

Sending of God's Word

CLOSING HYMN

I Come With Joy

#515

1 I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.

5 Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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)

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.

Happy Birthday to: Robert Burger 10/04, Peter Bergersen 10/06, John York 10/06, Bob Hladky 10/06, Kathie Hledik 10/07, Gary Schwieger 10/08, Elly Muiderman 10/08, Arlen Salthouse 10/09

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**

In the midst of our busy lives,

God calls us to community.

In the rush of work, family, and our friends,

God calls us to community.

With those who are known and with those who are strangers,

God calls us to community.

With people all around the world,

God calls us to community.

***OPENING PRAYER**

OPENING HYMN

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

#666

1 O splendor of God's glory bright, from light eternal bringing light; O Light of Light, light's living spring, true Day, all days illumining:

2 Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love, rain down your radiance from above, and to our inward hearts convey the Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.

3 O joyful be the passing day with thoughts as clear as morning's ray, with faith like noontide shining bright, our souls unshadowed by the night.

4 O Lord, with each returning morn, your image to our heart is born; O may we ever clearly view our Savior and our God in you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The God revealed to us in the pages of scripture is a welcoming and inclusive God who directs us to love one another. We seek to remove all the barriers that keep us from that love. Come now to confess all that separates us from others and from God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all the world, we come to you today confessing that we have not followed in the ways of your Son, Jess Christ. We have not loved and trusted in you. We have seen those who are treated without justice and have not offered to help. When we find ourselves in difficult circumstances our faith wavers, and we rely on ourselves instead of waiting for you to come. Forgive us, Merciful God. Create in us a clean heart and a desire to follow your ways so we may know and do what is right and pleasing to you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 26:1-8

Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering. Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and mind. For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you. I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites; I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked. I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O LORD, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds. O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides.

New Testament Reading: Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of

creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

ANTHEM

SERMON

“We’re All in This Together”

Rev. David Ukropina

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – from 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

COMMUNION 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.