

WESTMINSTER  PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

Holy Communion

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021

GATHERING

(Silence during the Prelude is requested in preparation for worship.)

PRELUDE

Song of Peace
Salisbury Fanfare

Jean Langlais
David Halls

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Lord, today we gather to witness you.

You bring glory to the earth, from the deepest valley to the highest mountain.

Lord, today we gather to listen to you.

You call us to go and bring good news to your people.

Lord, today we gather to praise you.

You invite us to your table and draw us into your presence.

Lord, today we gather to worship you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Tests, temptations, and trials happen to us all.

We honor you.

We trust in your unfailing love.

We honor you.

Our hearts rejoice in your salvation.

We honor you.

We sing to you, Lord,

for you have been good to us.

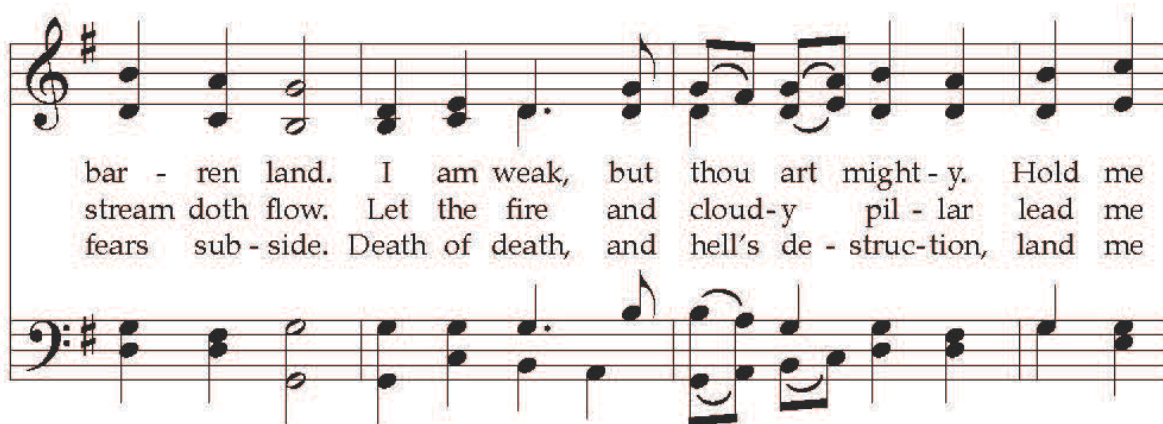
*HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

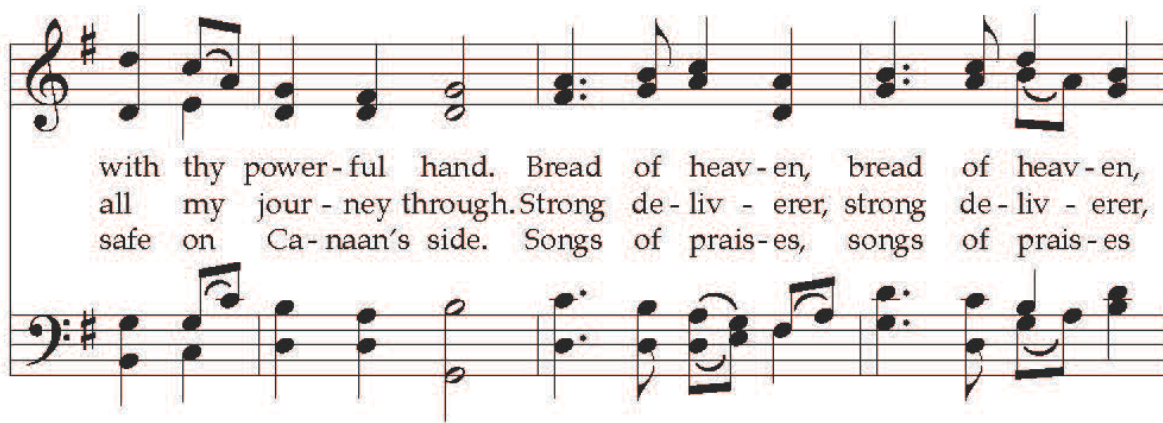
CWM RHONDDA



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we pretend that we have it all together
and haven't done anything wrong,
we are delusional.

