

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 17, 2021

What do you want
from
God?



Westminster
Presbyterian
Church

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GATHERING

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

About the Prelude

The Prelude is a musical offering to help move the hearts and minds of the gathering community from the daily struggles of life to the worship of God. Today's prelude is based on a short repetitive motive, usually in the bass (ground). Herbert Murrill was an early 20th-century British composer and organist.

PRELUDE Prelude on a Ground Herbert Murrill

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Praise the Lord, for God is great indeed!

Let us sing praises for God's glorious works.

**We give glory, honor, and thanksgiving to the Lord,
who makes and sustains all things.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

O God,

you show us the way of servanthood.

You have given us much

so that we can bless others

and not seek gratification for ourselves.

Help us to seek your path

and keep us in humility

so that we can be

the light of Christ in the world.

In the name of the one

who came to serve, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN 32** I Sing the Mighty Power of God ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

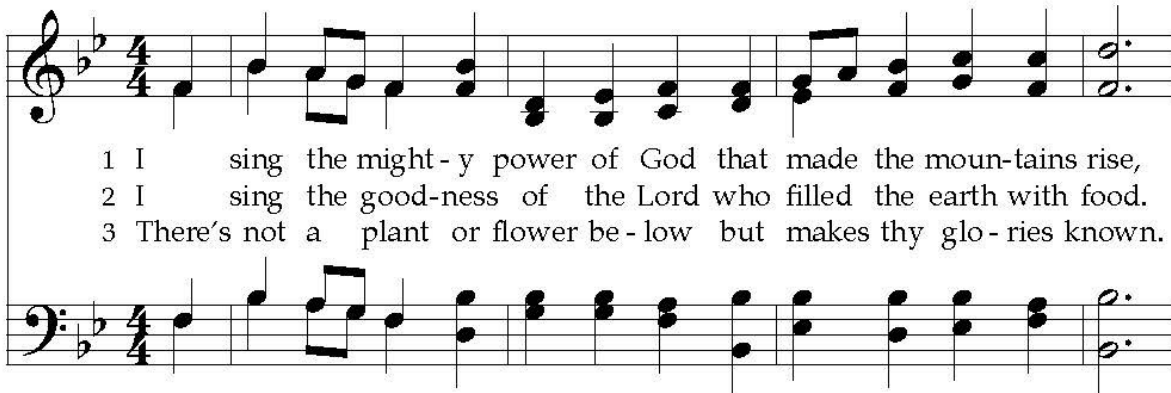
Let us confess our sins

against God and our neighbor,
trusting in the mercy of our Lord.

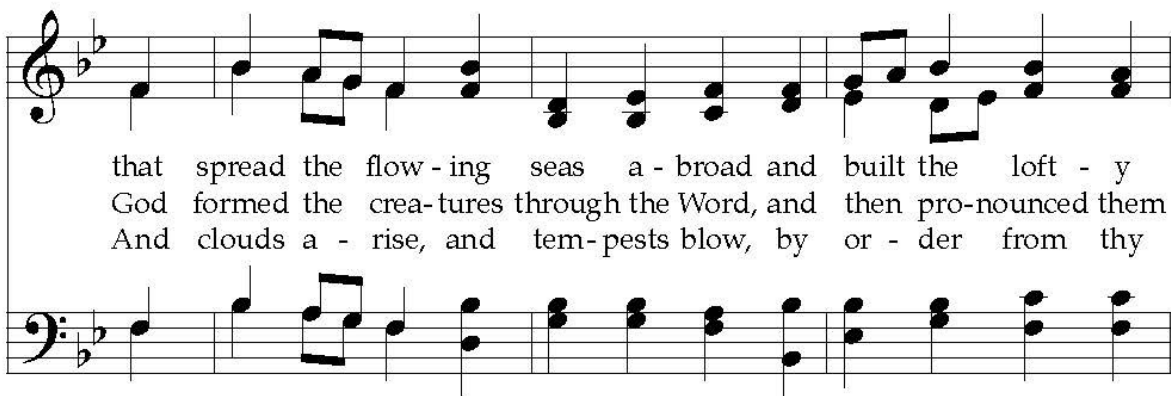
Worship on the Lord's Day

Worship begins as the people gather - greeting one another, praying in silence, or offering music to the glory of God. The act of assembling in Jesus' name bears witness to the Church's identity and mission as Christ's body in the world.

