



Come to the Table

World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2026

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**please stand as you're able*

WELCOME AND OPENING SENTENCES

PRELUDE

Oh, Sing to the Lord, arr. K. Kollander (Brazilian)¹
Text found at Hymn 637

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We hear God's calling to have joyful spirits as Christ's followers.

ALL: We lift our hearts to be filled with vim and vigor!

One: We know that sometimes it is difficult to be joyful in life.

ALL: We recognize that joy is a practice, not just a happy feeling.

One: We open ourselves to the joy that comes with justice.

ALL: We make room at this table for joy in all its forms.

*HYMN 669

Let's Sing unto the Lord, Cantemos al Señor (Spanish)²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abundance, we confess that we have fallen short, yet we rejoice that your mercy is new every morning. Lift the weight of our hiding, quiet us with your love, and let the joy of your salvation fill our days. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CELEBRATION SONG 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me, Glory to God*³
(American Jazz)

***PASSING THE PEACE**

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

All: And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE INTRODUCTION - from Philippians 3:4b-14 & Matthew 21:33-46

TIME FOR WONDER (Children's Time)

After the message, children may return to their parents and will later help with the offering.

SERMON

Table of Joy

***HYMN 526**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ, Linstead (Jamaican)⁴

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*Akekho ofana noJesu, arr. C. Botha (isiZulu Hymn - South African)*⁵

There's no one like Jesus. There's no one like Him. I have traveled everywhere. I have looked everywhere, no one. I have searched everywhere, no one.

***DOXOLOGY HYMN 607**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow, Old Hundred*⁶
(English)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HYMN 556 *Holy, Holy, Holy*, Roberts (African American)⁷

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name. Hosanna in the highest.

One: ...Let us remind ourselves by saying, "The Lord is present with every one."

ALL: The Lord is present with every one.

HYMN 557 *Christ Has Died*, Roberts (African American)⁸

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. x 2

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art 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.

SHARING THE MEAL

The congregation is invited to come forward in the center aisle. The elements will be received by intinction. Please take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. A server will come to those not able to come forward. The bread is gluten-free for all to participate.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather, Koizumi (Japanese)⁹
Text found at Hymn 311

PRAYER

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN 80**

You Shall Go Out with Joy, The Trees of the Field (Hebrew)¹⁰

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Alegria (Joy), N. Goemanne (Belgian-American)¹¹

Leaders Today



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Liturgist: Sue Hummel

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr/Josh Mou

Ushers/Greeters: Judy Graham, Ed Cothroll, Roger Fletcher, Gary Stephens (Deacon)

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