



Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 23, 2023 - 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff

Lay Leader: Mary Lomey

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

GATHERING SONG

Come As You Are by David Crowder
The Solis and Reasoner Family

INTROIT

Nothing Can Trouble

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is my light and my salvation--whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life--of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek:

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

*HYMN #630

Fairest Lord Jesus

*CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, our God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us approach the throne of grace with humility and confidence.

**Prayer of Confession*

God of compassion, we have wrestled all night with worry instead of resting in you. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We have turned away those hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them from your limitless supply of blessings.

Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you. We call upon you, Lord, trusting in your faithfulness, trusting you will answer us when we call. Even in our darkest moments, help us to see your goodness in the land of the living through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Silent Prayer*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In sorrow so deep we cannot find our way out, God cradles us in comfort; in moments so dark, we stumble over ourselves, God lights the way; in joy which cascades into our souls, God fills us with healing.

Even when we cannot see it, God's hope is all around us, surrounding us with peace and healing.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. 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 465

What a Friend We Have In Jesus

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH IN ACTION

Anne Severa on Summer Block Party Raffle Tickets

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Adult Volunteers: Renee Castro, Marianne Comstock, Jean Dixon, Adam Keefner, Mary Lomey, Valerie Pennanon, Michelle Pedrick, Stephanie Smith, Megan & Gabe McElwain, Kelly Rhodes, Ann Severa, Jim Severa, James Shelton, Kristen Smith, Sara Solis, Jeanne Geisheimer, Ann DiSanto, Heather Bender, Ginny Dickman-Lopez, Rob Lopez, Mary Lou DiCostanzo, and Sharon Orr

Youth Helpers: Beau Bliss, Elisa Castro, Lucia Castro, Everly Chamberlain, Zenna Czapka, Sophia Diaz, Delanie Durkin, Makenzie Durkin, Jane Eplawy, Ava Haro, Joey Haro, Rachel Keefner, Caroline Kotarski, Liam Kotarski, Ben Munianga, Gabrielle Munianga, Gwyneth Orr, Sloan Orr, Brennan Rommelfanger, Conner Rommelfanger, Alex Rucinski, Lucy Sandifer, Daphne Smith, Stella Smith, Christian Stanley, and Bobbie Uidl.

Staff Support: Gina Nida, Vanessa DeRousseau, Tricia Shelton, Michael Stewart, and Angela Ryo

WORD THROUGH MUSIC

He Is the Light

Stellar VBS, Group Publishing

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

Loving and generous God, you provide for us and bless us in more ways than we can count. We give these tithes and offerings to tell of your wondrous and steadfast love so that those who do not yet know you may also come to experience your transformative love. Amen.

Offertory

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Solo by Abby Pennanen and Jim McNabney

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

**Doxology #606*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Illuminate us, O God. Bless us with ears to hear your truth, vision to discern your path, and feet ready to move into action, responding to your call. Guide us and inspire us in this moment of proclamation. Amen.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 32:22-31; Hebrews 4:14-16

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Life Worth Living: When Life Hurts
Rev. Angela Ryo

*HYMN

Wonderful Peace (Please see insert for lyrics)

*BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) by Hillsong
WPC Worship Band

WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

New Concerns

Youth Mission Team
Kara Diamond (friend of Barbie Cook)
Diane Golden (neighbor of Chuck Weier)
Paul Strand (friend of Barbie Cook)

Weekly Concerns

PNC Committee
Anka (niece of Heidi Morgan)
Linda Bishop (friend of Chuck Weier)
Julie Bland (friend of Amy Carter)
Herb Cook (brother-in-law of Barbie Cook)
Richard Boyd (Ronda Reynolds brother)
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 Elliott

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)

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)

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