

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

Simple Gifts, arr. M. Hassell¹

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 146

Leader: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

People: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

People: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

Leader: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 708

We Give Thee but Thine Own, Schumann²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, forgive our systemic sins, the way we build and support and collaborate with oppression. Open our eyes to the injustice of wealth inequality. Open our hearts to righting our societal wrongs. Forgive our excuses, our apathy, our votes cast only for our benefit, or that of our nation's. Help us follow Christ in prioritizing the poor and

vulnerable. Help us build your beloved community where all belong, and all may flourish (*continue with silent confession*). **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Psalm 34:22

Leader: "The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned." Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

***ACCLAMATION HYMN 634 (verse 1)** To God Be the Glory, To God Be The Glory³

To God be the glory; great things God has done!

So loved God the world that God gave us the Son,

Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,

And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord; Praise the Lord, let the Earth hear God's voice!

Praise the Lord; Praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

And give God the glory: great things God has done!

***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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and

your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 12:38-44

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

SERMON

She's the One

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 762**

*When the Poor Ones, El Camino*⁴

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 470 (refrain)

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.

There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.

*There Is a Longing in Our Hearts*⁵

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Josh Mou, Stewardship Committee

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY

Scribes in Long Robes, Expecting Deference, J. Core⁶

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully offer these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the Good News of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 697

Take My Life and Let It Be, Hendon⁷

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Count Your Blessings, arr. R. Bonam⁸

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Leaders Today:

Pastor: Rev. Scott Anderson

Liturgist: Liane Kosaki

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr

Liane Kosaki, soprano

Ushers/Greeters: Doug & Connie Evans, Ann Rowley, Sandra Cole (Deacon)



WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS November 10, 2024

Thanks - "Giving" Worship

The Allied pantry works with several organizations to make food available, but there is an **urgent need for baby wipes and diapers (all sizes)**. At the Thanksgiving worship service on **Sunday, Nov. 17**, we will be collecting diapers & wipes (in lieu of food) to take to the Allied Drive pantry. Please consider bringing something to donate. Checks may be made to Westminster with "diapers" in the memo.

Thanksgiving Potluck Feast on November 17

Join us for our annual Thanksgiving Feast after worship on Sunday, November 17 in Fellowship Hall. **Please bring your favorite side dish, salad, pie or other dessert to share for the potluck.** The Fellowship committee will provide roast turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy. Any questions, contact Sandra Cole at scole30@gmail.com or Juanita Halls jjh711152@gmail.com.

Forum on November 10 – Thoreau Reading Program

The Thoreau Summer Reading Program just completed its 11th year! This has been made possible by Westminster Presbyterian Church and all those that have been believers. In those 11 years, the program has distributed well over 7000 books. Join us after worship on Sunday, November 10 as teacher Kelly McCann shares updates and information on this amazing and successful program!

Dessert & Auction, Saturday, December 7

Join us for fellowship, fun and some early Christmas shopping at the PWW Dessert and Christmas Auction, Saturday, December 7 from 1pm - 3pm in the narthex. Auction items are needed! If you would like to donate to the auction, please bring a new item that you have created, cooked or wish to donate. Proceeds benefit local community agencies and our Westminster PWW mission work. Thank you! For questions contact Judy Graham: jcracker@charter.net.

MAJM Coat Drive

If you have gently used winter coats, hats, gloves, or boots, Madison Area Jail Ministry is accepting these items for those being released from Dane County Jail. They are in immediate need for the following:

- Winter Coats: men's, women's and unisex size L, XL, XXL, 3X, 4X
- Men's and women's: pants and sweatshirts size medium to 2XL.

Please bring donations by **Sunday, November 24**.

Luncheon for Pastor Scott, December 22

We invite everyone to join us for a special catered luncheon after worship **Sunday, December 22** in fellowship hall after worship to celebrate Pastor Scott and his steadfast commitment to God's work as he begins this new phase of his life. Please let us know if you plan to attend by Friday, **December 13th** so that we may get an accurate count. You can RSVP online at westminstermadison.org or just contact the church office. Well wishes and cards for Scott may be brought to the lunch or sent to the church office.

*Following lunch and a short program, we would like to present Scott with a monetary gift from the congregation to show our appreciation for all that he has given to Westminster. Please send any contribution that you care to give toward Scott's gift to the church office or put it in the collection plate by **December 16th**. Checks can be made to Westminster with "Scott gift" in the memo line. Thank you!

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

Members & Friends: Linda Moss and family, Jerry Tarr, the family of Kathy Waggener, Fred Dewitt (father of Beth Testa), Bill Bridson, Karen Stephens

MEMORIALS

*The memorial for Kathy Waggener is today at Westminster at 2PM.

*The memorial for Hugh Moss will be at Westminster on Saturday, November 23. Visitation is at 10AM with the Service is at 11AM. A lunch will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Collection Plate

Collection plates are located at the sanctuary doors. You may use the QR code to make contributions online. Thank you!