

*Sending of God's Word*

CLOSING HYMN

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*The Call to Worship was written by Rev. Nathan Decker for a homecoming Sunday in a Methodist church, 2018.*

Today, **WPC KIDS Group** will meet from 1-2 for our Pumpkin Project. We will be painting 2 pumpkins each, one to keep and one that we will drop off at a fellow WPC member's door. Remember to bring your mask.

**WPC Youth Group** will meet from 5:30-7 at church. Bring \$3-5 for dinner. Remember your mask!

**Sunday School for children and youth** will begin next Sunday, October 17th. Kids will meet in their Sunday School rooms right at 10AM. Parents will pick up after worship. Masks are required.

6th-12th grade will be in the Youth Room, room 3

3rd-5th grade will be in the Elementary Room, room 2

2nd grade and under will be in the Primary room, room 4

**Happy Birthday to:** Jimmy Stanton 10/10, Dick Stewart 10/10, Ken McCarley 10/11, Riley Strode 10/11, Ady Valtinson 10/12, Grant Dwyer 10/13, Lin Hirst 10/14, Bill Valtinson 10/14

**Leading in worship today:**

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



**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
Eugene, Oregon  
**October 10, 2021**

*Gathering Around God's Word*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Home is not a building or a place we meet.**

Home is not just where we came from.

**Home is more than people and memories.**

Home is more than sentimentality or traditions.

**Home is toys on the floor.**

Home is a mess in the kitchen.

**Home is a welcome at the door.**

Home is a hug of acceptance, a welcoming word.

**Home is the laughter around the table, bread and cup.**

Home is remembering promises made in water and spirit.

**Home is seeing where God is leading us**

And going there together.

Welcome home to Westminster Presbyterian Church

**where we welcome children, care for each other, and learn how to love.**

Welcome Home.

**Where we are better together. Amen.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

*God of the Sparrow*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

God is not far from us. When trouble is near, God is our help and our refuge. Let us confess our sins to God, that we might receive mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you, to love and serve one another, and to care for all your creation. Yet, in the hardness of our hearts, we dismiss your commandments and seek to go our separate ways. Lord, have mercy on us. Redeem, restore, and re-create us, for the sake of Christ our Savior, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God hears our prayers and offers us grace upon grace. You are forgiven, be at peace.

*The Word*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Old Testament Reading: Psalm 150*

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

*New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9*

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through

whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

ANTHEM

*The Heart of Worship*

soloist: Darlene Valtinson

SERMON

*"Homecoming"*

Rev. Marta Ukropina

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Gwen Childs

*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.**