

*Sending of God's Word*

CLOSING HYMN

*Lead On, O King Eternal!*

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1 Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home. Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong, and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

2 Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; for not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums; with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears; your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light. The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Memorial service** for Maryann Kay, Friday, August 27, 2021 at 2:00pm at the Shedd Institute (868 High St. Eugene, OR 97401) all are invited to her celebration of life.

**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 5<sup>th</sup>**. 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:**

Rev. John Mahon

Liturgist: Dawn Champoux

Ursula Damgaard, Music Director



*Roman Armor, Strasbourg, France*

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**

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**“Take up the whole armor of God...fasten the belt of truth...put on the breastplate of righteousness...Take the shield of faith...take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” Ephesians 6:13-17**

*Gathering Around God's Word*

GATHERING MUSIC

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dawn Champoux

How lovey is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand years.

**O Lord of Hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

OPENING HYMN

*He's Got the Whole World*

He's got the whole world in his hands, he's got the whole wide world in his hands

He's got the whole world in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands

He's got the little bitty baby in his hands, he's got the little bitty baby in his hands

He's got the little bitty baby in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands  
He's got the whole world in his hands  
He's got you and me brother in his hands he's got you and me sister in his hands  
He's got you and me brother in his hands he's got the whole world in his hands  
He's got the whole world in his hands  
He's got everybody here in his hands he's got everybody here in his hands  
He's got everybody here in his hands he's got the whole world in his hands  
He's got the whole world in his hands  
He's got the whole world in his hands

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, redeem us, for we stand in need of forgiveness. We squander your mercy when we abuse your creation. We slander our neighbors and seek not peace. Nations rise up against nations, and threats of terrorism fill the air. Those who work find no hope of relief. The homeless wander without protection from harm. Christ has compassion on all those who suffer. Cleanse us of the sin that closes our hearts to our brothers and sisters. Hear now our silent prayers...**

#### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Know that God hears our prayer and will have mercy upon all who humbly repent. God sent Christ our Savior to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. God intercedes on our behalf. Lay aside your burden, and take courage from the gospel. God forgives us through Christ.

*The Word*

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE READING

*New Testament Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20*

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly

places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

ANTHEM "*In The Garden*", "*Just A Closer Walk With Thee*", "*What A Friend We Have in Jesus*"  
soloist: Robin Burk

#### SERMON

*"A Fight to the Finish"*

Rev. John Mahon

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Heidelberg Catechism

**"And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one" means: By ourselves we are too weak to hold our own even for a moment. And our sworn enemies, the devil, the world, and our own flesh, never stop attacking us. And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory."**

*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.**