

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021 - 9:00AM

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PRELUDE

INTROIT: THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: God has gathered us to this place,

People: where we hear those stories which show us what

the kingdom of God is like.

Leader: God summons us to this place,

People: where we can learn how to serve our God without

reservation, or hesitation.

Leader: God will send us from this place,

People: to tell others of God's hopes and dreams, so they,

too, can choose to follow God.

*HYMN #36 FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God, for running from you and your love,

People: forgive us.

Leader: For being too cautious, or not cautious enough, in your

presence,

People: forgive us.

Leader: For failing to listen to you when you call out to be heard,

People: forgive us.

Leader: For taking your love for granted, and for not showing enough

appreciation to you, O lord,

People: forgive us.

Leader: For fearing those different from ourselves,

People: forgive us.

Leader: or when we feel we can accomplish things on our own, and

forget your or others' help,

People: forgive us.

*SILENT REFLECTION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Beloved sisters and brothers in Christ, God has heard our plea for forgiveness and offers us mercy in abundant supply.

People: Our sins have been forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.

*THE GLORY TO GOD #581 Gloria Patri

*PASSING THE PEACE

HEARING THE WORD

WORD THROUGH MUSIC

Thanks be to Thee by G.F. Handel - The Westminster Chorale, Don Hill as soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of inspiration, break into the wilderness of our lives — the uncertainty, the confusion, and the distractions from your Word with a moment of clarity, grace and understanding that encourages us, and molds us through your Word and by your Spirit in Christ's image. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 126 Mark 10:46-52

SERMON: REV. QUINCY WORTHINGTON

CONSECRATION OF PLEDGES

CHARGE TO ALL STEWARDS

Leader: Today is a day of celebration in the life of (church name) because today we remember that each and every one of us — young and old — is called by God to be stewards of justice, stewards of creation, stewards of peace, stewards of this family of faith. Stewards give from all aspects of their lives. As we accept this call to be stewards, we each become a living example of Christ's gospel, proclaiming faith through all that we do and all that we give. As it is written in I Peter, "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." (I Peter 4:10) And so, people of God, I ask you now, do you promise to enter into this covenant together to be God's stewards with all your mind and heart? If so, please answer, "I do."

LITANY OF COMMITMENT - ALL ARE INVITED TO STAND

Leader: Gracious God, you have made a world for us and given us incomparable gifts: air and water, family and friends, your steadfast love and forgiveness, and your son Jesus the Christ. For all the gifts and wonders you have bestowed on us.

People: We thank you and worship you with renewed gratitude.

Leader: O God, you created us to love one another as Christ has loved us. We are concerned about all your children, those who live near us, and those who live far away. We are eager to participate in the work of the whole church and to further the ministry and service of this congregation.

LITANY OF COMMITMENT - CONTINUED

People: We are called to be your stewards. We thoughtfully shoulder our personal share of responsibility, and we pledge to witness to the good news of Christ with our hearts and hands and voices.

Leader: We are confident in your love and care for us.

People: We gladly give back to our Gracious God our whole lives, our time, our talents, and our financial resources.

OFFERTORY: GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, SETTING BY DAN MILLER

*DOXOLOGY #606

THE COMMISSION

O God, throughout the ages you have challenged your people to step out in faith and follow you. You have put purpose and direction in the lives of your people. We have before us a new direction and a new purpose. We have set our feet on the pathway. Be our guide. Whisper in our ears when we need to make decisions. Hold us up if we start to stumble. May your Holy Spirit lead us in joyful song and fill us with eager anticipation. You are our vision, O God; lead us on our journey. Amen.

*HYMN OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST (VERSES 1 & 3)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT BY PAUL MANZ

AND HAVE
A GREAT DAY!

Upcoming Events

ADOPT-A-FAMILY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Each year, Westminster Deacons support several local families by presenting them with holiday gifts. Through the generosity of our members, we will be supporting 8 families (38 individuals) this year.

For more details and a list of requested items, visit: visit www.wpcmunster.org/upcoming-events

Please contact Amy Carter with any questions: amy@pegboardchicago.com



WESTMINSTER FORUM

This Sunday's speaker is Rabbi Len Zukrow. He will be discussing "The Jewish Bible: What's in; What's out."



PRAYER LIST

Baker, George (father of Sarah Baker Kerrick)

Relifick)

Berzinis and Lively families (in loss of

Frank's sister Kay)

Boender, Jim (husband of Linda, Sam.

Center)

Bolitho, Albert (Austin's Grandfather)

Borbely, Buddy

Borbely-Orrick, Morgan

Boyd, Richard (Rhonda Reynold's

brother)

Brown, Tom

Cook, Barbie (friend Janet)

Dickman-Lopez Family, (Matthew

Beechler, Ginny's cousin, Kelda Lopez,

Robs Sister-in Law)

Feege Mike & Terri & Family

Fehring Family (Nancy Echterling's

family)

Henderson, Cathy (sister-in-law of Cheryl

Anderson)

Golden, Bob

Hill, Don

Holden, Karen (in loss of her father

Arnold Handlon)

Hudson, Ann

Hughes, Beverly

Iwachiw, Myrna (mother of Jerry

Iwachiw)

Johnson, Carolyn

Karlen, Kim

Kirk, Elaine (mom of Ann Williams)

Largus, Carol

LeMonnier, Shari

Luckey, Donovan

McDaniel, Joe

Madgiak, Phil

Morgan and Kopper families (in loss of

Heidi's brother Hilmar)

Morrow, Adelia (Paige Stephan's

daughter)

Mullins, Kay (friend of Shirley Golden)

Myer, Family

Orr, Denny

Pedrick Family

Poerio, Kelly (Sue Cook's sister-in-law)

Rogala, Cheri (Aunt of Heater Bognar)

Ross, Natalie (Sonja's daughter)

Saculla, Sally

Siergey, Karen and family (sister-in-law

of Cindy Siergey)

Strains, Steve

Trent, John & Sally

Troeger, Christine (Glenn Rhodes' sister)

Truhlar, Kathy (friend of Shirley Golden)

VanSenus, Matthew

Weier, Chuck, (friend Sheila)

Yackel, Erna

*If you have a prayer request, please contact Mary Lomey.



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Sikh Religious Society of Indiana
Calumet Episcopal Ministry Partnership
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