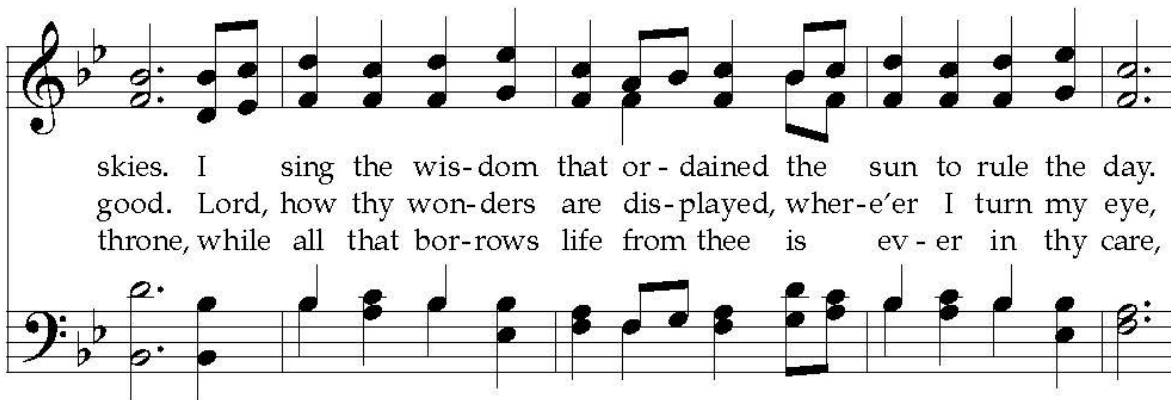
32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



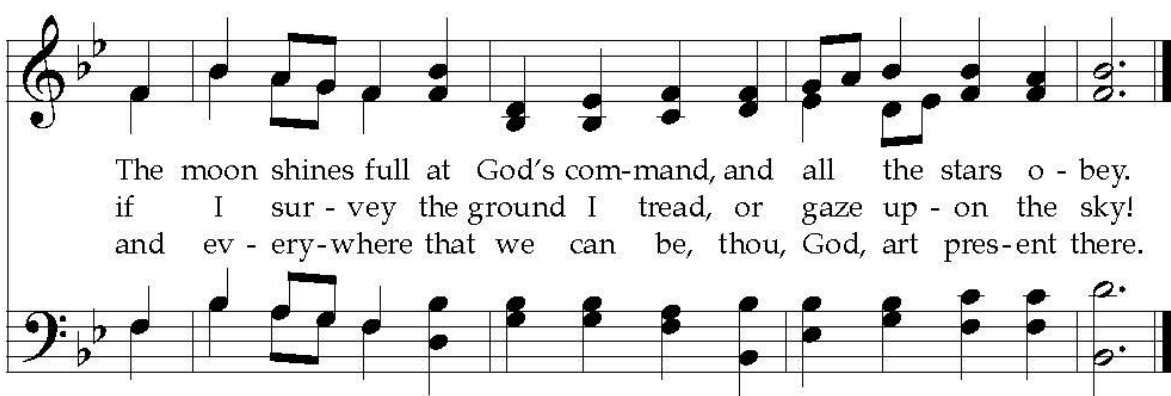
1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y
God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

About Hymn 32

With minimal revision, this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder. TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1715; MUSIC: *Gesambuch der Herzogl. Württembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784.

