

Westminster Presbyterian Church

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 27, 2020

11:00 a.m.



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WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude Invocation in B-flat, op. 18

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Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

✠ Call to Worship

by Thom Schuman, Lectionary Liturgies

Leader: God has gathered us to this place,

People: to hear the stories that show what God's kingdom is like.

Leader: God summons us to this place

People: to learn how to serve without reservation.

Leader: God will send us from this place

People: to tell the others of God's hopes and dreams for the world.

✠Hymn Guide Me, O thou Great Jehovah

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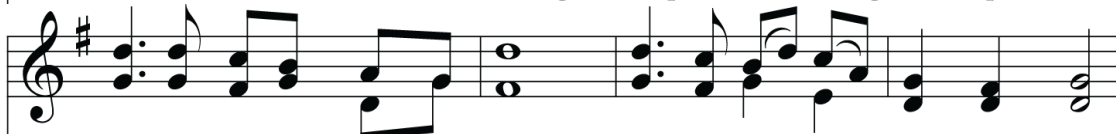
1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

✠Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession

We want to be fountains of hope for others, God of glory,
 but they find only hardened hearts.
 We want to be transformed people,
 but pride prevents us from bending a knee to you.
 We want to stand beside the needy,
 but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid in judgment.
 God who came down to us, forgive us.
 Humble us, that we might serve the oppressed and brokenhearted.
 Like the rock in the wilderness, split open our hearts,
 that compassion might flow to those who are hurting.
 Give us minds like Christ,
 that we might follow him into your kingdom of grace and hope. 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 21:23-32 (NT p. 23)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠Anthem

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,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
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

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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

...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 Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

✠Benediction

Postlude Fugue in C-major, BuxWV 174

Dietrich Buxtehude

When our worship is over, our service begins