

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

Mit Freuden Zart, arr. P. Laubengayer¹

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come from the day-to-day busyness of our lives.

People: We come with cares and worries, joys and celebrations.

Leader: Let us set it all aside and enter this time of worship.

People: May our hearts and minds be open to what God might say to us this day.

Leader: Trusting always in the Spirit to meet us,

People: let us gather to worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above, *Mit Freuden Zart*²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we live in the tension of what we are called to be and our lived reality. We often fall short of the good we intend and our growing in the likeness of Christ is painfully slow at best. Forgive us we pray. Offer us the peace that passes all understanding that we might be forgiven and begin anew. In Jesus' name we pray, (continue with silent confession). **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the Good News! The old life is gone, a new life has begun. You are not who you were, may you live into who you can be. Know you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***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** *(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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 2:1-5

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 6:1-13

Jesus left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them

to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (Children may return to parents after the message.) Amy Poland

SERMON

Hometown Prophets

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 722**

*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak, Canonbury*⁴

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 288

*Spirit of the Living God, Living God*⁵

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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*Speak, Lord, arr. T. Trenney*⁶

***DEDICATION HYMN 607** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, Old Hundred*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 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 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. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

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

*Arioso, from Cantata 156, J.S. Bach*¹⁰

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this holy meal, uniting us with Christ. 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

Christ for the World We Sing, Italian Hymn¹¹



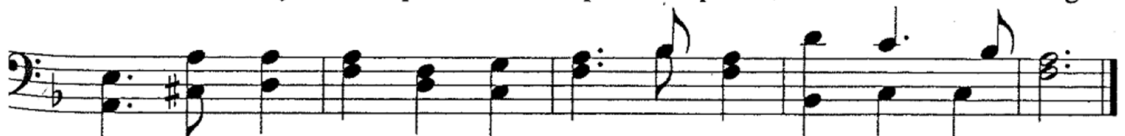
1 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring
2 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring
3 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring
4 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring



with lov - ing zeal— the poor and them that mourn, the faint and
with fer - vent prayer— the way-ward and the lost, by rest - less
with one ac - cord— with us the work to share, with us re -
with joy - ful song— the new-born souls whose days, re-claimed from



o - ver-borne, sin - sick and sor - row-worn, for Christ to heal.
pas - sions tossed, re-deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
proach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
er - ror's ways, in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.



*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude, W. Mathias¹²

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Leaders Today:



Pastor: Rev. Scott Anderson

Liturgist: Rev. Sandy Nuernberg

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr

Ushers/Greeters: Paul & Linda Bishop, Joyce Buseman, Eileen Ahearn (Deacon)

Communion: Sandra Cole, Liane Kosaki, Josh Mou, Sue Hummel

WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calling All Women!

The annual Women's Retreat will be held Saturday, September 28th from 8:30-4:00 at Holy Wisdom Monastery. The theme this year is "Facing our Fears with Faith," led by Clara Thompson. More details are in the July/August Newsletter and sign up begins in August.

Sign Up for the WPC Summer Fish Fry

Join us for a summer Fish Fry at The Thirsty Goat in Fitchburg on **Friday, August 16th at 5:30pm**. Other menu options include BBQ food, such as brisket, chicken, and ribs. Sign up in the narthex to reserve your spot or contact the church office.

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!

Summer Book Circles

1. Come join Kathy and Chuck Kamp on Tuesday, July 23rd at their home, 4006 Cherokee Dr. to discuss William Yoo's book, *What Kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church*. Dr. Yoo is an Associate Professor of American Religion and Cultural History at Columbia Theological Seminary, where he also directs the Master of Divinity Program. Dr. Yoo's book "What Kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church", won the Religion Communicators Council Award of Excellence in 2023.

2. Erin DeMuth will be leading a discussion of the New York Times bestseller: *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride on Thursday, August 8th at 6:30 pm at Westminster. This is a thought-provoking book that delves into the life of a small immigrant community and their struggles in America. Books are \$17 and available in the office until July 30.

Save the dates for future summer walks (details TBA):

***Update: Thursday, August 1st** - Olbrich Gardens and Daisy Cafe

Thursday, August 22nd - Pheasant Creek Conservancy and Prairie Cafe (Middleton)

Sidney the Lonely Cloud StoryWalk®

Come enjoy a StoryWalk® following the children's picture book, Sidney the Lonely Cloud by Tim Hopgood. This outdoor walk at Westminster begins outside near the west Nakoma doors and continues east up the ramp. Take a moment to check it out!

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Care List: Lynn Chapman, Bob Klassy, Sally & Vern Forsberg

Members & Friends: Ann Friedley, the family and partner (Kris) of Patricia Miller, the family and partner (Jack) of Tom Buchhauser, Mary Lathrop, Tom Carroll

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.