(continue with silent confession). Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel:
Who is in a position to condemn?

**People: Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us;
Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***ACCLAMATION HYMN 581**

*Glory Be to the Father, Gloria Patri*³

*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.*

***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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 119:33-40

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.

Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 18:15-20

"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

SERMON

A Community of Grace

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 444

*Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive, Detroit*⁴

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 184

*Calm to the Waves, Calm Seas*⁵

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY

*Duetto, J.S. Bach*⁶

***DEDICATION HYMN 607** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, Old Hundredth*⁷
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

SEALING THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Eternal God, holy and mighty, ... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and every place who forever sing to the glory of your name.

People: Sanctus Hymn 559 *Holy, Holy, Holy*⁸

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, ... Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

People: Memorial Acclamation 560 *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*⁹
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...
We pray the prayer taught to us by our Lord Jesus Christ...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF BREAD AND POURING OF CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Draw Us to You, arr. M. Burkhardt¹⁰

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 529

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether, Union Seminary¹¹

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Voluntary, J. Stanley*¹²

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Leaders Today:

Pastor: Rev. Scott Anderson

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

Ushers/Greeters: Gary & Karen Stephens, Ann Rowley, Doug Rouse (Deacon)

Communion Servers: Chuck Kamp, Jeff Hayes, Andrea Kenny, Josh Mou



WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Westminster Women's Retreat: Sustaining Hope

This year's Women's Retreat will be held on Saturday, October 7 from 9 AM until 4 PM and will be held again at the Holy Wisdom Monastery in Middleton. We are excited to have Rev Kathleen Owens as our leader. The theme this year is Sustaining Hope. There is an optional reading - Hope: A User's Manual by MaryAnn McKibben Dana that can be read as a daily devotional. More details regarding the retreat and the schedule will be in the September newsletter. The cost this year will be \$30 and includes lunch. A sign-up sheet is now in the Narthex.

Update: the book "Hope: A User's Manual" is now available in the office for \$17 now through September 3.

Chancel Choir Kickoff!

From September to June, the Chancel Choir rehearses each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in preparation for leadership in worship on a weekly basis. Through its Christ-centered approach to worship leadership, the Choir plays a central leadership role in this congregation's worship life and offers its members an opportunity to respond to God's call to be effective stewards of their music talents.

For more information about the Choir's ministry, please contact Joe Chrisman, Minister of Music, at westminstermusic@sbcglobal.net or speak with any current choir member. We hope to see you, and hear you, at the kickoff rehearsal at **7:00 p.m. on September 6!**

Westminster is Looking to Grow our Worship Attendance

One of the most effective ways of finding new members is through existing members. Please consider inviting friends and neighbors to a church service in the near future.

Adult Forum Guest Speaker: Today at 11:00am

Ms. Jackie Hunt will be here. She is the founder and CEO of F.O.S.T.E.R. (Families Overcoming Struggles To Encourage Restoration) of Dane County, which is a wrap-around, nontraditional case management and counseling program serving families in Dane County. Her own testimony of recovery, redemption, and restoration, provides the foundation for her work and allows for just the right balance to support the community and instill the belief in her clients that they too can overcome and become all that they want to be. Ms. Hunt will discuss her work through F.O.S.T.E.R. and Nehemiah. She has also authored her first book "Redeemed Through Recovery" and will have copies available for purchase.

Fall Westminster Adult Bible Study Wednesdays

September 6-December 13, 2023, 12:30-2 pm via Zoom

Join Rev. Dr. Jessica Nylund Salt this Fall to study Isaiah 40-66, often called Second and Third Isaiah! Explore Isaiah's richness and density, identify its theological claims and discover how they are evoked by and addressed to particular historical situations. All are welcome! Contact the office if you want to join: 608-238-3121

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

Care List: Hugh Moss, Patrick Mullin, Bucky Pike

Members & Friends: , Rick & Connie Dettloff, Betsy Weber, Steve Smith, Cynthia Strategos (sister of Sandy Nuernberg)

*If you would like to share a joy or concern during worship, you can TEXT Pastor Scott. He will be reading them during the service: 608-358-6153.

The members of Westminster Presbyterian Church recognize the land the church occupies is the ancestral home of the Ho-Chunk Nation, who have called this land Teejop (day-JOPE) since time immemorial. We recognize and respect the inherent sovereignty of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the other eleven First Nations within the boundaries of the state of Wisconsin.

