

Date: September 24, 2023
Season of the Holy Spirit

Prayer of Preparation

Anne Osdieck

O God of divine Equal Employment Opportunities, you know us all...each one's wants and needs. (Some need more, some less). It is not the pay that is our reward. It is your call to the vineyard (that place of grace), where you heap fortunes of everlasting life and love on us. Thank you for your wonderfully constant call to work in your vineyard.

Gathering in the Presence of God

**Please stand as able, in body or in spirit*

Gathering Music

Solfegietto

Bach

Welcome

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***Call to Worship** (responsively)

Liturgist

In the prayers and the praise, in the words and the wonder:

we are given enough joy to live each day.

In the justice for the oppressed, in the unexpected generosity for the lost:

we are given enough compassion to use in service each day.

In the promises made to all, in the mercy offered to each:

we are given enough grace to share each day.

*Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

GTG 475

Confessing Our Separation from God (unison)

Liturgist

It seems we cannot decide, Cloud of Glory. We say we will live to serve others but end up meeting only our needs. We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take him to work, school, home. We believe that the gospel can transform lives, (at least, for those who need it – but

surely, not us). Forgive us, Presence of Peace. Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace. Instead of continual complaining, may we carry compassion to the hurting. Instead of whiners, may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Jesus, Draw Me Close

Rick Founds

Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.
Let the world around me fade away.
Jesus, draw me close;
Closer, Lord, to You.
For I desire to worship and obey.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

We Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Liturgist

Anthem

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

GTG 837

Gospel Lesson Matthew 20:1-16

Liturgist

Source: New International Version

Reflection

It's Grace

We Respond to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

I Believe in Jesus

Marc Nelson

Joys and Hopes of the People of God & The Lord's Prayer

The Act of Gratitude

Offertory: Cinq Morceaux, *Le Sapin* Jean Sibelius
Op.75 No.5,

***Doxology: An Expression of Faith to God** GTG 606
Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (unison) Liturgist
With hope in our hearts, we offer our gifts to you, O God, trusting that you will use them in the work of your kin-dom which welcomes all, loves all, needs all, and serves all. Trusting in your heavenly grace, we pray. Amen.

We Follow God's Word into the World

***Hymn** *Here I Am Lord* GTG 69

***Benediction**

Postlude *Andante, The Bach Suite,* Oscar Peterson

Next Week's Liturgist: Faith Duncan

WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Eddie Jusino

Liturgist: Marylea Franz

Ushers: Deb Norton and Carol Pillsbury

Music: Markus Gromofsky

Soloist: Pam Jusino

The Westminster Choir

A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the past 12 years and thanks to Pat Dukes leadership, WPC has generated \$34,550 from Giants receipts. That is approximately \$2800 per year that returns to the church's ministries. For every dollar you spend at Giant Foods, WPC gets money back. An easy way to contribute money to WPC without adding any more costs to you.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – NOVEMBER 8 @ 10am - Adult Ed Bible Study returns with Alan Keohane's "Picturing Scripture", an engaging online Bible Study.

Sept. 20 & 27 – Early Church (Acts 1v1-6v7 and 6v8-12.v25)

Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25 – Paul's Early Letters (Acts 13v1 – 28-31)

Nov. 1 & 8 – Paul's 2nd Mission Letters (Thessalonians and Galatians)

Please join us for these interesting and thought-provoking sessions via Zoom. The link will be accessible on the Back of the Bulletin email and on WPC's website.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 @ 10am – SUNDAY SERVICE with COMMUNION.

Following the service, MOC will sponsor a **WORLD COMMUNION DAY** Lunch & Q&A with Ken & Judy McDyer on their Mission Work in Taiwan.

OCTOBER 1-22 - Hoodie/Sweatpants/Magic Gloves Clothing Drive for Residents of the Springboard Pallet Village (More details to follow.)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 @ 9:00am – BOARDWALK BUDDY WALK – Join us as we unite for a common cause and raise funds for the 2023 Boardwalk Buddy Walk®. Whether you have Down syndrome, know someone who does, or just want to show your support, take the first step and donate or register today! Contact Silvia Ritchie (302-604-9529 or silaxritchie@gmail.com) to walk with Westminster and get a free-t-shirt. Help us spread the word; all are welcome for our day of celebration!

Westminster has been a proud sponsor of the Buddy Walk over 19 years!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 @ 2:00-3:30pm - WPC is partnering with St. Edmond's for the BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS. Bring your pets to the church yard to receive a blessing and celebrate the bond of love that animals have with their humans, and that humans have with all of God's creation.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Trish Hill, project manager for Springboard Pallet Village in Georgetown, is dealing with extensive injuries to both her ankles. We lift her up in prayer, with confidence that God will answer her need for guidance and courage. We pray that she will receive wise medical advice and treatment leading to the best outcome. She has a long difficult road ahead; may she be assured of Our Lord's presence every step of the way.

Surgery and Post-Surgery:

Dee Austin

Frank Skorupsky (visitor 9/17)

Illness:

Carl Wagner (Bob & Jane Nicholson's son-in-law)

Jerry Brock (Nancy Brock's brother-in-law)

Bill Meyer (friend of Silvia Ritchie)

Grieving/Mourning:

Jeff Dunn (Genie Hindall's brother)