

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**please stand as you're able*

WELCOME AND OPENING SENTENCES

PRELUDE *Scherzo, from Sonata Op. 31, No. 3*, L. van Beethoven[1]

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In this place,
ALL: friends and strangers meet, the broken are mended, and the weary are welcomed.
One: In this moment
ALL: the ordinary becomes miraculous, and life is on pause. This is God's time.
One: In this sanctuary,
ALL: God's goodness is revealed. Our doors open with kindness. Our lives join together.
One: We open our mouths to boldly sing God's praises!

***HYMN 401** *Here in This Place,* Gather Us In[2]

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore us in your image. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice! Let the sea roar with laughter, the fields shout in celebration and the forests sing with joy. 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

SCRIPTURE Matthew 22:15-22

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. 16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. 20 Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" 21 They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God

TIME FOR WONDER (Children's Time)

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

SERMON *You have heard it said…Give to Caesar*

***HYMN 708** *We Give Thee But Thine Own,* Schumann[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 chosen by the children***.**

OFFERTORY *Menuetto, from Sonata Op. 31, No. 3*, L. van Beethoven[5]

***DEDICATION HYMN 717** *For the Life That You Have Given*, Pleading Savior[6]
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 - Josh Mou & Roger Fletcher

***HYMN 542** *God Be With You Till We Meet Again,* God Be With You[7]

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Presto con fuoco, from Sonata Op. 31, No. 3*, L. van Beethoven[8]

Leaders Today

Pastor: Rev. Julie Erkel Hagee
Liturgist: Roger Fletcher
Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman
AV/Tech: John Tarr/Josh Mou
Ushers/Greeters: Erin DeMuth, Linda Moss, Thatcher Root, Linda Tanke (Deacon)

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WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Service for the Installation of Pastor Julie Erkel Hagee, Today at 3PM
We hope you can join us at Westminster today 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!

Children's Stewardship
Stewardship means helping to take care of the church and the world on behalf of God. Children's Stewardship Promise Cards are available on the Family Ministry table in the Narthex. Please return along with adult Pledge materials.

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
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.** 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 to 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: Bill & Sue Bridson, Lynn Chapman, Sally & Vern Forsberg
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.