

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

*Love One Another, A.K. Organ*¹

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 98

Leader: We come to join with all the earth in praise:

People: **to sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,
who has shown us steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Leader: We praise the Lord with joyful noises joining the symphony of the earth:

People: **the roar of the ocean, the call of the birds, the wind across the hills,
people in every corner of the globe.**

Leader: On this sabbath day of rest and gladness,

People: **we greet you with joy, our living God!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 311

*Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather, Tokyo*²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world? Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray (*continue with silent confession*). Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the Good News! The only one who could judge us calls us friends.

People: **Jesus chose us over his own life, so let us choose Jesus in the life we have now.**

Leader: By the power of the Spirit, our sins are washed away, and we are made new.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*ACCLAMATION HYMN

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven, Ode to Joy³

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high!

Alleluia! to the Savior who has won the victory.

Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity,

Alleluia! Alleluia! to the Triune Majesty!

*PASSING THE PEACE *(please use a fist/elbow bump or wave for your greeting)*

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

SECOND LESSON

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and

that your joy may be complete. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Amy Poland

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

SERMON

They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our…?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 300**

*We Are One in the Spirit, They’ll Know We Are Christians*⁴

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 240 (refrain) *Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks, Alleluia* No.1⁵

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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*This Is My Commandment, L. Shackley*⁶

***DEDICATION HYMN 609** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, Lasst Uns Erfreuen*⁷

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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 to the Lord.

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

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

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, ...

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 *Holy, Holy, Holy*, St. Bride Setting, Iona Community⁸

When indicated, please echo each phrase the cantor sings.

"Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full,
are full of your glory.
Blessed is the one 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. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Acclamation Hymn *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*, St. Bride Setting, Iona Community⁹

When indicated, please echo each phrase the cantor sings.

"Christ has died, Christ is Risen,
Christ will come again,
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

The congregation is invited to come forward and form two lines using the center aisle. The elements are received by intinction. Please take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. If you are unable to come forward, remain in your seat and the communion elements will be served to you. The bread is gluten free so that all may participate.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Adagio, F. Mendelssohn¹⁰

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this holy meal, uniting us with Christ, and giving us a foretaste of our unity with all the saints. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 526**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ, Linstead¹¹

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in D Major, D. Buxtehude¹²

Leaders Today:

Pastor: Rev. Scott Anderson

Liturgist: Ed Cothroll

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr

The Chancel Choir

Ushers/Greeters: Paul & Linda Bishop, Chuck Kamp, Joyce Buseman (Deacon)

Communion: Bill & Linda Tanke, Yong Joo Erwin, Thatcher Root



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WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pentecost “Jazz” Worship Sunday

On Pentecost Sunday, May 19 (9:45AM), Westminster will gather in worship to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. Perhaps no other musical style better embodies the free movement of the Holy Spirit than the inspired innovation of jazz. To enhance our worship experience, we will welcome a trio of guest jazz musicians (piano, string bass, and drums) from Dream City Jazz.

Dream City Jazz is an ensemble that epitomizes the vibrant tapestry of jazz music, seamlessly blending tradition with contemporary flair. Hailing from the heart of the Driftless region of Wisconsin, Dream City Jazz has cultivated a sound that resonates with fans of classic jazz while pushing the boundaries to incorporate elements of modern musical genres. The repertoire ranges from timeless standards to innovative original compositions, all delivered with the impeccable skill and passion of its members.

On this special Sunday, you are encouraged to wear red, which is the liturgical color of Pentecost. Dream City Jazz will be offering an extended prelude, which will begin at 9:30 a.m. Please be sure to invite a friend to worship with you through jazz at Westminster on May 19! More details on Dream City Jazz will also be in the May newsletter.

Westminster’s VBC 2024 (with Christ Presbyterian)

Children, youth and adults are encouraged to join Camp Firelight Vacation Bible Camp from August 13 -16, from 9 am-12 pm at Christ Presbyterian Church. At Camp Firelight VBC, we will embark on a Summer Camp Adventure with God! Through an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time we will discover how to put our trust in God in every situation. There will be Bible adventures, science activities, crafts, songs and more! For more information please see Amy.

Campers and Volunteers– sign up today! Just go to our website westminstermadison.org or check the weekly church email!

Mallard's Baseball Game Outing - June 9th.

We will be going out to the Duck Pond to enjoy a Mallard's baseball game on Sunday, June 9th at 4 PM. Past participants have had a great time cheering on our local team. We will have reserved group seating in the grandstand on the first base side. The cost is \$16 and will include a Mallard's baseball cap. Sign up is in the Narthex. Deadline for sign up is Wednesday, May 29.

Allied Drive Open House

Wednesday, May 8 from 12-3PM at 2225 Allied Drive.

Meet our team, learn about free services, pick up giveaways, and grab snacks.
EVERYONE WELCOME!

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Care List: Vicki Cothroll, Bob Klassy, Sally & Vern Forsberg, Ann Friedley

Members & Friends: Nell Seiberlich

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.