We're not fooling God.

But if we are honest and vulnerable,
then God will be gracious and forgive us.

Not only that,
God will work on the inside to transform us
so we might transform the world.

As God's people,
let us be honest about ourselves as we confess together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
forgive us for hoarding your blessings
and not sharing them with others.
We keep silent when a word is needed,
and we speak when silence is the right course.
Our hands remain idle and clean
when they should be busy working with your people.
Our hearts remain distant from your call to love one another.
Forgive us, bless us, encourage us, empower us.
Make us bold disciples who graciously and authentically
share the good news of Jesus Christ with others
in our words and our actions
at church and throughout the world. Amen.**

(Silent confession)

Kyrie *(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)* Hal H. Hopson

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*(The liturgist pours water, which reminds us of our baptism,
and then speaks words of pardon.)*

Believe the Good News: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

***The Peace**

Since God in Christ has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(Please exchange the peace with the words, “The peace of Christ be with you.”)

***ACT OF PRAISE**

(Hymn 513) FESTIVAL CANTICLE

This Is the Feast of Victory

(The congregation is invited to sing with the choir.)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. Refrain.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 *(Old Testament, page 279 in your pew Bible)*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 48

DIADEMATA

Great is the Lord our God, and greatly to be praised.
Upon a hill God’s city stands in glorious beauty raised –
his holy mountain high, the city of our King,
the joy of all the earth below. In praise to God we sing.

God makes his city strong by living in her halls.
When kings join forces and advance, they marvel at her walls.
God scatters those around whose pride makes them so sure.
As we have heard, so have we seen: God’s city is secure.

Within your temple, Lord, in your most holy place,
we on your loving kindness dwell, the wonders of your grace.
Your people sing your praise where'er your name is known;
by every deed your hand has done your righteousness is known.

Let Zion now rejoice and all her people sing;
let them with thankfulness proclaim the judgments of their King.
Mount Zion's walls behold, about her ramparts go,
and number all the lofty towers that guard her from the foe.

Observe her palaces, mark her defenses well,
that to the children following you her glories you may tell.
For God as our own God forever will abide,
and till life's journey close in death will be our faithful guide.

Mark 6:1-13 (*New Testament, page 40 in your pew Bible*)

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

SERMON

T.J. Piccolo

(A moment for meditation)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

When Jesus walked the earth,
he proclaimed who he was.

Christ said, "I am the Bread of Life."

Our belief in him gives us nourishment for living.

Christ said, "I am the Light of the World."

Our belief in him allows us to shine in darkness.

Christ said, "Before Abraham was, I am."

**Our belief in him means we understand Jesus
as the fulfillment of God's covenant promises.**

Christ said, "I am the gate."

**Our belief in him shows us who God is and
continually calls us out into the world.**

Christ said, "I am the Good Shepherd."

**Our belief in him signifies that we will
follow him and live under his protection.**

Christ said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

**Our belief in him grants us eternal life,
knowing he laid down his life for us.**

Christ said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

**Our belief in him gives us direction,
true understanding, and freedom from sin.**

Christ said, "I am the true vine."

**Our belief in him gives us purpose
and a divine connection to our Savior.**

We all have our differences, but we proclaim
these truths just as Christ proclaimed them to his followers.

**We believe Jesus is our living Lord who
nourishes, shines, fulfills, calls,**

protects, saves, directs, and frees us. Amen!

(from the UWorship Resource)

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

A Prayer of St. Columba

Cecilia McDowell

Be thou a bright flame before us,
Be thou a guiding star above us,
Be thou a smooth path below us,
And be a kindly shepherd behind us,
Today, tonight, and for ever.

