

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Inviting All, Exploring Faith, Experiencing God

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JULY 17, 2022

9:30 A.M.

“But Martha was distracted by her many tasks...” Luke 10:40a NRSV

TO OUR GUESTS: WELCOME! Thanks for joining us for worship.

**All who are able may stand.*

Prelude

Roger Tyler

Welcome

Bonnie Sue Lewis
WPC Director of Christian Formation

Leader: God be with you!

People: *And also with you!*

**Greeting Our Neighbors*

**Introit GTG #399 (3x's)*

“God Welcomes All”

**Call to Worship*

Merrill Crawford

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

People: *For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
And the sheep of his hand.*

**Opening Prayer*

Merrill Crawford

**Hymn GTG #395*

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

Invitation to Confession

Merrill Crawford

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things that we ought to have done, and we have done those things we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent. And grant, O merciful God, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life for the glory of your holy name.

(Moment of silence for personal reflection)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Merrill Crawford

Leader: ... God gives you new life.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

**Response GTG #447*

“We Are Forgiven”

Prayer for Illumination

Merrill Crawford

Scripture: Psalm 16 (NRSV)

- 1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
2 I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.'
3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.
4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.
5 The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.
7 I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
8 I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.
10 For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.
11 You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42 (NRSV)

The Rev. Marsha Wilfong

- 38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. 40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' 41 But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; 42 there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Martha and Mary”

The Rev. Marsha Wilfong

*Hymn GTG #169

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

*Affirmation of Faith

(from the Confession of 1967)

Lisa MacNaughton

Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in [humankind] and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

Joys & Concerns

Lisa MacNaughton

Prayers of the People

WPC Care Coordinator

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.

Invitation to Discipleship

Merrill Crawford

Offertory

Roger Tyler

*Response GTG #328

“Praise God, All You Nations”

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Merrill Crawford

*Hymn GTG #468

“In My Life”

*Benediction

The Rev. Marsha Wilfong

...and all God’s people said: *Alleluia! Amen.*

*Response GTG #746 vs. 1-2

“Send Me, Jesus”

Postlude

Roger Tyler

**For Pastoral Care Needs
call (563) 279-4545**

This number will connect you to the pastor or the on-call staff person for pastoral care. Take a moment now to save this number in your cellphone for easy access!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHANCEL FLOWERS – the beautiful flowers are in memory of Arden Woodrum on his birthday.

CHANCEL FLOWERS - Please consider providing Chancel Flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, special event or just to brighten up the altar. This is a perfect time of year to share your garden flowers. Call Mary Kay in the church office to sign up 563-583-1729.

THIS WEEK WAS MARGARETANNE'S ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY here at Westminster. Thank you MargaretAnne for leading our Congregation on our journey to know, serve and love Our Lord. **Other Staff Anniversaries:** Mary Kay Pancratz – 10 years today, July 17th.

IT'S HAPPENING! CREATOR'S CAMP runs every Wednesday through August 10th! We meet at St. Luke's UMC, 1199 Main Street, from 1:00-4:00. All 4-12 year-olds are welcome to join us and friends from St. Luke's, First Presbyterian, and First Congregational churches for learning about God's creation and then creating everything from worm towers to pizza to puppets! To register, go to this link: <https://forms.gle/bdrv3GNGgW7nJH5F9> There is no cost. Any questions? Contact Bonnie Sue Lewis at bonniesue@wpcdbq.org. or the church office (563-583-1729).

Wednesday, August 3, 1:20 – 2:40 p.m. – Creators Camp For Kids - Green Team member, Paul Uzel will lead the kids in a caring for God's creation activity of building bird feeders at St. Luke's Methodist Church. Would you like to help? Contact Paul Uzel at 319-296-8747 or uzeldansen@gmail.com

WPC'S BOOK CLUB'S NEXT READ is *Educated* by Tara Westover. The Book Discussion will be **July 20th at 4:00 p.m. at Charlotte's Coffee House** on White St. Please RSVP to Deb Seiffert.

Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent. When another brother got himself into college, Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home.

Synod School Mission Collection

This year's mission collection at Synod School is for the Dorothy Day House in Rochester, Minnesota (dorothydayrochestertermn.org). Let's show our support, Westminster! Below is a list of things that can be donated (please drop your items in the green bin outside the church office marked Synod School Mission Donations no later than 9:30am on July 24th) and the Westminster folks who are going to Synod School will deliver them! If you have questions about Synod School or this compassion collection, see Bonnie Sue Lewis or Lisa MacNaughton.

Full-size Toothpaste	Toothbrushes (individually packaged)	Travel-size Deodorant
Travel-size Shampoo	Travel-size Conditioner	Travel-size Lotion
Other travel-size toiletries	Full-size bath soap	Coffee

Are You Going to Synod School This Summer?

Synod School is a learning and personal enrichment experience for people of all ages. We seek to create an environment of hospitality, healing, and hope. The week is designed for laity and clergy, and individuals and families with classes and activities for adults, youth, and children. We are so excited to have a group of Westminster friends who will be going to Synod School this year in Storm Lake, Iowa! Ordinarily Synod School annually draws more than 600 people of all ages from 27 states, to come together to worship, learn, grow, and have fun! We can't wait to see what Synod School has in store for our Westminster attendees! If you've registered for Synod School and plan to attend this year, we want to keep in touch! Text the word STORM (as in, Storm Lake!) to the number (563) 227-8441. This will let us know that you're going to Synod School and give us a way to keep in touch during our week together in Storm Lake!

