

Journal of the Journey

Sixth Sunday
of Easter
May 10, 2026



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**please stand as you're able*

PRELUDE

Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Things, arr. E. Diemer¹

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *based on Matthew 22, the Message translation*

One: Teacher, which command in God's law is the most important?

All: Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence. This is the most important, the first on any list.

One: But there is a second item that goes with it.

All: Love others as well as you love yourself.

One: Let us celebrate God's love for us and for the whole world.

*HYMN 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship, Holy Manna²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: ...together we confess our sin, **All: Save us, God of truth and mercy.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

***HYMN 240 vs 2**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks, Alleluia No. 1³

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to God's name.

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. **(Refrain)**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:36-40

SCRIPTURE - HYMN 59 Refrain

The Steadfast Love of the Lord, The Steadfast Love of the Lord⁴

Exodus 20:1-6

Refrain: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning; new every morning; great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.

Exodus 20:7-12 **(Refrain)**

Exodus 20:13-21 **(Refrain)**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

SCRIPTURE

John 14:15-21

HYMN 408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit, Sweet, Sweet Spirit⁵

WHERE I FOUND FAITHFULNESS - Sara Hayes

SERMON

Law and Love Languages

***HYMN 694**

Great God of Every Blessing, Aurelia⁶

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

CALL FOR THE OFFERING - *Please also pass the friendship form through the row. Bring coins! All change collected will go to a mission project as chosen by the children.*

OFFERTORY

If Ye Love Me, T. Tallis⁷

***DOXOLOGY HYMN 607** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow, Old Hundredth*⁸
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN 63**

*The Lord Is God, Azmon*⁹

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Toccatà, arr. G. Belier*¹⁰

The postlude is offered as a grateful thanks to God. We invite you to remain seated as we listen together.

Leaders Today

Interim Pastor: Rev. Sara Tonje

Liturgist: Sara Hayes

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr/Josh Mou

The Chancel Choir

Ushers/Greeters: Bob Weber, Judy Graham, Dylan Sturtevant, Ann Rowley (Deacon)



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WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 21 Concert at Westminster - Make Music Madison

Sing with Westminster Presbyterian for Make Music Madison on June 21 at 4:00PM. We invite you to add your voice in harmony! Everyone welcome!
Music available today. Join us for Wednesday rehearsals 5/27-6/17 at 7PM.

Women's Retreat

Save the date for the 5th Annual Women's Retreat at Holy Wisdom Monastery. The Rev. Jessica Salt will be leading the retreat on Saturday, September 26.

Calling All Grads!

If your child or grandchild is graduating from high school or college, we'd love to celebrate them in our June newsletter. Please send their name, school and any plans after graduation to Katie by **May 24** at info@westminstermadison.org. Thanks!

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

When: August 3-6; 9am-noon at Christ Presbyterian Church
For: Children grades K and up! (youth and adult volunteers)
All are welcome to this free and engaging camp! More details to come.

UPDATED DATE/TIME: Church Outing - Nightmares Softball Game

All are invited to the game on Saturday, June 27th at 4:05pm! The sign up sheet is on the table outside of the MJB Lounge.

Decorations

Artwork in the sanctuary is provided or inspired by Thoreau Elementary.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Care List: Nancy Prine, Barbara Vogelsang, Bob Klassy

Members & Friends: Mary Ihlenfeldt and family, Carol Lee Iverson

The Memorial for Lee Ihlenfeldt will be Saturday, May 16. Visitation starts at 9:30am with the service at 11:00 am. Lunch will be served after the service in fellowship hall.

The Memorial for Paul Quin will be Saturday, May 23. More details will be announced soon.