



Come to the Table

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2026

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**please stand as you're able*

WELCOME AND OPENING SENTENCES

PRELUDE

*Dona nobis pacem, Dona nobis pacem*¹

SETTING THE TABLE - *Come to the Table of Peace*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather today to listen, to learn, and to love.

ALL: We are ready to share and to hear what others have to say.

One: Though we are all different, we yearn to find a mutual understanding.

ALL: We are standing on common ground.

One: We take our seat at the Table of Peace.

ALL: We know that God is already here!

*HYMN 409

God Is Here!, Abbot's Leigh²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might engage in the peace of Christ and walk in the light of his love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CELEBRATION SONG 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me, Glory to God*³

***PASSING THE PEACE**

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

All: And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE INTRODUCTION - from Romans 14:1-12 & Matthew 18:21-35

TIME FOR WONDER (Children's Time)

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

ANTHEM

Where Charity and Love Prevail, arr. K. Kosche⁴

SERMON

Table of Peace

***HYMN 753**

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace, Prayer of St. Francis⁵

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION - *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

Grant Peace, We Pray, F. Mendelssohn⁶

***DOXOLOGY HYMN 607** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*, Old Hundred⁷

**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**

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN 623

*I've Got Peace Like a River, Peace Like a River*⁸

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*The Peace May Be Exchanged, from Rubrics, D. Locklair*⁹

Leaders Today



Pastor: Rev. Julie Erkel Hagee

Liturgist: Molly Constant

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr/Josh Mou

The Chancel Choir

Ushers/Greeters: Judy Graham, Ron Behling, Sara Hayes, Gary Stephens (Deacon)

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WPC Announcements

Choir

The Westminster Chancel Choir rehearses each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. All those interested in participating in the Choir's music ministry are encouraged to attend. The basic requirements are the ability to sing in tune and hold a part, enthusiasm for the Choir's ministry, willingness to learn and grow, and a focused commitment to offering one's very best at weekly rehearsals and in Sunday worship. For more information about the Choir's ministry, contact Joe Chrisman, Minister of Music at westminstermusic@sbcglobal.net.

Mission Opportunity After Worship Today

Come and help the Beacon Homeless Shelter after worship as we prepare sandwiches. Tomorrow volunteers will be delivering them along with cookies, and fruit.

Call for Deacons & Elders

The nominating committee is in session. We are seeking 4 new elders and deacons to serve 3 year terms starting in 2027. If you know of someone you believe would be a good elder or deacon, or if you would like to nominate yourself, please contact anyone on the committee. Members include John Braden, Roger Fletcher, Rich Hein, Sue Hummel, Liane Kosaki, and Chuck Kamp.

Last Chance to Sign up! Women's Retreat: "Embodied Prayer: Movement & Meditation"

Saturday, September 26, from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at Holy Wisdom Monastery (4200 County Road M, Middleton, WI 53562) with Pastor Jessica Salt. **Sign-up in the Narthex by September 14** or email Juanita Halls jjh71152@gmail.com. Cost is \$35 and includes lunch. Checks payable to Westminster with "Retreat" in the memo.

Mission Opportunity - Thoreau Elementary

Westminster partners with Thoreau to provide food to families in need at the school. We help unload the truck from Second Harvest, sort it and bag it for each of the families. The school social workers and Thoreau parents deliver the food to the families. It generally takes about 30-45 minutes, early in the morning every other Friday. We have several teams so you do it about once a month. It is lots of fun and staff from Thoreau are very organized and efficient. Please let Kathy Kamp know if you are interested in helping with this mission activity.

PC USA World Communion Special Offering-Sept 6th to Oct 4th.

The World Communion Offering fosters worldwide unity and peace. Gifts to this offering support the ministries of racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness and ecumenical and interfaith relations. These ministries work to ensure all God's people have their place at the Table of Grace. Envelopes for this offering can be found in the pews or simply write a check and put "World Communion" in the memo. Thank you!

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Care List: Jack Hamann, Gloria Hanson, Patrick Mullin, Rick Dettloff