



Westminster Presbyterian Church
A Service for the Worship of God
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2020

We Gather in God's Word

Prelude

Welcome

Surely, the Lord is in this place! **This is the house of God.**

Genesis 28:16-17

¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" ¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Church News

Len Bornemann

Sawubona! **We see you!**

Interlude

Centering Prayer

Opening Hymn #551

"Come, Ye Thankful People Come"*

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in, Ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto God's praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, In thy presence to abide;
Come, with all thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Response of Praise

*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 of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:24-30

²⁴ He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Second Scripture Reading

Psalms 139:1-6 (NLT)

- 1 O Lord, you have examined my heart
and know everything about me.
- 2 You know when I sit down or stand up.
You know my thoughts, even when I’m far away.
- 3 You see me when I travel and when I rest at home.
You know everything I do.
- 4 You know what I am going to say
even before I say it, Lord.
- 5 You go before me and follow me.
You place your hand of blessing on my head.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too great for me to understand!

Sermon

The Reverend Caroline Dennis

“Your Life Matters”

*You go before me and follow me.
You place your hand of blessing on my head.
Psalm 139:5*

Call to Self-Offering

Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism Q.1

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil: that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit God's purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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

*“God Will Take Care of You”**

GOD CARES

Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;
Beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

Refrain:

God will take care of you, Through ev'ry day, O'er all the way;
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

Through days of toil when heart does fail, God will take care of you;
When dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you.

[Refrain]

All you may need he will provide; God will take care of you;
Nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you.

[Refrain]

No matter what the test may be, God will take care of you;
Lean, weary one, upon his breast, God will take care of you.

[Refrain]

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

**We thank our vocalists for singing for us when we cannot.*

We pray that God will keep you safe and that songs of faith and praise remain in your heart.

Organist: Larry Dozier

Vocalist: Bill Jacobs