

*Sending of God's Word*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*On Eagle's Wings*

Michael Joncas

Our Lord Jesus said "*it is more blessed to give than to receive*" and one of the ways we do this is by giving our tithes and our offerings to support the ministry and mission of the church. At this time, we are not passing a shared offering plate, but there is a place for you to leave your tithes and offerings in the Narthex.

Birthdays this week: Marian Little 2/13, Virginia Robertson 2/14, Adam Marwitz 2/15, Scott Sanquist 2/15, Cindy Sanquist 2/15, Kathryn Cotton 2/17

**The SOUPER BOWL OF CARING is TODAY.** The Youth & Kid's Groups are collecting non-perishable food to help tackle hunger in our community. Food will be donated to **FOOD FOR LANE COUNTY.**

**Youth Group** will meet in the Youth Room immediately following worship.

**Leading in worship today:**

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



**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
Eugene, Oregon  
**February 13, 2022**

*Gathering Around God's Word*

PRELUDE

*Blest Are They*

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WELCOME

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

When we turn our hearts away from God and toward ourselves, putting our trust in our own strength,

**we become like a shrub in the desert, living in a parched, salty place.**

When we trust in God, when our trust is God, we are like a tree planted by water.

**Our roots go deep, we are ever-green; even in a drought we are not anxious, but bear fruit, full and beautiful, gifts of the God who made us.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

The prophet Jeremiah says that God tests our minds and searches our hearts, because the condition of mind and heart affects actions. Trusting in God's mercy, let us invite God to search us, so that God might also lead us in the way everlasting.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of judgement and renewal, we admit to you and each other that we have not always loved you and our neighbors as fully as you call us to love. We have failed to be good stewards of the air, the water, the animals and the plants. We have turned away from you and toward our own self-interest. We have been shortsighted, and we are humbly sorry. Help us turn back to you, O Lord, to reach toward you as a tree sends its roots out toward water. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Because Christ has been raised from the dead, sin and death do not have the last word. We are forgiven, thanks be to God.

MUSIC RESPONSE

*We Are Forgiven*

Hal Hopson

*The Word*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10*

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

*Old Testament Reading: Psalm 1*

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

ANTHEM

*How Great Thou Art*

SERMON

“Roots 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.**