



# WESTMINSTER

— Presbyterian Church —

Albany, New York  
October 2, 2022  
Service of Worship 10:00 AM

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT WORSHIP  
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

*(Let the notes of our Prelude be the musical curtain through which we pass as we gather to worship together. Let the preparation we make together be prayerful.)*

**Piano Prelude**

“Brethren, We Have Met To Worship”

Arr. Cindy Berry  
(Attr. to William Moore)

**Call to Worship**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made!

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

One: Let us worship God.



**Opening Hymn**

#509: All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA



**Prayer of Confession**

One: Let us now confess our sins, trusting in God's boundless mercy and grace.

**All: Merciful God,  
We confess that we have sinned against you  
In thought, word, and deed,  
By what we have done,  
And by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you  
With our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,  
Help us to amend what we are,  
And direct what we shall be,  
That we may delight in your will  
And walk in your ways,  
To the glory of your holy name.**

(Time of silence)

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.  
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**All: Amen.**

## Passing The Peace

### Words of Welcome

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD



#### Prayer for Illumination

Emmanuel Barnes

One: God of All Power,  
Open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts with a spirit of wisdom and revelation.  
Help us to hear your voice, to see your ways, and to receive with joy your truth.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 1:3-7, read by Andre Ashburn

I am grateful to God--whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did--when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

#### Choir Anthem

"Holy Manna"

Arr. Kenneth W. Staton  
(Attr. to William Moore)



#### Scripture Reading

Luke 17:5-10, read by Choice Ashburn

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?"

So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

#### Sermon

Increase Our Faith!

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff



#### Hymn

#691: Lord When I Came Into This Life

LAND OF REST

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

#### Gathering Celebrations and Concerns

#### Prayer Response #851

Come, Bring Your Burdens To God  
(sung twice)

WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO

**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.**



**Offering**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**Invitation to Communion**

Leah Threatte and Caleb Bojnowski

Leader: Beloved in the Lord, draw near to the Holy Table in obedience to the command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and hear His gracious words:

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,  
for I am gentle and lowly in heart and you will find rest for your souls.  
He who comes to me I will not cast out.



**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high,  
for in the communion of your love  
Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ.  
Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us,  
with earth, sea, and sky, we sing to you.  
With brothers and sisters, east and west, we sing to you.  
And with our loved ones, separate from us now,  
who yet in this mystery are close to us,  
we join in the song of your unending greatness:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!**

## Words Of Institution

Leader: Among friends, gathered round a table,  
Jesus took bread and broke it, and said, "This is my body, broken for you."

Later he took a cup of wine and said,  
"This is the cup of the new covenant,  
the new relationship with God, which is possible for each of you.  
Take it, all of you, to remember me."

Along with Christians around the world and throughout time, we say those words as we come to this table.  
We remember Jesus' last supper.  
We remember his betrayal.  
We proclaim his death.  
In a way, this table is a lament, a reminder of the brokenness of the world and the reality of suffering.

But that's not all this table is about.

Jesus sat at the table on the night of his last supper, knowing that he was about to die.  
But he knew that his death would not be the end of the story,  
for him or for the new community that had formed around them.  
"Whenever you do this, remember me," he told them.  
He trusted that there would be more tables,  
more gatherings with bread and wine shared among his disciples.  
On the very night when they would scatter in fear,  
he proclaimed that they would gather again in celebration.

**All: We come to this table to proclaim hope,  
to gather in the midst of a world that pulls us apart,  
to find abundance in a world that focuses on scarcity,  
to find new life in a world that sees death as the end.**

## Prayer Of Consecration

Leader: In remembrance of the work and passion of our Savior Jesus Christ we Your servants have set forth this memorial of which He has commanded us. We humbly ask You to send down your Holy Spirit to sanctify both us and these Your own gifts of bread and wine, that in partaking in the bread we shall be sharing in the communion of the body of Christ and in drinking from the cup we shall be sharing in the communion of the blood of Christ. We pray that as we receive these elements we shall also receive all the benefits that are ours through Jesus Christ for our spiritual nourishment and growth in Grace and to the glory of Your most holy name.

We give thanks for our fellowship with all Your church in heaven and on earth, and pray that You fulfill in us and in all creation the purpose of Your redeeming love through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be unto You O Father Almighty now and forever more.  
Amen.



## Sharing Bread And Cup



## Prayer After Communion

**All: God of abundance,  
 With this bread of life and cup of salvation  
 You have united us with Christ,  
 Making us one with all your people.**

**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit  
 That we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
 And continue forever in the risen life  
 Of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME



### Closing Hymn

#526: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

### Charge and Benediction

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

### Choral Amen

(Choir Sings Alone)

DANISH TUNE

### Piano Postlude

\*"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Arr. Cindy Berry  
(By Henry Purcell)

(\*Note: This hymn is often sung on World Communion Sunday)

### About the piano arranger:

Cindy Woods Berry was born in Houston, Texas, started studying piano at age six, and attended Houston Baptist University. She is a composer/arranger of sacred choral anthems for all voicings, for children's anthems, and piano collections for several major publishers. She frequently serves as choral and keyboard clinician, and leads "composer weekends" and various workshops throughout the country. Her goal as a musician is to always present her music as an offering of worship to God, and to help lead others in worshiping and praising God too. She has been the recipient of ASCAP Special Awards for many years. Cindy currently lives in Killeen, Texas, where husband Bruce is Minister of Music at First Baptist Church, and where she serves as a pianist and children's choir director.

### About today's choir anthem:

This music is attributed to William Moore in the Columbian Harmony of 1825. The text was written by George Atkins in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The arranger is Kenneth Wayne Staton (1937-2021). After a stint in the US army where he worked as a Russian linguist, Staton attended college at the University of Denver. He went on to teach music, direct ensembles in the Denver community. He later relocated to Hilo, Hawaii where he taught music at Hilo College which later became the University of Hawaii at Hilo. He was integral in bringing choral music and musical theatre for the university culture as well as to Hawaii. He retired to Colorado in 2016.

*Brethren we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God; will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the word? All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down; Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.*

*Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses' sister aided him; will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin? Tell them all about the Savior, tell them that He will be found; sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.*

*Let us love our God supremely, Let us love each other, too; let us love and pray for sinners, till our God makes all things new. Then He'll call us home to heaven, at His table we'll sit down; Christ will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.*

**We welcome Darhon Rees-Rohrbacher as this week's guest musician**

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