

Sending of God's Word

*CLOSING HYMN *Light Dawns on a Weary World* #79

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Praise You* Wayne and Elizabeth Goodine

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: Doug Schaaf 3/22, Mary Mills 3/24

Leading in worship today:
Marta and David Ukropina, co-pastors
Ursula Damgaard, Music Director



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Eugene, Oregon
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Gathering Around God's Word

PRELUDE *He Reigns* Janet Grossman

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Everyone who thirsts:
**Come to the waters, seek the Lord,
repent and return so that you may live.**

All who are hungry for righteousness:
**Come to the waters, seek the Lord,
repent and return so that you may live.**

All who need the help of God:
**Come to the waters, seek the Lord,
repent and return so that you may live.**

*OPENING HYMN *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* #435

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Scriptures call us to turn from sinful ways and return to God, who offers mercy and pardon. Trusting in that mercy, let us call upon God who is near.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. We ask this in the name of our Savior, your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Let us continue our prayers in silence.)

SUNG RESPONSE

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

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O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's love is sure and steadfast, always providing a way out, a way through, a way back to God. You are forgiven. Be at peace.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

New Testament Reading: Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

ANTHEM

soloist: Ann Miller

SERMON

"Repent and Bear Fruit"

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.