

You Have Heard It Said...

Twenty-Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 11, 2026

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**please stand as you're able*

WELCOME AND OPENING SENTENCES

PRELUDE

Softly and Tenderly, arr. D. Wood¹

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Ever-present God, forever seeking and always teaching:

ALL: Open our minds to the truth of your care;

One: Open our hearts to the gentleness of your love;

ALL: Open our lips to share stories of faith;

One: Open our hands to do justice and show kindness;

ALL: Open our souls to the breath of your Spirit;

One: Open our mouths to boldly sing your praises!

*HYMN 451

*Open My Eyes, That I May See, Open My Eyes*²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You invite us to your feast, O God, yet we do not come. You beg us to notice the bounty of life, yet we fail in our thanksgiving. Forgive us for what we have done and what we have left undone. Be our guide and conscience. Turn our feet and hands to your will, that all we do might bring glory to you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Beloved ones, God promises to never leave us. Hear and share the good news!

ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God!

*CELEBRATION SONG 647

*Give Thanks, Give Thanks*³

***PASSING THE PEACE**

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

All: And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: ...The word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

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

SERMON

You have heard it said...God has an A-list

***HYMN 343**

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life, Germany⁴

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 chosen by the children.

OFFERTORY

I Will Arise, arr. K. Dake⁵

***DEDICATION HYMN 717** *For the Life That You Have Given*, Pleading Savior⁶
For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP - Doug Halls

***HYMN 770** *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table*, Welcome Table⁷

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Simple Gifts, arr. J. Martin⁸

Leaders Today



Pastor: Rev. Julie Erkel Hagee

Liturgist: Karen Stephens

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr/Josh Mou

The Chancel Choir

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

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WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Service for the Installation of Pastor Julie Erkel Hagee

We hope you can join us on Sunday, October 18, at 3PM for a special service as we install our new Pastor, Rev. Julie Erkel Hagee! A reception will follow.

No Fear Sunday, October 25 - Worship & Fall Festival

Join us for a (not so) scarily good worship at 9:45am, followed by a Fall Festival! Veggie Tales Movie - Pumpkin decorating - Costume Parade & Prizes - Spooky Organ Music - Pizza Lunch and Laughter!

Halloween at Westminster

Halloween is around the corner! Last year, Westminster participated on Halloween as a candy stop for kids out Trick or Treating and it was a great success! We invite members and friends again this year to greet the kids with candy at our Yuma entrance. We encourage costumes! (No scary costumes please, just fun or silly ones.) Sign up in the Narthex if you would like to help on **October 31 from 5:00-7:00PM**. If you are unable to attend, but would like to help out, please consider donating candy. You can drop it off in the church office or talk to Kathy Key.

Pres House Meals - Help Needed

What is Pres House? "In keeping with the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Christian tradition of hospitality, Pres House is dedicated to providing a religious center and purposeful housing to support the spiritual, emotional, and intellectual growth of residents and members of the UW-Madison campus community."

Westminster is honored to support Pres House by preparing and serving meals throughout the school year. The dates this year are: **Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Jan. 24, Feb 21 and Apr 18.**

To do this, we need volunteers for shopping, cooking and serving. This is a great way to give back to the community and get to know some wonderful UW students. Families, couples and individuals are all welcome!

If you would like participate, please sign up in the Narthex. If you need more information, please call/text Doug Rouse at 608-225-4522.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Care List: Rick Dettloff, Nancy Prine, Barbara Vogelsang, Bob Klassy

Members & Friends: If you have joys, concerns or prayer requests, please let us know. You can contact Pastor Julie at Julie@westminstermadison.org or 608-238-3121.