



Westminster Presbyterian Church
A Service for the Worship of God
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 25, 2020

We Gather in God's Word

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Nancy Dozier

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

Interlude

***Call to Worship (from Psalm 90)**

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

A thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.

**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn #210**

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ST. ANNE

*Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:*

*Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.*

*Time, like an ever rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the opening day.*

*Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, And our eternal home.*

Call to Confession

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

Gracious God, we confess that we have not always kept our mind on that which is true, honorable, and just, pure, pleasing, or commendable. In fact, we spend much of our time lamenting that which is false, disgraceful, unjust, and tainted in others and ourselves. Forgive us and free us we pray, from that which binds us, clouds our vision, and inhibits us from living as your good creation.

Silent Confession.

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

Open our eyes again to see whatever is true and honorable, just and pure, pleasing and commendable, that we may celebrate and emulate these things we have seen in you and in those who have been made in your image and who seek to follow in your way. Enlarge in us that which brings you honor and reflects your compassion. Diminish in us that which causes harm to our neighbor and to the beloved community. We pray these things in Christ's name and for Christ's sake. 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

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:34-46

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹and a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴ ‘The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet”?”

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Caroline V. Dennis

“Whatever is on Your To Do List”

This is the greatest and first commandment. and a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Matthew 22:38-39

We Respond to God’s Word

*Hymn 367

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”

CHEREPONI

Refrain:

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.*

*Kneels at the feet of his friends, Silently washes their feet,
Master who pours out himself for them. [Refrain]*

*Neighbors are wealthy and poor, Varied in color and race,
Neighbors are nearby and far away. [Refrain]*

*These are the ones we should serve, These are the ones we should love:
All these are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]*

Discipleship Moment

“Cheerful Giving”

David Hammond

Call to Offering

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***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*

***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 #369**

“I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

I'M GONNA LIVE

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Organist: Larry Dozier

Vocalist: John Lake

Announcements

November Sermon Topics and Lectionary Readings

Days that Count

It was poet, mathematician, and physician, Oliver Wendel Holmes, Sr., who said, “Some people are so heavenly minded that they are no earthly good.” Our scriptures this month seem pretty heavenly minded but they have everything to say about the earthly good we are to do here and now. Let’s make these days count, and let God take care of the days ahead.

November 1: All Saints Day

Revelation 7:9-17

Matthew 23:1-12

November 8: Wedding Day

Revelation 19:6-9

Matthew 25:1-13

November 15: Adoption Day

Ephesians 1:1-14

Matthew 25: 14–30

November 22: Thanksgiving Day (Christ the King/Dedication Day)

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

Daylight Savings Time

DON’T FORGET DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS. At 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 1, 2020, turn your clocks back to 1:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 21

Bell Choir Rehearsal: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. (in Sanctuary). If interested there is still a need for additional ringers. For more information contact the church office.

Evening Study Group: 7:00 p.m. Facilitated discussion LIVE or via Zoom. Topic Matthew – Spiritual Disciplines. Learn about welcoming all in the final session of this study.

Thursday, October 29

Pop Up Prayers: 8:30 a.m. LIVE under the Porte Cochere. Bring a Bible, a lawn chair and an open heart!

Every Sunday, Every Day

One Can Donations: drop off non-perishable food in the narthex or in the entry way by the Porte Cochere.