

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Tenth Sunday
after Pentecost
Sunday, August 2, 2026



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**please stand as you're able*

PRELUDE

Fantasy on Marty Haugen's Gather Us In, H. Doktorski¹

WELCOME

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

One: God created the vast universe and called it good.

All: God made humans in God's image to live with one another in love.

One: God gave us the breath of life and freedom to choose our way.

All: Through long generations God has been faithful.

One: Let us lift up our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with choirs of angels,
who forever sing to the glory of God's name.

***HYMN 401**

Here in This Place, Gather Us In²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new beginnings, we profess a faith that we do not always live. We hope for a future without accepting change. We express love, but we attach limits and conditions. We recognize our faults and sin and ask for you to correct our motivations and behaviors. Move us toward a full acceptance of your gifts: faith, hope, and love. Give us hands to serve you together in love. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***PASSING THE PEACE**

One: ...the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***CELEBRATION SONG HYMN 399**

*God Welcomes All, Themba Amen*³

God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Mark 6:30-44

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Amy Poland

Children should return to their families after the message.

SERMON

You Give them Something to Eat

***PRAYER HYMN 469**

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying, Children Praying*⁴

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN 525

*Let Us Break Bread Together, Let Us Break Bread*⁵

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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: We praise your name and join the unending hymn:

People: Holy, Holy, Holy God, blessed Three-in-One: you created the cosmos and called it good. You showed us a new way of life in Jesus Christ. You made us a church by the power of your Spirit, and you sustain us still.

Leader: Generations bless your faithfulness: passing through the water; by day and by night; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

People: Remembering God's love for us we give you thanks for your dear Son. We see him on the move, at the table, near to those who suffer, beside the sinner, among the poor, with us now.

Leader: Pour out your Spirit upon us and upon this meal.

People: All praise and thanks to you, holy God, through Jesus Christ, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Give Me Jesus, arr. M. Hassell⁶

The congregation is invited to come forward and form two lines in the center. The elements are received by intinction. Please take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. A server will come to those not able to come forward. The bread is gluten-free so that all may participate.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CALL FOR 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

Medieval Tune, P. Fey⁷

***DOXOLOGY HYMN 607** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*, Old Hundred⁸
**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 757**

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples, Kingsfold⁹

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on Thaxted, arr. K. Uppercase¹⁰

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

Leaders Today



Preacher: Rev. Nii Addo Abrahams

Liturgist: Kathy Kamp

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr/Josh Mou

Ushers/Greeters: Roger Fletcher, Judy Graham, Bob Weber, Linda Tanke (Deacon)

Communion: Bill & Linda Tanke, Erin DeMuth, Josh Mou

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