*Prayer of
Confession*

Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the errant state of the world and of our lives, confessing our unworthiness to enter into God's presence. Nevertheless, we approach God with confidence, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ. This turn from communal praise to corporate confession, established on the promise of God's grace, is one of the hallmarks of the Reformed tradition.

Assurance of Pardon

A declaration of forgiveness proclaims the good news of God's mercy and offers the assurance of pardon in Jesus' name. The liturgist pours water into the font, which reminds us of the grace and cleansing of our Baptism, and the baptismal call to new life in Christ.

Act of Praise

The Act of Praise brings together the choir and congregation to sing God's praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful and gentle God,
we have wanted reward without sacrifice.
We have been unwilling to serve
and have not humbled ourselves in obedience.
Forgive our hubris, gracious God.
Correct our ignorant ways
and help us to know your glory
through servanthood.
Guide us to be true followers of your way,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Silent confession)

Kyrie

Hal H. Hopson

(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)

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

ASSURANCE 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 (Singing together Hymn 581) GLORIA PATRI**

**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.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Prayer for Illumination

A Prayer for Illumination calls on the Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, proclaiming, and living of God's word. This sense of utter reliance on the illumination of the Spirit is an important and distinctive mark of the Reformed tradition.

SCRIPTURE

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

Job 38:1-7

(Old Testament, page 484 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b

LEONI

The mountains stand in awe.
The thunder speaks your name.
Creation waits to serve its God with wind and flame.
The heavens know your power.
None question what you do.
The oceans riot unrestrained but bow to you.

The mighty rains pour down as blessings from above.
The storms that seem to howl and rage are storms of love.
They water all the earth. Your rivers fuller flow.
They bring the faithful care that all your creatures know.

Almighty, Sovereign Lord, I wait at your command.
I live and move and breathe within your mighty hand.
With earth and sea and sky, with all your love has made,
with every thought and breath I rise to give you praise!

Mark 10:35-45

(New Testament, page 47 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

Donovan Drake

“What do you want from God?”

(A moment for meditation)

About Hymn 818

This text (made from the author's last poem) turns in the middle of stanza two, where broad affirmations yield to a prayer continuing throughout the rest of the hymn, a prayer that testifies to deep confidence. The minor tune helps to convey such tensions in the life of faith. TEXT: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1944; MUSIC: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1904.

***HYMN 818**

By Gracious Powers

INTERCESSOR

(verse 1: Choir; remaining verses sung by all)

1 By gra - cious powers so won - der - ful - ly shel - tered,
2 Yet is this heart by its old foe tor - ment - ed,
3 And when this cup you give is filled to brim - ming
4 Yet when a - gain in this same world you give us

and con - fi - dent - ly wait - ing, come what may,
still e - vil days bring bur - dens hard to bear;
with bit - ter suf - fering, hard to un - der - stand,
the joy we had, the bright - ness of your sun,

we know that God is with us night and morn - ing
O give our fright - ened souls the sure sal - va - tion
we take it thank - ful - ly and with - out trem - bling,
we shall re - mem - ber all the days we lived through,

and nev - er fails to greet us each new day.
for which, O Lord, you taught us to pre - pare.
out of so good and so be - loved a hand.
and our whole life shall then be yours a - lone.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Affirmation of Faith

Responding to the word proclaimed, we affirm our faith in the holy, triune God. This affirmation of faith is drawn from sentences of scripture or the creeds, confessions, and catechisms.

**God's sovereign love is a mystery
beyond the reach of the human mind.
Human thought ascribes to God
superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.
But God reveals God's love in Jesus Christ
by showing power in the form of a servant,
wisdom in the folly of the cross,
and goodness in receiving sinful people.
The power of God's love in Christ
to transform the world discloses
that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator,
who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**
(From *The Confession of 1967*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem The Servant Song David Schwoebel

If anyone would be first, they shall be the last of all,
they shall be the last, they shall be the last; be the servant of all.

We are travelers on a journey, Fellow pilgrims on the road;
We are here to help each other Walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ-light for you In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.

