

Sending of God's Word

CLOSING HYMN *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* #498

1 Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore. Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore. By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

2 Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light. By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

3 Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here. Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!" By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care. By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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 Ordination & Installation service for incoming Elders & Deacons will be **Sunday, September 5th**. We hope you can join us for worship in person outside or online via YouTube that day to celebrate this special day in the life of our congregation.

Leading in worship today:

The Revs. Marta and David Ukropina, co-pastors
Ursula Damgaard, Music Director



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Eugene, Oregon
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Gathering Around God's Word

GATHERING MUSIC

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hungering and thirsting, we come to the Lord.

Jesus is the living bread!

Feed us with your love and healing power, O Lord.

Give us the bread of hope

and compassion that we may also feed others.

Praise be to you, O Lord, for your compassion for us.

Praise be to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love. Amen.

*OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN *I Greet Thee, Who my Sure Redeemer Art* #624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart, who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

2 Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in every place: so come, O King, and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

3 Thou art the life, by which alone we live, and all our substance and our strength receive; sustain us by thy faith and by thy power, and give us strength in every trying hour.

4 Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness; no harshness hast thou and no bitterness. O grant to us the grace we find in thee, that we may dwell in perfect unity.

5 Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free; Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure, that in thy strength we evermore endure.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God is one of mercy and consolation, helping us to turn from our sin and to live for God alone. Through the power of the Holy Spirit let us confess our sin, receive forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been faithful children. We have not lived by your law; we have remained silent in the face of evil; we have not refrained from deceit; we have not followed in the ways of peace; and we have not honored what is true and good. We have been foolish and immature people who resist the holy wisdom you graciously offer. Forgive us our sin, O God, and lead us to sincere repentance through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ offers himself as the bread of life to all who would receive him. His love for us is too great for our own understanding. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 34:9-14

O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want. The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good? Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

New Testament Reading: John 6:51-58

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” The Jews then

disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

ANTHEM

Oh Lord, You're Beautiful

soloist: Elizabeth Dhungana

SERMON

“Mystery of Faith”

Rev. Marta Ukropina

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – from Colossians 1

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 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.