

**WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

**Ninth Sunday
after Pentecost
Sunday, July 26, 2026**



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**please stand as you're able*

PRELUDE

Aria, F. Peeters¹

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP - Luke 11:9-11**

One: Jesus said: Ask, and it will be given to you;

All: for everyone who asks receives.

***HYMN 465**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus, Converse²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and Merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and walk in your ways. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***PASSING THE PEACE**

One: God makes peace within us. Let us claim it. God makes peace between us.

Let us share it. Let us greet another as a sign of God's peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

***CELEBRATION SONG HYMN 188**

Jesus Loves Me!, Jesus Loves Me³

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

WHERE I FOUND FAITHFULNESS - Merle Brunsting

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

***HYMN 435**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy, In Babilone⁴

SERMON

Flipping False Frameworks

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL FOR DISCIPLESHIP

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Yes, Jesus Loves Me, arr. D. Hustad⁵

Please also pass the friendship form through the row. Bring coins! All change collected with go to a mission project as chosen by the children.

***DOXOLOGY HYMN 607** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow, Old Hundreth*⁶
**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, LORD'S PRAYER**

***HYMN 744** *Arise, Your Light Is Come!, Festal Song*⁷

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Fugue in D Major, G.F. Handel*⁸
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: Liane Kosaki

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr/Josh Mou

Ushers/Greeters: Bill & Linda Tanke, Dylan Sturtevant, Gary Stephens (Deacon)



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WPC Announcements

Just Bakery Today!

Remember to grab your goodies after worship today from Just Bakery in the Narthex. Sales go to support the Just Bakery educational and vocational training program. The program works with individuals who are experiencing significant barriers to employment (homelessness, lack of education, lack of work history or skills).

School Supply Collection

We are collecting much needed school supplies for Thoreau and Cherokee students. We are looking for pencils, markers, erasers, folders, spiral notebooks, pens and more! Students are also in need of backpacks. We are happy to shop for you if you prefer to donate via check (just note school supplies in the memo). There is a collection bin in the Narthex. We deliver the supplies in time for the end-of-August back to school night, where students can pick up supplies from school so that they are ready to start the school year.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) - Last Chance to Sign Up!

August 3-6; 9am-noon at Christ Presbyterian Church for Children grades K and up! All are welcome to this free and engaging camp! Campers & volunteers - sign up in our weekly email, visit westminstermadison.org or talk to Amy today!

Jane Austen Tea Party at Westminster

The Jane Austen Tea Party is returning! Save the date for Friday, August 21 at 11:00. RSVP by August 18 to the church office at info@westminstermadison.org or 608-238-3121. Tell your friends & family! If you are able to distribute flyers, bring sweets, or a lend a tea pot, please contact Beth Douma at bethdouma@gmail.com or (303)204-8782 by August 10. Tea pots can be dropped at the church between August 9 -16. Please make sure to label your items.

Save the Date: John Knox Presbyterian Women Workshop - Saturday, September 19

Where: Grace Presbyterian Church, 222 E Broadway St., Winona, MN

The speaker, Sharon Falck from First Presbyterian Church, Grinnell, Iowa, will talk about their program that provides sewing machines, materials and training to native American reservations in South Dakota Presbytery. Sharon currently serves as moderator of Presbyterian Women in Des Moines Presbytery. They will be collecting fabric and notions (and sewing machines?) to donate. More information to follow.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Care List: Lynn Chapman, Sally & Vern Forsberg, Jack Hamann, Gloria Hanson
Members & Friends: Lee DeSpain

Note: Pastor Sara will be on study leave next week. If there is a pastoral emergency, please contact her via text on her cell at 402-541-4200.