Drive from us all temptation and danger,
Surround us on the sea of unrighteousness,
And in the narrows, crooks, and straits
Keep thou our coracle, keep it always,
Today, tonight, and for ever.

Be thou a bright flame before us,
Be thou a guiding star above us,
Be thou a smooth path below us,
And be a kindly shepherd behind us,
Today, tonight, for ever.

Anthem (*11:00 a.m.*)

Rise, Shine!

Dale Wood

Rise, shine, you people!
Christ the Lord has entered our human story;
God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.
See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.
Celebrate! Celebrate! Celebrate your joy, now Come, celebrate;
your banners high unfurling, Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.
Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation His new creation.
Rise and shine!

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE**

***INVITATION**

*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to give you thanks and praise . . . into the way of righteousness and peace.

Therefore we praise you,
singing with all the inhabitants of heaven,
and with the faithful of every time and place,
to the glory of your mighty name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.
God of pow - er and might. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na
in the high - est! Bles - sed is he who comes, he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

(The congregation may be seated.)

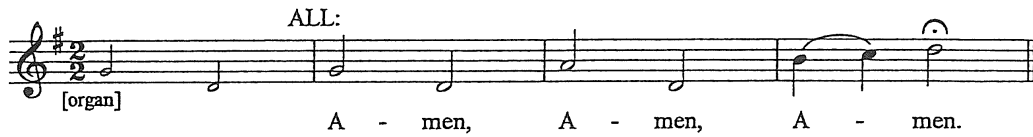
You are holy, O God of majesty, . . . dedicated to your service.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God, by your Holy Spirit, . . . and we feast with him in eternity.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor, praise and adoration are yours,
now and forever.



***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 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music during Communion

Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

Paul Sjolund

O Master Let Me Walk With Thee

O Master, let me walk with Thee, In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee, In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the future's broad'ning way;
In peace that only Thou canst give, With Thee, O Master, let me live.

(The congregation is invited to sing the **Response** with the choir.)

Response

**Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.**

I am the bread of life,
the true bread sent from the Creator. **Response.**
Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,
but this is the bread come down from heaven. **Response.**
Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. **Response.**
If you believe and eat this bread,
you will have eternal life. **Response.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN 340

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

***BENEDICTION**

**(Those who are able may stand.)*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in honor of the Staff at Westminster
for their outstanding efforts to keep us connected during COVID-19
by Kelly and Bill Christie.*

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS: Preacher: T.J. Piccolo, Associate Director of Youth; Liturgist: Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care. All liturgy from the *UWorship Resource*.

MUSICIANS: (8:30 a.m.) Alec Koukol, Soloist; (11:00 a.m.) Summer Choir; John W. Semingson, Director of Music Ministries; Polly Brecht, Organist.

COMMUNION: The Presbyterian Church (USA) practices “open Communion” without regard to denominational affiliation. All who are truly sorry for their sins and seek to become more faithful to Christ are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Westminster celebrates the “Eucharist,” meaning “thanksgiving,” on the first Sunday of each month, on the first Sunday of each liturgical season, and on every Sunday during the Season of Easter, except Baptism Sundays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. Any who are interested in joining us in this journey should contact Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care (615.292.5526; hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org).

THE RED ROSE IN THE CHANCEL this morning gives glory and thanksgiving to God for the birth of a son, Robert James, born June 13, 2021 to Jamie and Kent Capps.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: To view past services, visit nashvillewpc.org and in the Quick Links box, go to “WPC Live Stream and Recent Services,” and click on the Media icon on the far right for a list of services.

DIAL-A-SERVICE: Dial 629-206-1073 after 10:15 a.m. to listen to the sermon.

REPAIRS OF THE CHURCH BUILDING: Please excuse our mess as we continue to move forward this summer with construction projects around the Church. We’re painting, repairing/replacing windows, and more. Thanks for your patience!

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