

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
November 15, 2020  
11:00 a.m.



Photo by Kara Finnstrom. "Clergy Arrested While Protesting AG Jeff Sessions' Visit to L.A." *Los Angeles Times*, 6/26/18.  
<https://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2018/06/26/jeff-sessions-los-angeles-visit/>

## WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude      Fantasia in C BWV 570

J.S. Bach

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

✠ Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 95:1-6)

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Leader: Come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

People: Make a joyful noise with songs of praise.

Leader: For the Lord is a great God; king above all gods.

People: Come, let us worship and bow down before the Lord, our Maker!

✠ Please rise as you are able.

✠Hymn When Morning Guilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI



1 When morn - ing guilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing  
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I  
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -  
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -



cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -  
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or  
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let  
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be



like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -  
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is  
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -  
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges



pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

✠Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world.

Although Christ is among us as our peace,

we are a people divided against ourselves,

as we cling to the values of a broken world.

The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas.

The fears and jealousies that we harbor set

neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,

of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.

Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

*(time for silent confession)*

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Children of God, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

## GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Acts 21:7-36 (NT p. 142)

Sermon

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

☒Anthem Wondrous Love

arr. Christiansen

Time for Personal Reflection, Prayer, and Giving

Prayer Meditation Change My Heart, O God

CHANGE MY HEART

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.  
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.  
You are the Pot - ter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Change My Heart, O God'. It consists of four staves of music in 4/4 time, with lyrics written below each staff. The melody is simple and repetitive, using a mix of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: 'Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.', 'Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.', 'You are the Pot - ter; I am the clay.', and 'Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.'

☒Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

...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.

# WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

✘Hymn

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE



1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -  
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)



where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (an - y - time!) I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na



live so (live so)  
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -  
 pray so (pray so)  
 sing so (sing so)



where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

✘Benediction

Postlude Praise Him with the Sound of the Trumpet (Ps. 150:3)

Carl Simone

*When our worship is over, our service begins*

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