

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Inviting All. Exploring Faith. Experiencing God.

MORNING WORSHIP, 9:30AM

MAY 28, 2023



TODAY IS PENTECOST AND GLOBAL MUSIC SUNDAY!

Pentecost is the day when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, and remember that not only did the Holy Spirit break down barriers of nationality and language, She also worked in ways the early disciples did not expect and did not always feel comfortable with! Today, the worship texts and music are intended to celebrate the way that the Spirit works in and among us, in sometimes surprising and discomfoting ways ... and, as the Spirit did on that Pentecost Day so long ago, to break down the barriers we place between ourselves and others, around the world.

IF YOU ARE WORSHIPPING FROM HOME / ONLINE:

Welcome to Westminster Online! We can't wait to worship with you today. We hope your experience of worship today is meaningful and uplifting. Just a note about today's worship: All the worship songs and words will be on your screen so that you can fully participate. You won't need anything additional for worship today.

IF YOU ARE WORSHIPPING IN THE SANCTUARY:

Welcome to Westminster-Dubuque! The coffee is hot and the donuts are waiting! We're glad you're here! Just a few notes about worship: If you are comfortably able, we invite you to stand during the portions of worship marked with an asterisk (*). The congregation reads the portions of the worship listed in **bold text**.

Assisted listening devices are available at the back of the sanctuary and our greeters are happy to offer assistance to you with locating and using them.

Also, our worship service is always live-streamed and there are multiple cameras in the sanctuary. You may be on camera during your worship experience with Westminster.

IF YOU ARE WORSHIPPING WITH SMALL CHILDREN:

Everyone is welcome at Westminster! We are always delighted with the presence of (and even the sounds of!) children in worship. Children (and adults) are welcome to use any of the resources in our PrayGround (located behind the back pews). During the summer months, we do not offer a staffed nursery, but the nursery is open and parents are welcome to use it, if needed.

PRELUDE

Let us know you're here so that we can connect with you! We encourage you to use this time to "check in" to worship, either by texting the word **worship** to (563) 227-8441 (then following the prompts), by scanning the purple QR code with your smartphone (then following the prompts), or by writing your name in the white binder at the end of the pew.



TIME OF WELCOME

God be with you!

And also with you!

*SONG OF GATHERING: GTG #448 *Peace of God Be with You (As-salaamu lakum)*

Congregation sings once in English, vocalist sings once in Arabic,
congregation sings again in English

ARABIC

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Note: Both Hebrew and Arabic are Semitic languages (a family of languages that also includes Aramaic, ancient Phoenician, etc.) and they have many similar-sounding words. The Arabic word "salaam" sounds much like the Hebrew word "shalom" and, indeed, both words are often translated as "peace" (a central concept in all three Abrahamic faiths).

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

When the tomb looms large before our eyes, remind us, Lord, who we are:

We are children of the resurrection; the place of death will not hold us.

We are the painters of the rainbows; the shadow of death will not daunt us.

We are the breakers of loaves and fishes; the taste of death will not defile us.

We are the raisers of the dead; the power of death will not defy us.

We are the people of Pentecost; the spirit of death will not destroy us!

God is our refuge and our strength.

We gather in the power and sure promise of resurrection.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD (spoken prayers will be followed by a time of silence)

*Africa, Asia, Australia and the South Pacific,
Europe, The Middle East, North America, South America*

SONG OF PRAISE: GTG #322 *We Are One in Christ Jesus (Somos uno en Cristo)*

Congregation sings once in English

Note: This song is a "corito" - a short, lively folk song based on scripture - and it comes from Latin America. This particular "corito" draws on Ephesians 4:4-6 and manages to reproduce faithfully the repeated emphasis on the unity of revelation continued by the unity of discipleship under the care of the Holy Spirit.

TIME OF RECONCILIATION

Litany of Confession

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life: At the beginning of time you moved over the face of the waters and you continue to breathe the breath of life into every living being.

Come, Creator Spirit: Renew the whole creation and teach us how to care for all that you have brought to life.

Spoken Response: 主上帝，求祢鑒察我 (Psalm 139)

Holy Spirit, voice of the prophets: You inflame women and men with a passion for your truth, and through them call your people to the ways of justice and compassion.

Come, Spirit of Righteousness: Burn away the idols in our lives that interfere with following your way, and instead, cause our hearts to burn with the zeal of love and compassion for all.

Sung Response: GTG #426 *Search Me O God* (Psalm 139)

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Jesus: By your power Jesus came to bring good news to the poor and release to those held captive.

Come, Liberating Spirit: Tear down the walls of hatred and the towers of sin that are so often found in our lives. Free us once again from the prisons of our own making.

Spoken Response: 主上帝，求祢鑒察我 (Psalm 139)

Holy Spirit, Advocate, Teacher: You speak to us of Jesus, and show us the depth of his love. You have baptized us in one baptism, one faith, one Lord and Savior.

Come, Spirit of Truth: Send your power upon the church, that we may humbly and selflessly serve others. Abide in us and lead us in the way of Jesus Christ.

Sung Response: GTG #426 *Search Me O God* (Psalm 139)

Holy Spirit, wind and flame: You filled disciples with joy and courage, empowering them to preach your word and to share your good news.

Come, Spirit of Power: Intercede for us and strengthen us in our weakness. Make us bold witnesses of your transforming power and your redeeming love.

Spoken Response: 主上帝，求祢鑒察我 (Psalm 139)

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Peace: All nations, tribes, and tongues belong to you. You break down barriers of language, race, and culture, and heal the divisions that separate us.

Come, Reconciling Spirit: Heal the divisions among us. Make us holy and one. Unite us all in the love of Christ and a passion for peace.

