

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.



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## We Gather to Hear God's Word

Prelude Be Thou My Vision

arr. Paul Manz

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

### ✠ Call to Worship

Leader: Sing songs of hope and peace.

People: God's love and power have lifted us.

Leader: Sing songs of mercy and grace.

People: God's mercy and forgiveness frame our lives.

Leader: Thanks be to God for all God's love and mercy.

People: Praise be to God, whose healing power extends to each one of us.

Leader: Let us worship God!

### ✠ Hymn Praise My Soul the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your  
2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears  
3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our  
4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,  
fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,  
face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!  
slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!  
dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!  
Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

✠Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, your grace and mercy are ever-present in our lives.  
We know your forgiveness is without end,  
even when we fail to live in Christ-like ways.  
And yet, we are quick to carry a grudge—  
quick to find fault,  
quick to assign blame,  
quick to harden our hearts toward others.  
Set us apart, loving God,  
to extend and model the grace you have shown us  
by offering grace to others.  
We pray in the name of the One who died  
so that we might fully live. 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

Matthew 18:21-35 (NT p. 20)

Sermon

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

## We Respond to God's Word

✠Anthem Deep River

arr. Moses Hogan

Time for Personal Reflection, Prayer, and Giving

Prayer Meditation We are One in the Spirit (verses 1-3)

THEY KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



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we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

*Retrain*



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

✠Please stand as you are able.

# We Bear God's Word Into the World

✠Hymn      There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness  
2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures  
of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,  
of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal  
which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's  
is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more  
sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place  
faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -  
where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.  
flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

✠Benediction

Postlude      Toccata

Eugene Gigout

*When our worship is over, our service begins*