

Westminster Presbyterian Church

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 20, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.



"Release" by Lauren Wright Pittman. Acrylic, ink, and watercolor on canvas. Inspired by Matthew 19:16-22 (Story of the rich man seeking eternal life.)

"Instead of grasping to Jesus' lifeline, the rich man turns away because he cannot fathom losing everything. His grief feels palpable in this time of upheaval. I meditated on his grief, layering dusty purples, muted greens, and chalky blacks. I imagine the rich man isn't turning away from Jesus altogether. Perhaps he's taking space to feel his grief, processing all he will lose so he can truly find release." - Lauren Wright-Pittman, sanctifiedart.org

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Prelude Herr Gott, Dich Loben Alle Wir (Lord God, We All Praise You)

Georg Friedrich Kauffmann

✠ Call to Worship

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One: Through Moses, God said,

All: **"Let my people go."** (Ex.9:1)

One: In scripture, the law declares:

All: **"In the seventh year, you must cancel all debts."** (Deut.15:1)

One: With grace, Jesus said:

All: **"Give one coat away."** (Luke 3:11)

One: With honesty, Jesus taught:

All: **"Sell what you have, give that money to the poor."** (Matt. 19:21)

One: Faith has always involved letting go, releasing, setting free,
 Dropping our nets, giving to others, and following.
 All: So in this hour of worship, may we release that which binds us.
 May we worship with open, untamed, and porous hearts,
 so that we can walk freely with God.
 One: Let it be so.
 All: Amen.

✠Hymn 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

✠Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

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Gracious God,
 We admit to holding tight to that which we know and understand.
 We put you in a box to avoid the shades of gray that come with faith.
 We put worship in a box to avoid the discomfort of change.
 We put ourselves in boxes labeled with identity stereotypes and societal norms.
 We put others in boxes labeled "worthy" and "unworthy."
 We put all that we have in a box and pray we won't run out.

So in this moment, we confess to holding tight
to fear, greed, and worldly structures.
Forgive us for missing the point.
Open our eyes to a new way—
to a holiness found in open boxes, unclenched fists,
shades of gray, and holy release.
Gratefully we pray, Amen.

(time for silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

One: Children of God, believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

✠Congregational Response

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 of the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we also should forgive one another.

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you

Please pass the peace to each other, greeting one another in Christ's name and being mindful of social distance.

Hymn of Preparation Take Thou Our Minds (v. 2)

HALL

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a common time signature (C) and then changes to 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;'. The second staff starts with a measure rest (5) and continues with 'come thou with - in our souls and claim thy throne;'. The third staff starts with a measure rest (9) and continues with 'help us to shed a-broad thy death - less love;'. The fourth staff starts with a measure rest (13) and continues with 'use us to make the earth like heaven a - bove.' The score ends with a double bar line.

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✠Please stand as you are able.

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

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Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 15:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 19:16-22

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn 684 Faith Begins By Letting Go

LUX PRIMA



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - ory's
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en -



had seemed sure, tak - ing risks and press - ing on,
roots a - live so that hope may bear its fruit;
larg - ing hearts, shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer,



though the way feels less se - cure: pil - grim - age both
prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive, not through mer - it
bind - ing up the bro - ken parts; till we find the



right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

✠Affirmation of Faith

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We believe that on the first day,
God released love and creativity over a void;
and that void became mountains and rivers, sunsets and starry nights.
We believe God released
God's people from the grips of slavery, liberating us day in and day out.

We believe God laid down with death
 and was released from its grip,
 knowing suffering and freeing us from this fragile life.
 And we believe God invites us—
 day in and day out—
 to release our fears,
 let go of assumptions, tear down walls,
 throw open the doors, and walk closer to love.
 May it be so. Amen.

Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Anthem The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Abby Hawthorne - Oboe

Give through Venmo @West-Presby
 David Cherwien

✠Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers 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 772 Live into Hope

TRURO



1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of



gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our



first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

✠Benediction

When our worship is over, our service begins

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor:	Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell	Sound Technician:	Bill Vilbig
Worship Leader:	Audrey Weynand	Livestream:	Leiza McArter
Music Director/Organist:	Seth Luna		Dexter Colorado

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS - JUNE 20, 2021**

WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome you to our family of faith! After worship, join us for coffee and conversation on the lawn. We'd like to get to know you, whether you are just visiting or looking for a church home.

