



WESTMINSTER

— Presbyterian Church —

Albany, New York
August 30, 2026
Service of Worship 10:00 a.m.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost



Welcome to Westminster! We're glad you're here. If you're visiting us this morning, we would love to meet you and greet you. We hope everyone can stay for a picnic lunch after worship.



WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Shall We Gather at the River?

Ben Logan



Call to Worship

Gail Garrison

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 #727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (v 1-3, 6)

Call to Confession

Gail Garrison

Jesus says: Let anyone who is thirsty come to me.

John 7:37-38

Out of the believer's heart

shall flow rivers of living water.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.



Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gail Garrison

All: God of Grace, we confess that we do wrong by You: by what we do, and by what we leave undone. We betray You by our thoughts, our words, our deeds, and our deceits. We speak words of love and praise to You, while justifying self-centered actions in Your name, which harm neighbor and stranger. We transfer blame for the evils in this world to those who disagree with us and insist You are on our side. We forget to honor You with our whole selves – heart, mind, strength, and spirit. In your mercy, forgive us. Show us our feet on Your path, guided by You. Open our hearts to Your delight, that we may realize Your will, and see You as a beloved friend.

(Time of silence)

Hymn #750

Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gail Garrison

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.

Response Hymn #582

Glory To God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Passing the Peace

Gail Garrison

Words of Welcome

Gail Garrison

Special Music

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)

Nancy & Andrea Holroyd

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD



Prayer for Illumination

Gail Garrison

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 Lesson

Romans 12:9-21

read by Gail Garrison

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in afflictions, persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Sermon

I Don't Want to Hear Your Voice Today

Rev. Andrea Joy Holroyd

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer Hymn #548

May God Support You All Your Days

Gathering Celebrations and Concerns



Prayers of the People

Singing For Our Lives by Holly Near
Rev. Andrea Joy Holroyd

Singing Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.



Invitation to the Offering

Gail Garrison

Offertory Music

O Christ, Surround Me

Nancy & Andrea Holroyd

Hymn #328

Da n'ase (Praise God All You Nations)

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME



Closing Hymn #313

Lord Make Us More Holy

Charge and Benediction

As You Go On Your Way

Rev. Andrea Joy Holroyd

Postlude

Sunflower Slow Drag

Scott Joplin and Scott Hayden



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