

*Sending of God's Word*

CLOSING HYMN

*Spirit, Open My Heart*

#692

Refrain: Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

1 God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender. All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. (Refrain)

2 Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story. In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. (Refrain)

3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of sister, brother. In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Announcement:**

Are you receiving church emails? There are usually 2-3 emails a week to update the community on current news and keep us all connected.

Many email servers have started to mark emails from the church as "junk" or "spam."

Here are some steps you can take to ensure you are staying connected via email. Church emails come from [office@wpceugene.org](mailto:office@wpceugene.org)

1. Check your "spam" or "junk" folder. If you find emails from the church, mark them as "not junk" or "safe."

2. Add "office@wpceugene" to your contact list. That way, your email server will recognize them.

3. Call or email Brooke in the office to make sure your email address is on the list or is current. 541-343-3140/[office@wpceugene.org](mailto:office@wpceugene.org)



**Westminster Presbyterian Church**

Eugene, Oregon

**July 18, 2021**

*Gathering Around God's Word*

GATHERING MUSIC

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come as you are to worship the Lord.

**Let us bring our songs, our prayers, and our worries.**

For God is our God and we are God's people.

**The Lord is our redeemer, and we shall be free.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

*The God of Abraham Praise (vs. 1, 2 & 4)*

#49

1 The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above, the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love! The Lord, the great I am, by earth and heaven confessed, we bow before your holy name, forever blest.

2 Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will. In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still. Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand, deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.

4 You have eternal life implanted in the soul; your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll. We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name: the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin, confident in God's love for us.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever. We confess that we act as if we are in control, as if you will bless whatever we do. We have failed to show your love or to do justice in obedience to you. We have no right to be called your children. Forgive our sins, we humbly pray. Put the mind of Christ within us. Use us to break down the walls of hostility within the church, among the nations, and around the world. Equip us to do your will, giving you glory, honor, and praise together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God forgives our iniquities and remembers our sin no more. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Word*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*Old Testament Reading: Psalm 119:97-104*

Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, for I keep

your precepts. I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

ANTHEM

*Draw Me Close*

soloist: Darlene Valtinson

SERMON

“Written in Our Hearts”

Rev. Marta Ukropina

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Responding to God’s Word*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**