

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 2020
11:00 a.m.



The Canaanite / Syrophoenician woman with the dog who eats the crumbs Artist: @ReverendAlly.org/art

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE Near to the Heart of God

Virginia Halberg

WORDS OF WELCOME

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today is a Sabbath dedicated to God.

People: May God be gracious to us and bless us.

Leader: Let us give thanks and enjoy the blessings God gives.

**People: May God grant us understanding and courage.
May faith grow beyond our doubts.**

Leader: Let all the ends of the earth receive Christ's blessings.

**People: May our circle grow as we do justice and mercy.
Let us worship God.**

✠Please rise as you are able.

✧HYMN How Very Good and Pleasant (*sing twice*)

HOW VERY GOOD

How ver-y good and pleas-ant when we live in u-ni-ty. It is
like pre-cious oil, like fresh morn - ing dew. We
gath-er here to - geth-er with our hearts and voic-es raised to
God, who's the cen-ter of our u - ni - ty and praise!

✧OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for the sin we recognize in ourselves as well as the wounds we do not see. Show us how we have hurt one another and grant us courage to seek forgiveness and reconciliation. Reveal to us our disobedience to you and keep us from leading others into our sin. We seek your mercy for the times we have willfully offended. Help us put aside all actions and comments that defile. Cleanse us for new life in 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 15:10-28

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Casting Out Demons

Rev. Deanna Hollas

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

On Eagle's Wings
Kalli Hiller, Soprano

Michael Joncas/arr. Tom Fettke

TIME FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION, PRAYER, AND GIVING

Prayer Meditation

For the Troubles and Sufferings

PELAS DORES DESTE MUNDO



1 For the trou - bles and the suf - ferings of the world,
2 Lend an ear to the ris - ing cry for help



God, we call up - on your mer - cy: the
from op - pressed and hope - less peo - ple: Come!



whole cre - a - tion's la - bor - ing in pain!
Has - ten your sal - va - tion, heal - ing love!



We pray for peace, the bless - ed peace that
We pray for power, the power that will sus -



comes from mak - ing jus - tice, to cov - er and em -
tain your peo - ple's wit - ness: un - til your King - dom



brace us. Have mer - cy, Lord! come, *Ky - ri - e - le - i - son!*

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

O God, Show Mercy to Us

THAXTED

1 O God, show mer - cy to us, and bless us with your
2 For you will judge the peo - ples in truth and righ - teous -

grace; and cause to shine up - on us the bright-ness of your
ness, and on the earth all na - tions will your just rule con -

face, so that your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be
fess. Let all the peo - ples praise you; let all the na - tions

known, and un - to ev - ery peo - ple your sav - ing grace be
sing. Then earth in rich a - bun - dance to us its fruit will

shown. Let all the peo-ples praise you; let all the na - tions
bring. The Lord our God will bless us; our God will bless - ing

sing; in ev - ery land let prais - es and songs of glad - ness ring.
send, and all the earth will wor - ship to its re - mot - est end.

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Recessional

Douglas E. Wagner

O let the nations be glad and shout for joy. – Psalm 67:4

When our worship is over, our service begins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP LEADERS

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| Pastor: | Rev. Deanna Hollas | Sound Technician: | Bill Vilbig |
| Reader: | Sharon Wright | Video Technician: | Leiza McArter |
| Director of Music: | Susan Williams | Bulletin: | Emily Crump |
| Cantor: | Kalli Hiller | | |

TODAY WE WELCOME

Today we welcome Rev. Deanna Hollas to Westminster. Rev. Hollas is the Gun Violence Prevention Ministry Coordinator with the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship and the co-founder of Retreat House Spirituality Center in Richardson, Texas. In her role with the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, Rev. Hollas empowers individuals and congregations across the Presbyterian denomination as they embody Jesus's call to love God and love neighbor by being engaged and active in the prevention of gun violence. She holds a Master of Divinity from Perkins School of Theology as well as a Diploma in the Art of Spiritual Direction from San Francisco Theological Seminary. Deanna and her husband, Chris, are the proud parents of 3 young adult children. In her free time, she enjoys listening to music, being outdoors, and discovering delicious plant based harm free meals.

PRAYER AND DEVOTION

Pastor Alex will host a brief time of midday devotion and prayer on Facebook Live every weekday at noon. Please visit our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/westminsterpresbyteriandallas at 12:00pm every Monday through Friday to participate in the prayer.

ONLINE WORSHIP INFORMATION

Worship at Westminster is broadcast live on Facebook directly from the WPC sanctuary beginning at 11am 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 worship services by clicking the "Videos" tab on the facebook page. **Due to the increased public health risks of COVID-19, no worshipers will be allowed in the sanctuary while worship is being broadcast until further notice.** Don't like Facebook? Our YouTube channel, available at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2YYEjyOBjYTxzSzEwiTw> is updated every week with previously broadcast full worship services, sermons and anthems—no registration required!

FOOD AND DIAPER DONATION BOX

There is now a food drop off box for church members and neighbors to leave donations for the increasing number of vulnerable citizens in our city during the pandemic. On your regular trip to the grocery store, please consider getting a few extra items so you can prepare or provide any of the food items below.

- DIAPERS – are in high demand and frequently out of stock at stores
- Sandwiches – Peanut butter and jelly or lunch meat and cheese sandwiches. The meat and cheese sandwiches should include a slice of turkey or chicken lunch meat, a slice of cheese and a dollop of mustard. The sandwiches need to be individually placed in sandwich bags and then placed back into the loaf bag for transporting.
- Cookies – (store bought or homemade).
- Small bags of chips
- Energy/fruit/granola bars
- Bananas or fruit cups

Please wear gloves and a mask if you plan to make sandwiches or homemade cookies. Drop off the food in designated box underneath the porte-cochere behind the building next to the preschool entrance. Each day the food items will be taken inside the church and sorted and delivered to one or more of the shelters serving those experiencing homelessness or needing food. Thank you for caring for the well-being of others in these challenging times.

FACEBOOK PAGE AND GROUP

Westminster has a Page and a Group on Facebook. They are different, although until this week, they both shared the same name. Now, to minimize confusion, the Group name has been changed to "WPCD Church Family Group," while the Page is still "Westminster Presbyterian Church – Dallas."

The Page is public: <https://www.facebook.com/westminsterpresbyteriandallas/>

This is where you can stream the worship service and get other important news and announcements.

The Group is private, and you must request to be admitted: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wpcdallas/>

This is where we will share prayer requests, conversations about our church identity and mission, and other "private" matters. Join us today!

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