



Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 16, 2023 - 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff

Lay Leader: Craig Thompson

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**Please stand in body or spirit. • BOLD text is sung or spoken in unison.*

GATHERING SONG

The Gathering by City On a Hill
WPC Worship Band

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Your grace is a lamp for our hearts, O God.

Light our way through the shadows of this world.

When we struggle with questions and doubts,

tell us your stories of hope and grace.

When we are about to wander off into the wilderness,

show us the paths to your peace and joy.

We gather this day to sing songs of praise to you.

We gather this day to worship the Living God!

*HYMN #363

Rejoice the Lord Is King

*CALL TO CONFESSION

To know God is to know of God's mercy, justice, and love. To know God is to also know ourselves and how we fall short of God's glory. So let us offer our prayer of confession, knowing that out of God's great mercy, we will be forgiven and made new.

**Prayer of Confession*

Gracious and loving God, we are a people who are always concerned about ourselves. We worry about what is ours and are concerned with getting more. At times, we have not been guided by your Spirit or the teachings of Christ. Forgive us, we pray, and gently guide us back to your way. Help us to think of others as we share what we have with the world. Amen.

**Silent Prayer*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus! Know you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Response*

Glory Be to the Father (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.

*PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH MISSION TEAM COMMISSIONING

Xavier Carter, Lucia Castro, Jane Eplawy, Lars Grow, Rachel Keefner, Donovan Luckey, Brad Miller, Brennan Rommelfanger, Tricia and Brett Shelton

BAPTISM OF JAYCE CAMERON VEGA

Congregational Response

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

WORD THROUGH MUSIC

Captain O'Kane

Barry & Beth Reasoner and flutist, Mike Pennanen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, thank you for these gifts given this day and for the many gifts of our lives. May they be used ever and only to glorify you. Receive these gifts as tokens of our lives. Send your cultivating Spirit to work among us until we yield and grow in grace, for we pray in the name of Jesus, who came out of love for the world. Amen.

Offertory

Teelin Bay by Peter O'stroushko

The Reasoners and Mike Pennanen

(Children and youth are invited to exit during this time for a short lesson and games in South Hall.)

**Doxology #606*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of life, by the power of your Spirit come to us now. Plow our hearts with your living Word. May your word rest in our hearts and minds and in so doing, transform us into your faithful people. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 25:19-34

Matthew 13:31-32; 44-45

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Continued on back.

SERMON

Life Worth Living: The Really Big Picture
Rev. Angela Ryo

*HYMN #358

Steal Away

*BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

Awesome is the Lord Most High by Passion
WPC Worship Band

WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

New Concerns

Youth Mission Team
Richard Boyd (Ronda Reynolds' brother)
Rebecca McCauley

Weekly Concerns

PNC Committee
Anka (niece of Heidi Morgan)
Linda Bishop (friend of Chuck Weier)
Julie Bland (friend of Amy Carter)
Harry Book (brother-in-law of Barbie Cook)
Mario Bravo (friend of Barbie Cook)
Dave Dal Santo (Husband of Dawn, WPC Financial Secretary)
The family of Kathy Dunn (friend of Pam Yttri)
Larry Edwards (neighbor and friend of Chuck Weier)
The family of Geraldine Elman in the passing of her daughter Robin Schalgel.
Dave Ferguson (brother-in-law of Gene & Paula Estill)
The family of Amy Franklin for the loss of her father, Tom Young
Kimberly Gardner-Bronisz
The family of Diane Hernandez
Pat Jaracz
John & Carole Keener (family of Ron Robbins)
The McCauley Family in passing of

Rebecca's brother Edward.
The family of Ryan Mecredy (nephew of Cheryl Anderson)
The family of Margaret Morris
Susie Nastos (cousin of Cindy Siergey)
Dawn Nielsen (niece of Sandy Walsh)
Ruth Norton (passing of her sister)
Dennis Orr
Holly Ptacek
Elaine Schnider and her friend Debbie (friends of Robin Webber)
Keith & Barbara Robbins (family of Ron Robbins)
Donna Sharp
Wendy Wilke Sola (daughter of Martha)
The family of Harry Witbeat (friends of Barbie Cook)
Chuck Weier's cousin Bruce

Continuing Care & Prayers

Anderson/McHie Family (passing of John)
Buddy Borbely
Brown/Boyle Family (passing of Tom)
Lydia Brunton (sister-in-law of Mary Lomey)
Nancy Cieflak- (sister of Mary Kopasz)
Jessica Cook, (friend/Daun DePaul)
Cunningham Family (passing of Bill)
Edwards Family (passing of son

Joshua)
The Fiegle Family
Jennifer Dye Foreit (friend/Michelle Pedrick)
Jack Estill (father of Gene Estill)
Donna Gross (friend of Pam Yttri)
Ed Harrison
Don Hill
Kim Karlen
Mary Kopasz
The Kozlowski family
Mike Feege
Morgan Borbely Orrick
Joe McDaniel
Betty Morris
Pedrick family
Dennis Orr
Eugene Pidzarko
Jan Quintelier (cousin of Barb McKinney)
Ron Allen
Richard Simkins
Susan Geri Snider (Zora Ludwig/sister)
Trent Family (passing of John & Sally)
Kurt Visak (brother/Wendy Edwards)
Natalie & Jeff Ziemendorf (daughter & son-in-law/Sonja Ross)
Williams Family (passing of Ann's mother)