Sister, let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant, too.
Brother, let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant, too.

If anyone would be first, they shall be the last of all,
they shall be the last, they shall be the last; be the servant of all.

Doxology

A short hymn of praise to the triune God (God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit).

***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!**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Gracious God,
we offer you these gifts.
Multiply them so that they might help
 build your kingdom on earth
 and be of service to the body of Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Singing together*)

[See the inside back cover of the hymnal for text and music.]

SENDING

***HYMN 274** You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd PICARDY

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Festal Flourish Gordon Jacob

*About the
Postlude*

Today's postlude features intermittent trumpet fanfares. Gordon Percival Septimus Jacob was another 20th century English composer and taught at the Royal College of Music in London, England.

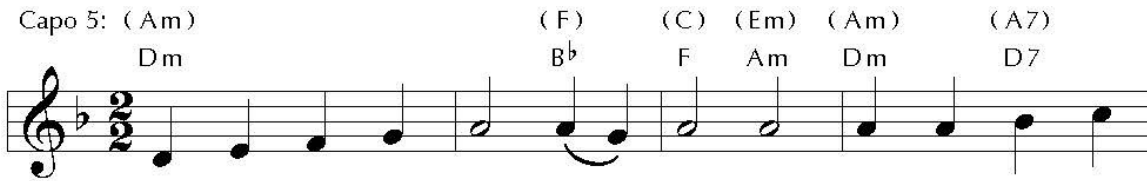
**(Those who are able may stand.)*

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd 274

About Hymn 274

When it was first published, the author called this text "Christian Paradox," because so many attributes of Christ stand in tension with each other. Mindful of the works of Søren Kierkegaard, she drafted it on a commuter bus after "a particularly bad day" of prison ministry. TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1984; MUSIC: French melody, 17th cent.

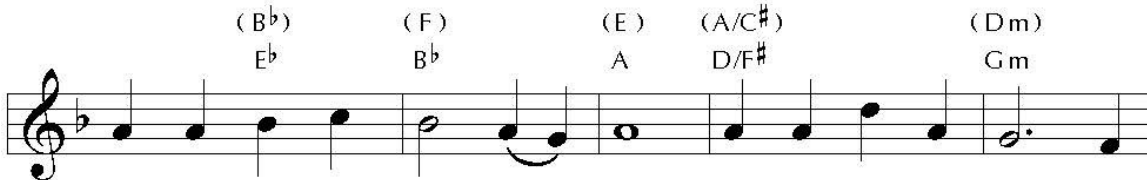
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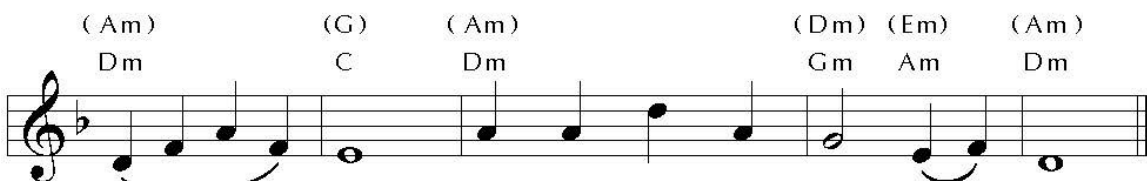
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep-herd. You, Lord, are both
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun-tain, stripped of might up -
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our



prince and slave. You, peace-mak - er and sword-bring - er
 on the cross, shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory;



of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 beg-gared by a sol - dier's toss, you, the ev - er - last - ing
 have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing



in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 in - stant; you who are both gift and cost.
 in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

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Our Mission

*Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light
found in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

“For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.”

