

*Sending of God's Word*

CLOSING HYMN

*We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

#796

1 We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul, and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.

2 As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain, we know you come among us still with power to heal again.

3 You touch us through physicians' skills, through nurses' gifts of care, and through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.

4 Through nights of pain and wakefulness, through days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.

5 We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain, in trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.

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).

**WPC KIDS and Youth Groups** will meet today at Camp Putt for fellowship and fun. Pick up and drop off is at Camp Putt. Kids group will meet from 3:30-5:00 (bring \$6 for mini golf and a snack) and Youth Group will meet from 5-7 (bring \$15 for mini golf and pizza).  
Questions? Contact Pastor Marta 817-528-8570.

Next Sunday, **October 2nd** we will be celebrating World Communion Sunday! You do not have to bring your own communion elements. Communion will be served in a way that follows Covid protocols.

The Reopening Task Force and the WPC Session have approved a plan for worship to resume in the sanctuary. Our first worship service in the sanctuary will be on Sunday, October 10th. Important information and details on Covid protocols will be sent out this week via email, mail, and online via the church website, Facebook and Instagram.

**Leading in worship today:**

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



**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
Eugene, Oregon  
**September 26, 2021**

*Gathering Around God's Word*

GATHERING MUSIC

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

Our hope is in the name of the Lord,  
**the healer of all that is wounded.**

Our trust is in the name of the Lord,  
**the one we gather to worship and praise.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

*What A Friend We Have in Jesus*

#465

1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer! Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

In faithful prayer there is power to save the sick; anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore let us confess our sins and pray for one another so that we may be healed.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, our strength and savior, you know our great transgressions, our hidden faults, our secret sins. With our hands we grasp at power; with our feet we stumble into evil; with our eyes we look out for ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and lead us in your holy way of life and love and peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Though we wander from the truth, God brings us back and forgives us. Thanks be to God!

*The Word*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Old Testament Reading: Psalm 124*

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—let Israel now say— if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters. Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

*New Testament Reading: James 5:13-20*

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you

may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

## ANTHEM

*El Shaddai*

soloist: Darlene Valtinson

## SERMON

*“Prayers of Faith”*

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.**