WHAT'S YOUR MASK POLICY?

Masks are not required on the Westminster campus for those who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. If you are not vaccinated, please wear a mask. Out of concern for those who have compromised immune systems or other health vulnerabilities, we still *encourage* everyone to take COVID precautions, as the virus is still being transmitted across DFW.

MISSION STUDY PRESENTATION – TOWN HALL NEXT SUNDAY

After several months of prayer, study, dreaming, conversations, research, listening sessions, surveys, community meetings and more, the Westminster mission study team has concluded their work. They have presented their findings and recommendations to the session, who received them with unanimous support. They will present their report to the congregation next Sunday, June 27, as part of a Town Hall meeting immediately following worship. Please join us!

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

There will be a brief (10 minute) session meeting to receive new members to Westminster immediately following the Town Hall meeting on June 27. If you would like to attend this meeting and officially become a member of Westminster, please contact Pastor Alex at alexl@wpcd.org.

OUR MONEY STORY – STEWARDSHIP SERMON SERIES

Did you know that Jesus talked more about money than he did prayer or faith? Today is part two of the "Our Money Story" sermon series. Let us embrace openness, courage, and vulnerability as we tackle this difficult topic together! Thanks to www.sanctifiedart.org and vandersallcollective.com for putting this stewardship series together!

RENOVATION UNDERWAY!

Workers from McCaslin-Hill construction began their work on the renovation of the south wing this week. Please "pardon our dust" as we make these vital upgrades for the benefit of the Westminster Presbyterian Church community!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are off to a roaring start in the Old Testament Class at 9:30 Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. This Sunday, Chris Harper will make a presentation about a little discussed Bible figure, Melchizedek. Followed by class discussion. Reading material can be found on the website: www.wpcd.org/media. To participate on zoom, here is the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81600004372?pwd=ajlvNWFGMG0zR3Q5YWZtdzZWLzlrUT09> (or dial 1-346-248-7799. The meeting ID is 816 0000 4372. The passcode is 387372.).

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

The church nursery is open and has been moved to room 201, in the preschool/education (east) wing of the building. This space is available from 9:30-12:30 for children age 7 and under.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet on Tuesday, June 22 at 10:30am in Fellowship Hall to discuss *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes. Everyone is welcome to join! Questions? Contact Sharon Wright (sharonlawright@gmail.com).

SUNDAY WORSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

Please take a moment to reflect on your experience of worship. What do you most appreciate about worship? What might you like to change? Please take the opportunity to express your hopes and desires for what the "new normal" for worship will look like at WPC as we come out of the pandemic. Click on this link to complete the survey: <https://forms.gle/vyQJuP5f5B86E2qQ6>. Thank you!

SIGN UP TO SERVE!

With the resumption of in-person worship, friends and members of Westminster now have more opportunities to serve! Check out <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b49a8a82ea64-wpcSunday> to sign up to bring snacks for all-church fellowship or serve as an usher, greeter, or worship leader.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

Pastor Alex is putting together a class for all who are interested in church membership or learning more about what it means to be Presbyterian. Class schedule TBD, depending on the preferences of the students. If you would like to participate, please contact Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell (alexl@wpcd.org or 214-351-3251).

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

Westminster welcomes your continued support. Checks can be sent to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 8200 Devonshire Dr, Dallas, TX 75209 or give online through Venmo (our username is West-Presby, (last 4 digits 5290). If you have questions or need help, contact Dan Stoyak in the business office dans@wpcd.org or 214-351-3251.

ONLINE WORSHIP INFORMATION

Worship at Westminster is broadcast live on Facebook directly from the WPC sanctuary beginning at 11 am every Sunday morning. To access the livestream, be sure to "Like" the Westminster Presbyterian Church - Dallas Facebook page at www.facebook.com/westminsterpresbyteriandallas. Even if you are not a registered Facebook "user," you should be able to access the live stream by clicking that above link. You can see previously broadcast full worship services and sermons by clicking the "Videos" tab on the Facebook page. Videos of services, sermons, and choral anthems are also available on our YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2YYEjyOByTxyzSzEwiTw>.

SESSION

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