

Westminster At Worship

*A Celebration of Worship
Avoid Judging Others*

September 22, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Please silence your cell phones prior to entering the sanctuary.

†Those who are able to stand may do so.



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

†CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

PEOPLE: God calls us to be builders as well.

LEADER: God calls us to build our lives:

PEOPLE: to restore broken places and continue to grow.

LEADER: God calls us to build our faith:

PEOPLE: to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

LEADER: God calls us to build our community:

PEOPLE: to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

LEADER: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of
Scripture:

**PEOPLE: to preach the good news of God's love and liberation
for all people.**

†HYMN

“Let Us Build a House”

TWO OAKS

*Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:*

Refrain:

*all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this
place.*

*Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God’s children dare to seek
to dream God’s reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God’s grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (Refrain)*

*Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Refrain)*

*Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Refrain)*

*Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (Refrain)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: Trusting in God's grace, let us pray:

God, you have called us to be the church,

**PEOPLE: part of a single body with many parts,
working together to advance the Kingdom.**

LEADER: You have called us to be united in our diversity,

**PEOPLE: not all the same, not always agreeing,
but still working for a common goal.**

LEADER: But if we are totally honest . . .

**PEOPLE: we sometimes do diversity better than unity,
sometimes we divide ourselves into camps.**

LEADER: We proclaim, "I follow Luther" or Calvin or the Pope or Wesley,

**PEOPLE: or I am Baptist, or Lutheran, or Presbyterian,
Evangelical or Progressive**

LEADER: Each thinking that our way is the right way, or the best way, or even the only way.

PEOPLE: And too often quick to point out the flaws of other ways.

LEADER: For those times we divide the Body of Christ, when we break the unity we are called to build up,

PEOPLE: forgive us, lead us to repair and rebuild the broken body.

— *A Time of Silent Confession* —

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

In grace our divisions are overcome and we are called to be the church.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

†RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

"Gloria Patri"

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, Amen.

†SHARING GOD'S PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-14

Epistle Reading
1 Corinthians 12:14-27

SERMON

“Avoid Judging Others”
Rev. Jamie Milton

†HYMN

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

*Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart.*

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CONFESSION OF BELHAR

**We believe that God has revealed Godself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, is the God of the Unity, Reconciliation, and Justice; We believe that God calls the church to follow Christ in this, For God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
God supports the downtrodden, and protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
We believe that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, that the church must witness against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PEOPLE: 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 this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD WITH THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERING

"Draw Me Close/I Need Thee Every Hour" ARR. HAYES
Contemporary Choir

~ Please record your presence on the "Friendship Pad"

†DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God who has blessed us, we bring these gifts,
not as a sign of our greatness, not as a sign of our bounty,
but as an acknowledgment that blessings were made to be
shared.**

We were made not to hoard but to share.

**We were made not to store up treasures on earth
but to give freely and find our treasure in you.**

**Use these gifts to create a more just world,
where everyone has enough. Amen.**

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

†HYMN

"We Are One in the Spirit"

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:*

*Refrain:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
(Refrain)*

*We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
(Refrain)*

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)*

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM



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There are many ways to share your gifts with Westminster.

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Visit our website www.wpcbc.org and click on the "Give Now" button at the top of the page. This will direct you to our Online Giving Portal or simply scan the QR Code below.

Contributions can also be sent through the mail to the attention of the Church Treasurer.

We're grateful for your gifts, however you choose to give.
THANK YOU!



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

The **FLOWERS** today are given in honor of Ross Brown's 100th birthday, with love from his family. Happy Birthday Ross!

NURSERY CARE is available for infants and toddlers during the worship service. Our nursery is equipped with a paging system. Quality childcare is provided by Elaine Edwards who is infant/CPR trained.

WAYS TO SUPPORT WESTMINSTER'S FOOD PANTRY: If you would like to sign up to **work our "You Choose" Food Pantry**, Wednesday evenings or Thursday mornings, please see the sign up sheets on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.

Is your garden overflowing with fresh and delicious vegetables? The Food Pantry would love to share your abundance with our Pantry guests. Please drop off any produce on Tuesday or Wednesday morning. Place it on the cart by the Food Pantry door. Thank you for sharing your plentiful bounty with those in need.