Sung Response: GTG #426 *Search Me O God* (Psalm 139)

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life: At the close of the age all creation will be renewed, justice will roll down like waters, and every created thing will sing your praises.

Come, Creator Spirit: Make us new creations in Jesus Christ.

Spoken Response: 主上帝，求祢鑒察我 (Psalm 139)

Sung Response: GTG #426 *Search Me O God* (Psalm 139)

Note: The two verses that make up this text, Psalm 139:23-24, form a prayer at the conclusion of one of the most remarkably introspective psalms. The distinctive Taiwanese musical setting provided for the words gives them a beautiful sense of mystery and awe.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness (*from Romans 8*)

People of God, in Christ you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

TIME OF PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture [NRSVUE] – Isaiah 43:19

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Scripture [NRSVUE] – John 14:15-17, 25-27

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon – *I Am About to do a New Thing*

SONG OF PROCLAMATION: GTG #594 *Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy (Santo, santo, santo, santo)*

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

CONGRATULATIONS to our Westminster high school graduates:

Grace Wu, graduating from Senior and will attend Iowa State University in English

Henry Raber, graduating from Senior and will attend Iowa State University in Chemistry

Maddie Fast, graduating from Senior and will attend the University of Dubuque in Nursing

CONGRATULATIONS to our Westminster college graduates:

Meredith Raber graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing from University of Iowa in December

Sarah Elizabeth Hallahan graduated with a Master of Science in International Business and Management from Alliance Manchester Business School, University of Manchester, England

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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Minute for Vision

Minute for Mission

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering



*HYMN OF SENDING: GTG #340 *This is My Song*

Note: Based on Finlandia, a uniting anthem that helped lead Finland to freedom over Russian occupation in the early 1900s. The first two stanzas were written between the two world wars and focus on international peace. The third stanza uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

*CHALLENGE AND BLESSING

And all God's people said: **Alleluia! Amen.**

*SUNG RESPONSE: GTG #540 *Farewell, Good Friends! (Shalom, chaverim!)*

Note: While it is true that the Hebrew word shalom means "peace" and that it is used to greet people and bid them farewell, its larger sense is a feeling of contentment, wholeness, and harmony. It points to a time when the bounty of creation will be shared equally, and every person and creature will have enough, as God intended.

POSTLUDE

HEBREW

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שלום חברות
שלום שלום
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להתראות
שלום שלום

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS are in celebration of Pentecost! Sponsored by: Dan & Marilyn Emmert, Shirley Meriwether and Jon Davison.

A RECEPTION FOR TINA LEE AND REV. MOSES WU is being held immediately after worship in the Narthex. Join us for cake, refreshments and conversation.

CREATORS CAMP RETURNS! Mark your calendars for Wednesday afternoons from 1:00-4:00 July 5th thru Aug. 9th! To register go to: <https://forms.gle/HBhrr2SvRGRpPgDE7>

STILL COLLECTING FOR HAPPY BIRTHDAY KITS Sincere thanks to all who have provided supplies for the Happy Birthday Kits. We aren't done yet! Please keep bringing cake mix, frosting and candles so we can make more kits! Please place items in the blue wagon outside the church office. Thanks.

DACU Invites YOU to attend COMMUNITY TOUR, Tues., May 30th at 7:00 p.m. at the Dubuque Food Pantry, 1310 White St. Non-perishable food donations accepted. PARKING: On street parking and nearby parking lots.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- June, Janet Neumeister's cousin, wants to thank everyone for your prayers. Her peripheral vision is back and the outlook is hopeful. Your prayers have been answered.
- Prayers for Patsy Swailes, Lisa MacNaughton's mother, who is adjusting to her new home at Bethany.
- Prayers for Julie Woodyard whose surgery is Tuesday for the tumor on her right arm.
- Prayers for Paula Dix, Jeanne Beeghley's daughter who lives in Bettendorf, for courage to deal with her depression.
- Please continue to pray for Wendell Comer. He is having complications due to his chemotherapy treatments.
- Prayers for Linda Stovall as she recovers from total knee replacement surgery.
- Continued prayers for Wally Brown for ongoing health concerns.
- Prayers for Russ Hibben who is recuperating at his son and daughter-in law's. Cards should be mailed to Russ' home address. They pick up his mail.
- Prayers for HannaRose, daughter of Adam and Tarra Etheredge, as she continues to manage her brain health.

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

MAY 28TH – JUNE 4TH

BECKY'S SCHEDULE: TUESDAY, WED. & THURS.
UNTIL 12:45 P.M.

Sunday, May 28 – **PENTECOST** **RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES**

9:00 a.m. Coffee, Donuts, & Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Worship, SA
10:45 a.m. Reception in Narthex

Monday, May 29 **MEMORIAL DAY – OFFICE CLOSED**

Tuesday, May 30

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, WR
5:30 p.m. Nominating Committee Mtg., BR

Wednesday, May 31

10:00 a.m. Journey of Heart Team, BR
5:00 p.m. Care & Connections Team, BR
7:00 p.m. Table Tennis, FH

Thursday, June 1

5:30 p.m. Young Living Class, FH
7:00 p.m. TSWS Rain Site, SA

Sunday, June 4

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

9:00 a.m. Coffee, Donuts, & Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Worship, SA
10:45 a.m. **CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK**



FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:

2023 Foundation Grant applications are now available and must be submitted by June 1st. Forms are available in the church office.

GREEN TEAM TIP: Turn Off Electronics
Not in Use

Your TV, computer, video games, and kitchen equipment suck up a lot of electricity. Make sure to turn off and unplug these items when you are not using them.

***Buy Scrip in the WPC office
M – Th, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Hy-Vee coupon books
are here!!***

