

Westminster At Worship

A Celebration of Worship
13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Please silence your cell phones prior to entering the sanctuary.
†*Those who are able to stand may do so.*



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WESTMINSTER AT WORK

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord with all our hearts.

**PEOPLE: Great are the works of our God — the wise take
delight in them.**

LEADER: The works of the Lord are faithful and just.

**PEOPLE: Mighty are the precepts of our God — the wise regard
them as trustworthy and true.**

LEADER: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

**PEOPLE: Blessed are the teachings of our God — the wise apply
them in all things.**

OPENING HYMN

DARWALL'S 148TH

"Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"
see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing God, we are your children, but we have turned away from your wisdom and walked in our own ways. We have lived carelessly and squandered time. We have been foolish and failed to understand your will. We have been drunk with the wine of this world and debauched in our own desires.

Purge us from evil and fill us with your Spirit. Clear our minds from clutter that we may discern what is right and walk in your ways.

— *Silent Prayer* —

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

By his flesh and blood our sins are forgiven and we have eternal life.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

†RESPONSE

GREATOREX

“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.

†SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 111

1 Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. **3** Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. **4** He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful. **5** He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. **7** The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. **8** They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. **9** He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. **10** The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

Hebrew Lesson

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; 3:3-14

2 When David's time to die drew near, he charged his son Solomon, saying: **2** "I am about to go the way of all the earth. Be strong, be courageous, **3** and keep the charge of the Lord your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes, his commandments, his ordinances, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, so that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn. **4** Then the Lord will establish his word that he spoke

concerning me: 'If your heirs take heed to their way, to walk before me in faithfulness with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail you a successor on the throne of Israel.'

10 Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. **11** The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. **12** So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

3 Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. **4** The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. **5** At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." **6** And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. **7** And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. **8** And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. **9** Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" **10** It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. **11** God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, **12** I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you

shall arise after you. **13** I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. **14** If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

SERMON

"Desiring God's Wisdom"

Rev. Jamie Milton

HYMN

CWM RHONDDA

"Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah"

see insert

†PROFESSION OF FAITH

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 everlasting. Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

SPECIAL MUSIC

ARR. McDONALD

"Then Sings My Soul"
Dawn Auger, Judy Harrelson, Tami Sivy

†DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of wisdom and understanding, send these gifts into the world, that they may become instruments of your grace; send this offering to your people, that it may become a source of your mercy. May these gifts be bread and blessing for a world in need of your mighty Spirit. Amen.

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

LAST UNS ERFREUEN

"God's Holy Ways Are Just and True"
see insert

CHARGE & BLESSING

LEADER: Go forth and allow God's wisdom and understanding to guide your steps.

PEOPLE: The fear of the Lord lights our path and illumines our path.

LEADER: Go forth and let God's mercy and grace lead your way.

PEOPLE: The blessing of the Lord sends us forth to be a blessing to the world.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 22, 2021

PRAYERS are extended to the family and friends of Rev. Dr. David B. Castrodale. Rev. Castrodale passed away on August 18, 2021. He served as Senior Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church from 1962-1975. A Celebration of Life will take place at Alexandria Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, MO. Memorial gifts may be made in Rev. Castrodale's memory to Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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 or Tami tami.sivy@gmail.com with questions, or to be added to our Facebook group.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Our next meeting time is Thursday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. We are exploring the book,

First and Second Samuel by David C. Hester. Any questions regarding the class or for Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 989-686-1360 or email at parishassoc@wpcbc.org.

THE WIRED WORD ADULT FAITH FORMATION: During the summer months, join us on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. Enjoy lively conversations about current events in the news and the Bible passages that relate to those events. Any questions regarding the class or for Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 989-686-1360 or email at parishassoc@wpcbc.org.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION: Join us on the first and third Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom for a time of fellowship. All are invited! For Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 989-686-1360 or email at parishassoc@wpcbc.org.

This Week at Westminster

Today, Sunday, August 22, 2021

- 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service
- 1:00 p.m. Westminster Without Walls
Worship Service

Tuesday, August 24

- 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Hands Knitting
- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 150

Wednesday, August 25

- 1:00 p.m. The Wired Word via Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Sweaty Sheep Wellness
Walking Group

Thursday, August 26

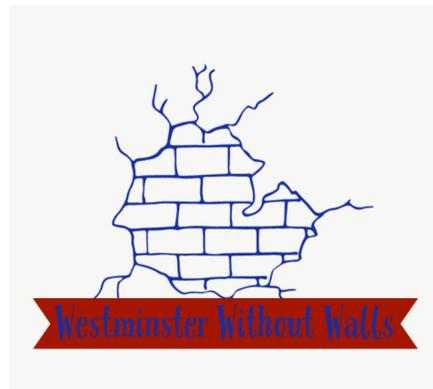
- 8:30 p.m. TOPS
- 1:00 p.m. Summer Movie Series
- 5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah
Lutheran
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom

Next Sunday, August 29

- 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service

SUMMER MOVIE SERIES: Join us on Thursday, August 26 as we view *Just Mercy* (PG-13). We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m., and a time for discussion will follow the movie. Popcorn and soda will be served.

**Join us for a
Westminster Without Walls
Outdoor Worship Service
TODAY at 1:00 p.m.**



This month's theme is FIRE.

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Summer Office Hours

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

Closed Friday

