

Westminster Presbyterian Church

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 8, 2020

11:00 a.m.



"Altar to the Unknown God", Antiquarium del Palatino, Rome, Italy.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude Meditation on "Nun danket alle Gott"

Robert A. Hobby

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

✠Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 147:1,7-9,16, 18)

Leader: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.

People: **Make melody to God on the lyre.**

Leader: For God covers the heavens with clouds and brings rain to the earth.

People: **God makes grass grow on the hills and gives the animals their food.**

Leader: God gives snow like wool and scatters frost like ashes.

People: **God makes the wind blow and the waters flow.**

Praise the Lord!

✠Please stand as you are able.

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
 ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
 I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

✠Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
 whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
 and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
 Cleanse us from all our offenses,
 and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires;
 that with reverent and humble hearts
 we may draw near to you,
 confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,
 and finding in you our refuge and strength,
 through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

(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

Acts 17:10-33 (NT p. 142)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
 People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠Anthem Be Thou My Vision

arr. Cannon

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.

✠Litany of Commitment

Leader: Creator of all, the earth is yours, the world and all who live in it.

People: You have entrusted us with gifts—time, talent, energy, money—
and asked us to use them to build your kingdom.
With thanks and praise we respond to your call.

Leader: We bring these gifts you have given,
returning your generosity, paying it forward.

People: We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears,
our dollars and our hours.
We commit ourselves to work for your world,
to love and serve wherever you call.

Leader: We ask your blessing on this, your church,
as we seek to follow you with heart,
mind, and soul.

People: Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future,
that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

✠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 Lord You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEE



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This, my bod - y;
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion, and the
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise, life a -
this, my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure all that
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing, may we



gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness to your
bun - dant meant for each, give us all new fer - vor,
lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the world a -
you so free - ly give. May your care and mer - cy
serve as you in - tend, and, a - mid the cares that



pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty: with the Spir - it's
lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

✠Benediction

Postlude Miniature Toccata

Robert Graham

When our worship is over, our service begins

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