

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WEST END PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 9, 2022 | 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MOMENT FOR GENEROSITY

PRELUDE

PASTOR T. WES

MIKE THOMAS

JOSEPH M. MARTIN

“APPALACHIAN SUNRISE”

Before this morning's worship service begins, please greet one another in Christian love, taking special care to welcome those who you do not know. May all who enter know that West End Presbyterian Church is a warm and welcoming congregation.

Please pass the Friendship Pads down the pew to your

CALL TO WORSHIP

JENNY MABRY, LITURGIST

As we assemble here, from the east and the west, the north and south,
let us recall with gratitude the many blessings of God.

O give thanks to God, who is always good, whose steadfast love endures forever!

Let all the redeemed sing their praise together, for God has turned desert experiences into pools of water, and made parched souls become like springs of living water.

O give thanks to God, who is always good, whose love in Christ Jesus endures forever!

WEARING A MASK during worship is optional. They are located at each entrance for your convenience.

Please join in reading those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

☩When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body and/or spirit.

☩HYMN NO. 643

“NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD”

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we live in a society that focuses on gathering things. We collect, store, gather items, gadgets, even people. We focus our energies on our collections providing adequate room for them and yet we bar the door to the needs of others, of those who have little or nothing, of those for whom life has been a constant struggle. We are sorry for the ways in which we have failed you. Forgive us. Turn us around to look at the ways in which our wealth, both of substance and spirit, can be used for healing and hope. Enable us to be in ministry to those in need and to care for this world. For we ask this in Jesus' name.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Family of God, lift up your spirits with thanksgiving to God whose nature is always to have mercy. All who have come clean and sought forgiveness shall never need to revisit old shame again. The untarnished future is God's and it is now offered to you with open hands. You are forgiven, all things have become new! Through Christ Jesus our Savior! **O give thanks to God who is so good, whose love goes on forever!**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Children of all ages are invited to join us on the steps during a time for the child in us all.

HYMN OF WELCOMING

“WHERE CHILDREN BELONG”

RITCHIE

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.**

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

ELIZABETH NIX

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Before reading from the Bible, we seek the illumination of the Holy Spirit and call upon God to make us receptive to the life-giving Word that comes to us through both the reading and proclamation

THE WORD READ

PSALM 107:1-9, 43

PAGE 528, OT, PEW BIBLE

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“HOLY GROUND”

LLOYD LARSON

THE WORD READ

LUKE 12:13-21

PAGE 70, NT, PEW BIBLE

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE CONFESSION OF 1967 (9.53-9.56)

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes the natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that the divine purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation. Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Now to him who by the power within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Presbyterian Church (USA) is a confessional church. Confessional means to declare, acknowledge, or affirm what Christians hold to be true. The twelve confessional documents that make up the Book of Confessions: Part I of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) point to the oldest confession in Christianity, which is "Jesus Christ is LORD". When we recite together the Affirmation of Faith, we are rising up together in body or in spirit by responding as one what we declare to be true as our ancestors in every time and place did before us.

✦ HYMN NO. 716

"GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING"

BEACH SPRING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

"NEARER MY GOD TO THEE"

MARK HAYES

✦ DOXOLOGY NO. 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous Giver, you pour forth your extravagant bounty without measure upon your whole creation. Teach us such generosity, that the fruits of our spirits and the works of our hands may be used for the building of your community of blessing. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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 FOLLOW GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN NO. 714

"GOD OF THE FERTILE FIELDS"

ITALIAN HYMN

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE

"NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT"

CHARLES CALLAHAN



THE FLOWERS GRACING THE SANCTUARY TODAY
ARE GIVEN BY JENNIFER THOMAS
IN MEMORY OF HER SISTER, LINDA THOMAS.



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