(2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Worship Leaders

Preaching

The Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake
Pastor

Liturgist

Guy D. Griffith
*Associate Pastor for Adult Education
and Spiritual Nurture*

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM John Douglass
11:00 AM Hamilton Proctor

Music

8:30 AM Chamber Choir
11:00 AM Westminster Choir

Dr. John Semingson
Director of Music Ministries

Dr. Polly Brecht
Organist

Flowers

*The flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Bernice Kephart Hinson Hampel
by her family, Leesa Hinson, Hank
Hulan, and Anna Hinson Hulan.*

Childcare Room Locations

Classroom 146 - babies
Classroom 152 - toddlers
Classroom 151 - 2s and 3s
Classroom 160 - 4s, 5s and kindergarten

Family Worship Service

NEW Worship Service
For Young Families
9:45 AM • Parlor Courtyard

MINISTRIES

ADULT EDUCATION

Classes begin at 9:45 AM

New Class Series

**Sustenance for the Long Haul:
Caring for Our Families,
Community, Ourselves**

9:45 AM • Fellowship Hall

The evolving pandemic has thrust us into roles as givers and receivers of care in expanded ways within our families, church, and community. Feeling that one's reality is a 36-hour day was already common for many parents raising children, and for families impacted by chronic illness and Alzheimer's/dementia.

This series will explore the uncertainty and anxiety, guilt and grief, fear and anger that can result in the midst of long-haul caregiving, as well as the spiritual evaporation and collective depression that may emerge. Sustenance through spiritual renewal and self-care, relationships and community, hope, and faith will be engaged.

Today's Class

***Individual and Collective Mourning:
From the Personal to the Global***

Presenter:

Dr. Bruce Rogers-Vaughn is a clinical pastoral therapist, retired professor of the Practice of Pastoral Theology and Counseling at Vanderbilt Divinity School, and a Baptist pastor active with his family at Second Presbyterian.

Today's Classes:

Faith & Fellowship • 214

[What is The Kingdom of God?](#)

Broadly speaking, the kingdom of God is the rule of an eternal, sovereign God over all the universe. More narrowly, the kingdom of God is a spiritual rule over the hearts and lives of those who willingly submit to God's authority. There is another sense in which the kingdom of God is used in Scripture: the literal rule of Christ on the earth.

Search • 211

We will discuss scripture Mark 10:35-45 and how we are trying to live into that.

The CALLING • Goodpasture Hall

Not meeting today.

Westminster Academy

Wednesday, October 20

7:00 PM • Zoom

Sue Tully Trout leads a discussion on *Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison.

EVENSONG for ALL SAINTS' DAY

MONDAY, November 1, 7:00 PM

Westminster Choir

Dr. Jeff Williams, Soloist

Dr. John Semington,

Director of Music Ministries

Dr. Polly Brecht, Organist

Music by Dirksen, Vernon Williams, Hogan, Bainton, and Ralph Vaughan Williams

At All Saints' Evensong, our Sanctuary is draped in candlelight as our wonderful Choir, through prayer, praise and song, helps us remember and celebrate all those who have been so important in our lives. Please join us and bring a friend. It is a wonderful evening of great music!

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, October 17

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Youth
 - Covenant Class
 - Faith & Fellowship
 - Search Class
 - Young Families Worship
 - New Member & Inquirer Class
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 5:00 PM Laudate Rehearsal

Monday, October 18

- 9:00 AM Sacred Pauses
- 11:45 AM Centering Prayer
- 1:00 PM WPC Golf Outing
- 6:30 PM New Member Dinner

Tuesday, October 19

- 7:30 AM Bible Study
- 8:00 AM The Isaiah Study
- 9:00 AM Harvard Handbells rehearsal
- 7:00 PM What Would Jesus Do?

Wednesday, October 20

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 11:00 AM Pearlseekers
 - What Would Jesus Do?
- 5:30 PM Finance Meeting
- 7:00 PM Westminster Academy
- 7:00 PM Westminster Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 21

- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study
- 3:00 PM Bereavement Ministry Meeting

Friday, October 22

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday, October 23

- 11:30 AM AA
- 3:00 PM WSYC HooRah

For more information on the events listed here, please contact the church office, 615.292.5526.

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