

Westminster At Worship

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

10:30 a.m.



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WESTMINSTER AT WORK - Westminster at Wenonah

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather here to worship God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

People: We gather surrounded by God's Holy Spirit, who encourages us to walk faithfully with Christ.

Leader: Praise be to God, whose goodness and mercy fill our days.

People: Praise be to God, whose ways lead to peace and justice.

HYMN

"O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
Recorded Trio

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray together:

God of us all, your grace and mercy fill our lives every day. We give you our thanks and praise. Too often, we forget or ignore your presence in our lives. Too often, we treat your children unequally, deeming some more important than others. Too often, we forget that our daily actions need to reflect our faith.

Forgive us, and lead us to embrace abundant life for all of your children. In the name of Christ, we pray.

— *Silent Prayer* —

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

†SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

UNISON WISDOM LESSON

Proverbs 22 (selected verses)

Leader: A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,

People: and favor is better than silver or gold.

Leader: The rich and the poor have this in common:

People: the Lord is the maker of them all.

Leader: Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,

People: and the rod of anger will fail.

Leader: Those who are generous are blessed,

People: for they share their bread with the poor.

Leader: Oppressing the poor in order to enrich oneself,

People: and giving to the rich, will lead only to loss.

Leader: Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate;

People: for the Lord will take up their case and press the life out of those who oppress them.

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Epistle Lesson
James 2:1-10, 14-17

Gospel Lesson
Mark 7:24-37

SERMON

"God's Surprising Kingdom"
Rev. Jamie Milton

[†]AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY HYMN

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"
Recorded Trio

†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, thank you for these gifts. We offer them to you and ask that you bless them, that all may have food, clothing, and shelter. We also offer you our very lives, asking that you bless us and use us, that all may come to know your steadfast love and your unending grace. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Sanctus

Leader: ...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Memorial Acclamation

Leader: ... we proclaim together the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

PEOPLE: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Recorded Trio

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

FLOWERS today are given by Alicen Rogers and family in memory of Alicen's father, Donald Morse's, birthday.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: In celebration of Sunday School Kickoff, please join us for an Ice Cream Social following the worship service next Sunday, September 12!

CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE will resume on Thursday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. All choir members will wear a mask, and all singing will take place socially distanced in the sanctuary. All music will be pre-recorded and played during Sunday's worship services. If you wish to join us, contact Dawn at 989-894-0426.

SWEATY SHEEP/WESTMINSTER WELLNESS WALKING GROUP: Want to join your church friends for some exercise and fellowship? Each Wednesday we will meet at a different park in Bay City. For more information, contact Sandy at [**sandra.graves@gmail.com**](mailto:sandra.graves@gmail.com) or Tami [**tami.sivy@gmail.com**](mailto:tami.sivy@gmail.com) with questions, or to be added to our Facebook group.

COLLECTING MAGAZINES: Westminster is collecting magazines to help support McLaren Bay Region's Partial Hospitalization Psychiatric program. If you have magazines around your house that you wish to give away, please drop them off at the church office through the month of September. Thank you!

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

SPECIAL REQUEST: This program year, children and youth opportunities will take place on Sunday and Thursday evenings. There will be a time for fellowship and food for the youth, so food and snack volunteers are needed for those two evenings.

On Sundays, if you would like to bring dinner for youth and volunteers, please review the dinner schedule by following the link below. Dinner will take place from 5:00 until 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, or outside, weather permitting. (We should know approximately how many children are attending each week after the first couple of sessions.) Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0849afaf2ca0ff2-ignite>

On Thursdays, if you would like to bring in a snack, please review the snack schedule by following the link below. Groups of students will snack from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, or outside, weather permitting. Volunteers may drop off Thursday's snacks anytime during the day. (We should know approximately how many children are attending each week after the first couple of sessions.) Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0849afaf2ca0ff2-combustion>

Any questions, please contact Sandy Graves at sandra.graves@gmail.com or phone/text at 989-225-7488. Thank you for your time and generosity!



**Join us for a special
Westminster Without Walls
worship service!**

**Sunday, September 12
4:00 p.m. at the Wenonah
Park Pavilion in Bay City**

We have the exciting opportunity to hold a special worship service at Wenonah Park Pavilion (103 Center Ave) overlooking the Saginaw River on Sunday, September 12 at 4:00 p.m. This special service will be filled with music, stories from Scripture, prayers for our community, and a chance for us to share with Bay City what Westminster is all about! Some seating will be available, but you are invited to bring a lawn chair with you if you like.

This Week at Westminster

Today, Sunday, September 5, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, September 6

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 7

10:00 a.m. Hearts & Hands Knitting

6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 150

6:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting

Wednesday, September 8

6:00 p.m. Sweaty Sheep / Walking
Wellness Group

8:00 p.m. Worship Meeting

Thursday, September 9

8:30 p.m. TOPS

5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah

Friday, September 10

7:00 p.m. Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Next Sunday, September 12

9:00 a.m. First Light Meeting (Sunday
School)

9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study (meet in the
Session Room)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:30 a.m. Ice Cream Social

4:00 p.m. Westminster Without Walls
Outdoor Worship Service
at Wenonah Park Pavilion

5:00 p.m. Ignite (Youth Group)

**Sunday School Kickoff is September 12
at 9:00 a.m. Below is the typical
schedule for the program year:**

Sundays

9:00 a.m. First Light (3-year-olds
through 4th grade Sunday School)
includes Little Ringer practice for
3-year-olds through 1st grade.

9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study (meet in the
Session Room)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Campfire Meetings (Children's
Church) will take place on the
2nd and 4th Sundays of the
month following the Children's
Moment

5:00 p.m. Ignite (Youth Group 5th
through 12th grades)

Wednesdays (beginning September 15)

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (If you are
unable to join us in person on
Sundays, meet with us via Zoom
on Wednesdays. We will cover
the same topic and use the same
material from Sunday's class.)

Thursdays (beginning September 16)

5:00 p.m. Combustion Counsel
(various youth activities and
instruction begin at this time, and
conclude at 7:00 p.m.)

5:00 p.m. Junior Bells (5th - 9th grade)

5:30 p.m. Chime Choir (1st - 4th grade)

6:30 p.m. Junior Choir (3rd - 8th grade)

7:00 p.m. Adult Chancel Choir

**Please see Brandi with questions
and for more details!**

