



Come to the Table

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 2026

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**please stand as you're able*

WELCOME AND OPENING SENTENCES

PRELUDE

A Place Called Home, Finlandia¹

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We know that there is a place for us at this table.

ALL: Our hearts are filled with gratitude!

One: We notice that there is a place for those not like us.

ALL: We come ready to open our hearts beyond their current boundaries.

One: We humbly take our seat.

ALL: We look into each face and know the presence of Jesus!

*HYMN 510

We Gather Here in Jesus' Name, Come, Share the Lord²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life and resurrection, we desire to reflect the love of the risen Christ to all creation. We confess that in our efforts to more easily understand what is Christ-like, we have created labels and affixed them to all we encounter. We have labeled the faithful, the deniers, and the betrayers. We have labeled the un-churched, the laity, and the ordained. We have labeled the articulate, the thugs, and the clueless. In our efforts to separate the beautiful from the ugly, the holy from the unholy, the necessary from the expendable, we have created the invisible. God of mercy forgive us. Help us to see any damage done by our well-intentioned labels. Help us to see others as your children, too. So that, as we work together, we can be a truer reflection of the Kingdom of God. 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 12:9-21 & Matthew 16:21-28

TIME FOR WONDER (Children's Time) - Amy Poland

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

SERMON

The Table of Hospitality

***HYMN 301**

*Let Us Build a House, Two Oaks*⁴

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

Spirit, Open My Heart, arr. Alfred V. Fedak⁵

***DOXOLOGY HYMN 607** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*, Old Hundred⁶

**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 745**

*Now Go in Joy, Junkanoo*⁷

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Pasticcio, J. Langlais*⁸

Leaders Today



Pastor: Rev. Julie Erkel Hagee

Liturgist: Liane Kosaki

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr/Josh Mou

The Chancel Choir

Ushers/Greeters: Paul & Linda Bishop, Judy Graham, Doug Rouse (Deacon)

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WPC Announcements

Just Bakery Here Today

Don't forget to purchase some amazing goodies from Just Bakery in the Narthex today after worship. All proceeds support the Just Bakery program!

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!

Pastor Julie Meet & Greet Today!

If you haven't had the opportunity to meet Pastor Julie, we welcome your attendance at a Meet and Greet today immediately following worship.

Calling All Crafters!

Westminster has a group called KNITWITS, and we are looking for any crafters who might want to join us. You can knit, crochet, stitch, or whatever you love to do. We talk and have fun while we are doing it together in the church lounge. Typically we have met on Monday mornings, but we are flexible and open to a new time. If you are interested, please let Kathy Kamp know and provide some times you might be available. There are people in the group who can teach and we have knitting materials available!

Community Learning Opportunity

Nehemiah is sponsoring an event for churches to learn about what they do and the programs they operate. Since we have worked with them in the past, we are invited to attend. If you want to do so, please email Kathy Kamp at kstarrkamp@gmail.com and she will send in our organizational registration.

Tuesday, October 20 from 6:00–7:30 PM at Fountain of Life Covenant Church

We'll bring together Nehemiah's Reentry staff, faith community partners, Man Up participants, and Feed the Spirit cooks for an evening to:

- Learn more about Nehemiah's Reentry work and how faith is integrated into it
- Hear from and connect with those supporting men on their reentry journeys
- Meet other faith community partners
- Explore how we can continue partnering together to support this work

Cherokee Adopt a School News

Westminster is a financial sponsor for the Cougar Crawl, a student run that is a fundraiser for the PTO. The run is October 7th from 9:00am-4:00pm. If you are interested, they need volunteers for one hour shifts to count laps and cheer on students. Let **Kathy Kamp know if you can fill a shift from 9:50am-10:50am**. They are also looking for back up gym shoes for kids who don't have them or forgot them. If you have gently used sneakers that need a home, there will be a bin for them in the narthex. Additionally, there is a groundbreaking event for the new building is on October 14th at 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Care List: Bill & Sue Bridson, Lynn Chapman, Sally & Vern Forsberg

Members & Friends: Gay Didriksen and the Goller Family, Karen Hansen and family (loss of her father, Don)