

Sunday School for children and youth. 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

Youth Group- Today at 5:30pm at the church. Bring \$3 for dinner. Hope to see you there!

TRUNK-OR-TREAT- Next Sunday, **October 31st from 1:00-3:00** in the Harlow parking lot. If you would like to decorate your trunk, let Brooke or Marta know. Candy donations are now being accepted in the church office.

Happy Birthday to: Pat Miller 10/25, Georgia Benson 10/26, Sher Castro 10/27, John Pierce 10/27, John Gundry 10/28, Diana Meakins 10/28, Martha deBroekert 10/29, Dawn Champoux 10/31, Kate Johnson 10/31

Leading in worship today:

The Revs Marta and David Ukropina, Co-pastors

Ursula Damgaard, Music Director

Jim Mitchelmore, Liturgist



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Eugene, Oregon
October 24, 2021

Gathering Around God's Word

PRELUDE

God of Wonders

Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 34

I will bless the Lord at all times.

God's praise will continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord,

let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,

let us exalt God's name together!

*OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God, who alone has the power to save and waits in mercy to forgive.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we have not been humble. We have discouraged others from seeking you. We have not sought your wisdom. Forgive us, O God, and teach us to boast only of you. Help us to celebrate when others seek after you. Give us the light of your wisdom and ways, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, the Lord hears, forgives and saves. Therefore be reconciled to one another and walk humbly before God.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 34:1-8,19-22

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all. He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken. Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Old Testament Reading: Mark 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for

you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

ANTHEM

The Heart of Worship

soloist: Darlene Valtinson

SERMON

"Opening Our Eyes"

Rev. Marta Ukropina

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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.

Sending of God's Word

CLOSING HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Great is the Lord

Michael W. Smith & Deborah D. Smith