

**WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

**Twelfth Sunday
after Pentecost
Sunday, August 16, 2026**



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**please stand as you're able*

PRELUDE

The Fifers, J-F. Dandrieu¹

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP - 1 John 4:7,19**

One: Beloved, let us love one another.

All: We love because God first loved us.

One: Praise the Lord.

All: The Lord's name be praised.

***HYMN 370**

This Is My Father's World, Terra Beata²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We leave the chains of injustice intact. We fail to feed the hungry, provide the poor with shelter, or clothe the naked. We turn away from our own flesh and blood. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Turn us back toward you through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***PASSING THE PEACE**

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

All: And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 58:1-9a (NIV)

1 Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins. 2 For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them. 3 'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?' "Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. 4 Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. 5 Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? 6 "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? 8 Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. 9 Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37 (NIV)

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" 27 He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" 28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." 29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' 36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" 37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

SERMON

Everyone in the Frame

*HYMN 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky, Here I Am³

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 with go to a mission project as chosen by the children.*

OFFERTORY

I Love to Tell the Story, arr. C. Ore⁴

***DOXOLOGY HYMN 607** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow, Old Hundreth⁵*
**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 300** *We Are One in the Spirit, They'll Know We Are Christians⁶*

*BENEDICTION

Please allow for a minute of silence before leaving the sanctuary. There will be no postlude.

Leaders Today

Preacher: Lynnette Berkheimer

Liturgist: Rev. Sara Tonje

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr

Ushers/Greeters: Paul & Linda Bishop, Linda Moss, Kathy Key (Deacon)



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WPC Announcements

School Supply Collection - Please Bring by Sunday, August 23

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.

Jane Austen Tea Party at Westminster—RSVP by Tuesday!

The tea party is back! Jane Austen was an English novelist in the late 18th century. Her use of social commentary, realism, and irony have earned her a vibrant fan base. Her father was a clergyman. Join us for a little tea party to celebrate the wit and wisdom of Jane Austen. The Tea Party is THIS Friday August 21st at 11 AM, and it is our fervent hope that you will invite many friends to come and join the party. Please RSVP on the sheet in the narthex or call the office **by this Tuesday**.

Celebrating Pastor Sara

Join us on Sunday, August 30th as we celebrate Sara's interim ministry with Westminster. This will be Sara's last service, and we plan to have cake, a few words of gratitude, and most of all, a chance to say farewell to someone who has given so much in such a short time. To show our appreciation, we are collecting contributions as a parting gift. If you would like to participate, please note "Sara" on any contributions including online which can be found on our website westminstermadison.org—look for the "give" button at the top. Contact Roger with any questions at 608-359-9311 or Fletch0923@gmail.com.

Westminster Women's Retreat: "Embodied Prayer: Movement & Meditation"

Saturday, September 26, 2026, 9:00 am-4:00 pm - Holy Wisdom Monastery with Pastor Jessica Salt. Sign-up in the Narthex or email Juanita Halls jjh71152@gmail.com. Cost is \$35 and includes lunch. Checks payable to Westminster with "Retreat" in the memo. Deadline for signing up will be September 14.

Name Tags Please

Pastor Julie's first Sunday will be September 6. To help her, please wear your nametags. If you need one, contact the office at: info@westminstermadison.org or 608-238-3121.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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