



Westminster Presbyterian Church
A Service for the Worship of God
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 11, 2020

We Gather in God's Word

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Beth Hammond

Rejoice in the Lord always!
Again, I say rejoice!

Interlude

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 106)

Praise the Lord!

**O give thanks for the Lord is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.**

We would be here all day if we were to make a list of all God's goodness.
We could sing songs of praise all morning and night!

**It is God who remembers the covenant.
The Lord who has compassion on his chosen ones.**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel
from everlasting to everlasting.
And let all the people say,

**"Amen."
Praise the Lord!**

***Opening Prayer**

*O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed*

REFRAIN

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
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*When through the woods and forest glades I wander
Consider birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And here the brook and feel the gentle breeze: REFRAIN*

*And when I think of God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin REFRAIN*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And lead me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow with humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art REFRAIN*

Call to Confession

United in our need for God’s grace, we confess our sins.

Ever redeeming God, we confess that we and our ancestors have sinned. We have not remembered your steadfast love and your mighty acts across the generations. We have not let your words guide us. We have not acted justly in care for our neighbors and the planet you have entrusted to our care.

Like our ancestors, we have been seduced by idols. We have forgotten that you alone can save us. So many things crowd you out of our lives, obscure you from our vision, and drown out your voice. Forgive us.

Silent Confession.

Reunited by our redemption in Jesus Christ we continue to pray together.

Lord, hear our cry. Open our hearts to love you, our ears to hear you, our eyes to see you, and our wills to obey you, that we may once again rejoice. To the glory of your holy and merciful name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***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.*

***Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

We Hear God's Word

Time for All God's Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his

business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy.’ ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Caroline V. Dennis

“Whatever is On Your Calendar”

*They went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found,
the good and the bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.*

Matthew 22:10

We Respond to God’s Word

***Hymn 555**

“Now Thank We All Our God” (v. 1-2)

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*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
To keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills of this world in the next.*

Call to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

“Now Thank We All Our God” (v.3)

*All praise and thanks to God who reign in highest heaven
To Father and to Son And Spirit now be given,
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
The God who was and is and shall be evermore.*

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life

Prayers of the People and 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.

***Hymn #507**

“I Come With Joy” (v1, 4, 5)

DOVE OF PEACE

*I come with joy to meet my Lord, Forgiven, loved, and free.
In awe and wonder to recall His Life laid down for me, His Life laid down for me.
And thus with joy we meet our Lord, His presence, always near,
Is in such friendship better known; We see and praise Him here;
We see and praise Him here.
Together met, together bound, We’ll go our different ways,
And as His people in the world, We’ll live and speak His praise,
We’ll live and speak His praise.*

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

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Vocalist: Nickie Murphy