MONETARY donations are also appreciated. Every dollar donated to our Food Pantry buys up to 4 meals for our Pantry guests.

Another way to help is to work with one of our Food Pantry partners. For every hour a volunteer works at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, we earn credit to buy food for our own pantry. **We'll be volunteering TOMORROW from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Like last time, we'll meet here at the church at 12:30 p.m. and carpool together.**

LOG FOLDERS: If you are able, we'll be folding the October Log, **Tuesday, September 24th at 10:00 a.m.** As always...THANK YOU for the help.

RUMMAGE SALE/BAKE SALE: THANK YOU to everyone who made our Annual Rummage and Bake Sale a huge success! Thank you to everyone who donated items, and baked goods, and all those that helped set up and man the sale, and clean up afterwards. \$1947.31 was raised through the Rummage Sale and \$318.76 from the Bake Sale.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY continues each Thursday at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. We're using the Follow Me Curriculum, with this series titled "Walk Humbly". More details are in the September Log. Books are available in the church office.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY continues next Sunday. We're studying the parables of Jesus, next week, we'll discuss the parable of "The Mustard Seed". Join us in the Session Room at 9:00 a.m.

FALL BOOK STUDY: We're exploring the book *"Mostly What God Does: Reflections on Seeking and Finding His Love"* by Savannah Guthrie. Guthrie's conclusion is "mostly what God does is love you." If we could believe this, really believe this, how different would we be? Let's take some time and explore this! We'll continue to meet on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the lounge.

50 YEAR MEMBER CELEBRATION: will be **Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024.** New members: Sally Calvo, Marilyn Lapham, Christine Thurman and Patti Wesenick. Immediately following the Worship Service the Deacons and Latitude 43 Restaurant will serve a catered buffet lunch in Fellowship Hall. We will be honoring ALL our 50 Year Members. Everyone is invited.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION: Grieving is a universal, human experience. And while everyone's grief journey is unique, we'll continue to take time to share our unique and similar experiences, informally. Our next meeting will be **Thursday, September 26th at 1:30 p.m.** in the lounge (across from the Food Pantry.) All are welcome.

PER CAPITA 2024 Per capita for 2024 is \$29.50. Remember that Per Capita goes to fund the greater church including our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly, which in turn, provides great support to Westminster. **Look for the blue envelopes in the pew backs or in your box of envelopes.**

PICKLEBALL: The Westminster Pickleball group is still going strong at Delta College on Friday evenings, weather permitting, from 5-7 p.m. All are welcome! Spectators too! No experience necessary or equipment needed. The courts are located outside, on the North end of the campus (the tennis courts). As our summer weather begins to slip away, the group will be moving indoors. More details to follow.

BULLETIN BOARDS: Check out the Church bulletin board just outside the sanctuary for upcoming church events and happenings, **plus sign-up sheets for volunteer opportunities for:**

- **You Choose Food Pantry**
- **Food Bank of Eastern Michigan**
- **Food of Faith**
- **Matthew 25 Cafe**
- **Harvest Party/Chili Cook-off**
- **Fellowship Time Host**

In addition, the Community bulletin board in Fellowship Hall has information on health screenings, grief groups and other events in the area.

YOUTH GROUP DINNERS: Our Youth Group meets from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Sunday nights this time includes a meal together. If you are able to prepare and serve a meal or donate money towards dinner, please scan the QR code to sign up. Or call the church office.



HARVEST PARTY/CHILI COOK OFF: Gather with your church family and friends at our annual Harvest Party and Chili Cook-off on **Sunday, October 27, 2024** after worship! We'll have games for the children and the young at heart, a photo station and a selection of easy chilis, grilled cheese sandwiches, and delicious desserts! If you're interested in entering in the chili contest, please register on the bulletin board in the Wenona Lobby or reach out to Sandy Graves sandra.graves@gmail.com. And if you are able to volunteer or donate other items, please scan the QR or email Sandy. THANK YOU!



THE OCTOBER LOG: should reach your mailboxes and inboxes by the end of next week. Check out all our October happenings including our Pet Blessing service on October 6, details on the Fall Retreat on October 12, Mission Sunday on October 13 and Children's Sabbath on October 20.

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