

human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

*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.**

*Sending of God's Word*

CLOSING HYMN *God Be with You Until We Meet Again* #541

1 God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you, daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.

3 God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.

4 God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you; smite death's threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We will be celebrating the **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper next Sunday, August 8th**. Please bring your own juice and bread to share with your worshipping party.

**Welcome Visitors!** We are glad you are worshipping with us. Please take a moment and add your name and contact information at our Visitor Sign-in located on the table by the doors in the Narthex (the doors to the Coburg Parking Lot). This will add you to our mailing list so you will receive information and news about Westminster and our various ministries.



*"The Israelites Collecting Manna from Heaven" Rudolf von Ems (Austrian 1200-1254)*

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**

Eugene, Oregon

**August 01, 2021**

*Gathering Around God's Word*

#### GATHERING MUSIC

##### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

When the people of God were hungry,

**God rained manna upon them,  
and they ate until they were full.**

When the people of God are hungry,

**God calls us to taste the goodness of God's gifts,  
and to share our bread with one another.**

Let us worship the One who is the Bread of Life,  
**and watch for a glimpse of the heavenly banquet.**

**Let us worship God!**

##### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### OPENING HYMN

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

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1 Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God. Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word? All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down. Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

2 Sisters, will you come and help us? Moses' sister aided him. Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin? Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that he will be found. Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

3 Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace and filled with fears? Is there here a weeping Mary pouring forth a flood of tears? Brethren, join your cries to help them; sisters, let your prayers abound! Pray, O pray, that holy manna will be scattered all around.

4 Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too. Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new. Christ will call us home to heaven; at his table we'll sit down. Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin together, for we have fallen short of the glory of God.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you have called us to live lives worthy of your calling to which we have been called. But we confess to you and each other that we have not always spoken the truth in love; we have not always made every effort to maintain the unity of the Holy Spirit in the bond of peace. Forgive us and, by your grace, help us to grow in every way into him who is our head, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God sends us the bread of life in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Whoever believes in him will never be hungry; whoever believes in him will never thirst. Believe in the gospel; in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

*The Word*

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Old Testament Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15*

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the

Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

*New Testament Reading: John 6:24-35*

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

ANTHEM

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Tom & Katie Stocks/ Arlis Wozniak

SERMON

*"Grumbling and Manna"*

Rev. Marta Ukropina

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – from A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully**