

## 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

*Earth and All Stars*, arr. M. Burkhardt<sup>1</sup>

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus Christ, the Great Physician, invites us into the healing presence of God, our refuge.

**People: God knew us before we were born, and summoned us to service in our youth.**

Leader: God, our Rock and Fortress, rescues us from injustice, cruelty, and wickedness.

**People: God touches our lips and puts words in our mouths. God commands us to speak and removes our fears.**

Leader: God, our hope and trust, meets us where we are and leads us to times of witness and praise.

**People: God's revelation comes in unexpected places to meet our needs and empower our service.**

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*HYMN 327

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*, Lasst Uns Erfreuen<sup>2</sup>

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit. You revealed him as your Beloved Son. We confess we have not always been faithful in your service, as we've strayed from your ways of faith, truth and new life. Keep us, your children born**

of water and the Spirit, faithful, that we might rejoice to be called children of God. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Help us to live together forever in your grace (continue with silent confession) Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: **May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.**

\*ACCLAMATION HYMN 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me, Vasile<sup>3</sup>*

### \*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

*Jeremiah 1:4-10*

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Poland

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

#### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

*Luke 4:21-30*

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

## SERMON

*Trying Something New*

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### \*HYMN

*They Raged at Jesus' Sermon, Lancashire<sup>4</sup>*

1. They raged at Jesus' sermon in Jesus' own hometown,  
For in the things he taught them, he turned life upside down;  
It wasn't just their neighbors who knew God's love and grace;  
For Jesus said God favors the ones we don't embrace.
2. God saved a foreign widow and rescued her from drought,  
For when she helped Elijah, God also helped her out.  
In Naaman, God's own favor to others was revealed;  
Though many locals suffered, that Syrian was healed.
3. In this world's noise and clatter, too often values shift;  
We say Christ's words don't matter and throw them off a cliff.  
We push aside the stranger, we walk right by the poor,  
We disregard the prisoner and say we matter more.
4. O God, your love is wider than we can comprehend;  
You reach to the outsider and call the stranger "friend."  
In Christ you gave a message transcending time and place  
May we your church have courage to share your love and grace.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer

## PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 466

*Come and Fill Our Hearts, Taize Ecumenical  
Community*<sup>5</sup>

## CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

## OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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*Spirit, Open My Heart, arr. A. Fedak*<sup>6</sup>

*The text of the anthem is Hymn 692.*

## \*DEDICATION HYMN 608 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, Praise God*<sup>7</sup>

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

## 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 lift our hearts in joyful praise:

**People: Sanctus Hymn 559 - Holy, Holy, Holy**<sup>8</sup>

*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: Holy God...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: Memorial Acclamation Hymn 560 - Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen**<sup>9</sup>  
*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

*Be Thou My Vision, P. Manz<sup>10</sup>*

*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 seated and the communion elements will be served to you. The bread is gluten free so that all may participate.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

**Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. We give ourselves to you, and ask that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom. May our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SEALING THE WORD

### \*HYMN 315

*In the Midst of New Dimensions, New Dimensions<sup>11</sup>*

verse 1 - all; refrain - all

verse 2 - women/higher voices; refrain - all

verse 3 - men/lower voices; refrain - all

verse 4 - choir; refrain - choir

verse 5 - all; refrain - all

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Westminster-Toccata, P. Fey<sup>12</sup>*

### Leaders Today:

Preacher: Rev. Sara Tonje

Liturgist: Linda Moss

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: Josh Mou

The Chancel Choir

Accompanist: Dorothy Blotz

Ushers/Greeters: Bill & Linda Tanke, Karen Hansen, Eileen Ahearn (Deacon)

Communion: John Braden, Erin DeMuth, Ann Rowley, Sandra Cole



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## WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Welcome Pastor Sara Tonje!**

We are thrilled to have our interim pastor, Rev. Sara Tonje starting today! Pastor Sara has asked everyone to please take a moment to fill out the enclosed questionnaire to help her get to know Westminster and the Madison area. You can turn it in on the coat rack table in the Narthex or in the church office. If you need to get in touch with Pastor Sara, her email is [sara@westminstermadison.org](mailto:sara@westminstermadison.org).

### **The Racial Equity Book Study Today**

The Racial Equity Working Group is sponsoring a four week book study on the The False White Gospel. This Sunday, we will be discussing chapters 5 & 6. This book discusses the Christian Nationalism movement in America and helps us better understand what it is and how we should respond as Christians. This book study will be offered on zoom. Look for the link in Sunday's email. We hope you can join us for this important discussion.

## **2025 Dine with Nine—Don't forget to sign up**

As in the past, we will form groups of 9-10 which will meet several times over the year for fellowship and food. Groups can meet at the church, in homes, at restaurants, at a park, etc. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you can email Katie in the office or Juanita. Any questions, contact Juanita Halls - jjh71152@gmail.com.

## **February 16 - Intergenerational Movie and Pizza**

The Education committee invites all generations to a movie, popcorn and pizza following worship on February 16. We will be watching *Inside Out*, an animated coming-of-age film by Disney/Pixar. *Inside Out* follows the inner workings of the mind of Riley, a young girl who adapts to her family's relocation as five personified emotions administer her thoughts and actions. The movie explores themes of: the complexity of human emotions; the challenges of growing up, the need to experience the full range of emotions and the importance of accepting yourself and allowing yourself to feel messy sometimes. A brief discussion will follow the movie.

### **\*IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS\***

Care List: Sally & Vern Forsberg, Jack Hamann, Gloria Hanson, Jerry Tarr

Members & Friends: Abe Aberle, Jean Loup's brother, Nancy Prine (loss of her daughter)

## **Online Giving**

Collection plates will be passed around, but if you prefer to donate online, feel free to use this QR Code. Thanks!