Pray for our Pastor

During the next two weeks, Pastor MargaretAnne will be doing some continuing education. Over that time period, she'll be doing A LOT of reading and studying, to help inform our collaborative ministry in the coming year. Please be in prayer for her (and Mollie) as they take some time away from Dubuque, visit family, rest, and do a lot of swimming! But also pray that these next 2 weeks of reading and study will be uplifting, encouraging, and enlightening for MargaretAnne.

If you would like to read along with her, she'll be reading the following books: *A Bigger Table* by John Pavlovitz, *Canoeing the Mountains* by Tod Bolsinger, *Faith After Doubt* and *Do I Stay Christian* by Brian McLaren, *Essential Church?* by Thom Rainer, *I Am a Church Member* by Thom Rainer, *The Rebirthing of God* by John Philip Newell, *Sustainable Youth Ministry* by Mark DeVries, *The Unchurched Next Door* by Thom Rainer, *The Unstuck Church* by Tony Morgan, *The Bible's Yes to Same-Sex Marriage* by Mark Achtemeier, and *Transforming* by Austen Hartke.

Pastor MargaretAnne's Summer Schedule

Continuing Education (Out of Office) — July 5-18

Synod School with Westminster participants — July 24-30

Vacation — July 19-23, July 31-August 22

WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY: JULY 17, 2022

Church Office Number: 563-583-1729 | For Emergency call Lisa MacNaughton 563-279-4545

Pastor: Rev. Margaret Anne Overstreet	Church Administrator: Mary Kay Pancratz
Financial Secretary: Becky Jenkins	Custodian: Tim Till
Director of Christian Formation: Bonnie Sue Lewis	Digital Storytelling Director: Clare Kysely
Care Ministry Coordinator: Lisa MacNaughton	Worship Technology: Monson Cong Nguyen
Organist/Pianist: Dr. Luke Tyler	Adult Choir: Steve Peake
Adult Handbells Director: DeLano Cain-Watson	Director of Music: Dr. Luke Tyler
WPC Band & Beginner Handbells: Sally Stulken	Timbrel & Lyre: Dr. Luke Tyler
Greeters: Lisa & Neil MacNaughton	Ushers: Randy Roos & Adam Etheredge
Hospitality Coffee Set Up: Doug & Jean Cheever	Clean Up: Ann Lorenz

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For the Family of Harriet Heitzman who are grieving the loss of their mother and grandmother. Cards may be sent to Wes & Barbara Heitzman, 750 Sunset Ridge. Due to a family member having COVID, a private family service is at 1:00 p.m. today here at Westminster. It will be live streamed by Egelhof, Siegert & Casper Funeral Home.
- For the family of Jean Dunne who are grieving the loss of their mother and grandmother. Services will be held Tues., July 19th at Egelhof, Siegert & Casper Funeral Home.
- Prayers of joy & thanksgiving for the healthy birth of Bill & Deb Seiffert's, first grandchild, Violet Louise, born on July 11th to their son, Andrew & Alexis Seiffert. Congratulations!
- Prayers for Arlys Williams who is now recovering at home from a short hospital stay.
- Pray for all the victims and families affected by gun violence.
- Please pray for Bennett Lewis, an 11 year old, who has bone cancer.
- Prayers for Chuck Whalen who had surgery for a cancerous abdominal tumor on July 11.
- Prayers for Bill Peck who is recovering at home and receiving physical therapy.
- Prayers for Howard Wallace who is now on Palliative Care thru Hospice.
- Prayers for Nancy Wallace who will be having a lumpectomy on July 29th.
- Prayers for Tom Stovall who is receiving chemo treatments for prostate cancer.
- Prayers for Carol Althoff's continuing struggle with cancer.
- Please pray for those who are victims of the humanitarian crisis in the Ukraine and a for a peaceful end to the violence. Pray that through the response of the faith community that the survivors and those offering assistance be reminded of the hope that is found in Jesus Christ.
- Continued prayers for Terry Flynn & Lesley Buse's son, Mark who is battling an auto-immune disorder and cancer. Mark is doing well. Still getting regular check-ups...and everything has been fine. Thank you for all your prayers...they are working.

If you would like to have your name on our Bulletin Prayer Request list or want to be added to the Prayer Chain for prayers, please advise the church office (583-1729).

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:
JULY 17TH THRU JULY 24TH



Sunday, July 17

- 9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
9:30 a.m. Worship
1:00 p.m. Private Family Funeral Service
for Harriet Heitzman
1:30 p.m. Worship at Bethany Home

Monday, July 18

- 8:00 a.m. Harvesting, K

Tuesday, July 19

- 9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, FH

Wednesday, July 20

- 1:00 p.m. Creator's Camp for Kids

Thursday, July 21

- 7:00p.m. Tri-State Wind Sym Rain Site SA

Sunday, July 24

- 9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
9:30 a.m. Worship

GREEN TEAM TIP

Read a Green Book

Learn more about the challenges facing our ability to care for God's creation. Read books on the subject. A few recommendations: *Gardening Eden* by Michael Abbot; *Earth Democracy* by Vandana Shiva; *Women Healing The Earth* by Rosemary Radford Ruether. There are many more!



SUPPORT THE YOUTH PROGRAM BUY SCRIP!
YOUR FAVORITE STORE IS MISSING FROM THE LIST! See Lisa



**FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:**

Be a WILLING Christian. Remember Westminster Presbyterian Church in your WILL.

Westminster Office Hours

Please call first.

Monday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Tuesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Wednesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm

***BECKY'S SUMMER HOURS will be Mon., Tues., Wed. from 9 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

***TIM TILL will be OFF Mon., July 18th**