



WESTMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Albany, New York
June 14, 2026
Service of Worship 10:00 a.m.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
The Third 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. After worship, please join us as we continue our fellowship at our coffee hour.



WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Voix Celeste

Robert Graham



Call to Worship

Kris Wilhelm

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 #305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Call to Confession

Kris Wilhelm

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)

Kris Wilhelm

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)

Hymn #422

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Assurance of Forgiveness

Kris Wilhelm

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

Kris Wilhelm

Words of Welcome

Kris Wilhelm

Special Music

God Leads Us Along

David H. Hegarty
Emma Mrowka

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD



Prayer for Illumination

Kris Wilhelm

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

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Sermon

“Love Beyond Measure”

David Bennett

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer Hymn #688

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Gathering Celebrations and Concerns



Prayers of the People

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

Kris Wilhelm

Hymn #710

We Lift Our Voices

WE ARE SENT IN GOD’S NAME



Closing Hymn #766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

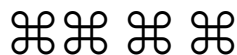
Charge and Benediction

David Bennett

Postlude

On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand

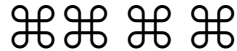
Adam Mason



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We welcome Rev. David Bennett to our pulpit this morning. Rev. David Bennett [He/Him] has been an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church USA for 23 years, serving as pastor for the First Presbyterian Church of Ballston Spa, as Resource Presbyter for Northern NY Presbytery, and since 2021 as Stated Clerk & Administrator for Albany Presbytery.

David finds fulfillment in supporting pastors and church leaders to facilitate pathways for revitalization and renewal. By fostering innovation and connecting leaders to the right resources, he believes churches can pivot and move forward as gospel communities that make a tangible difference in our world today.

David loves to spend time in the woods, especially in and around the Adirondacks mountains. He spent the last 12 years on the Board LifeWorks Community Action, Inc. and is pursuing a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy at SUNY Albany.

David is married to Kara, they have two adult children Emilie and Ethan and live in Ballston Lake.

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305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

CONFESSION

422 Create in Me a Clean Heart

(Psalm 51)

Capo 3: (C) (F) (C) (E7) (Am)
 Eb Ab Eb G7 Cm

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
 spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
 pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
 Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
 hold me with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean
 heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This reflective setting of Psalm 51:10–12 uses the first of those verses as an embracing refrain. Because of its penitential tone, a longer version of this psalm is customarily used on Ash Wednesday. In Christian tradition, it is identified as one of the seven penitential psalms.

582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

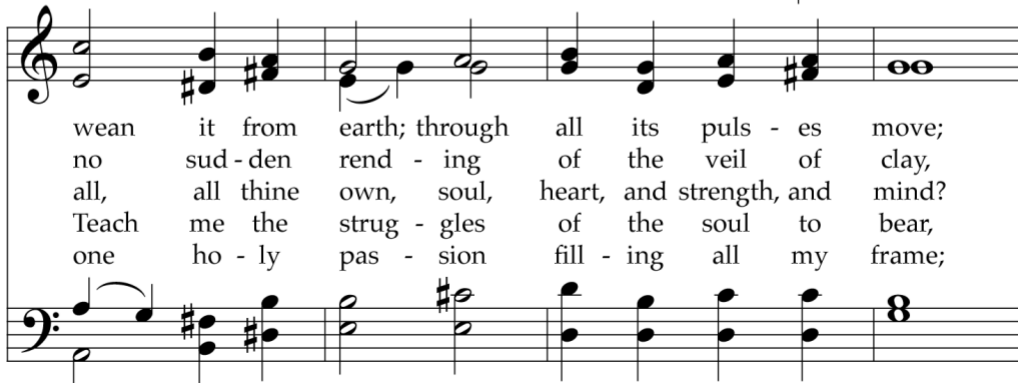
(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

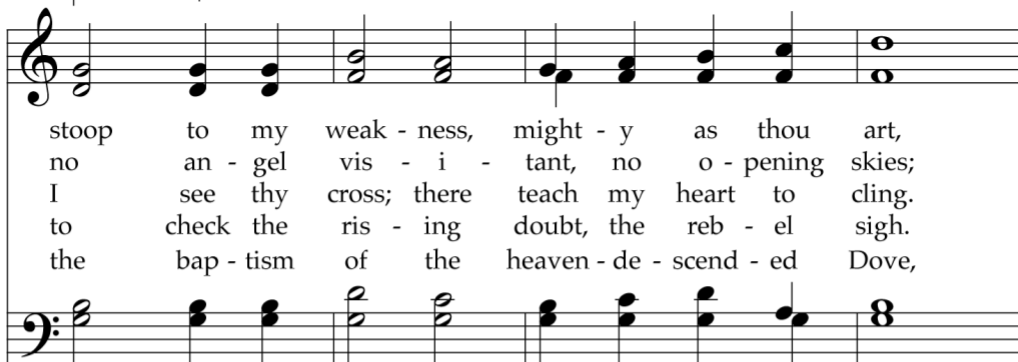
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 688



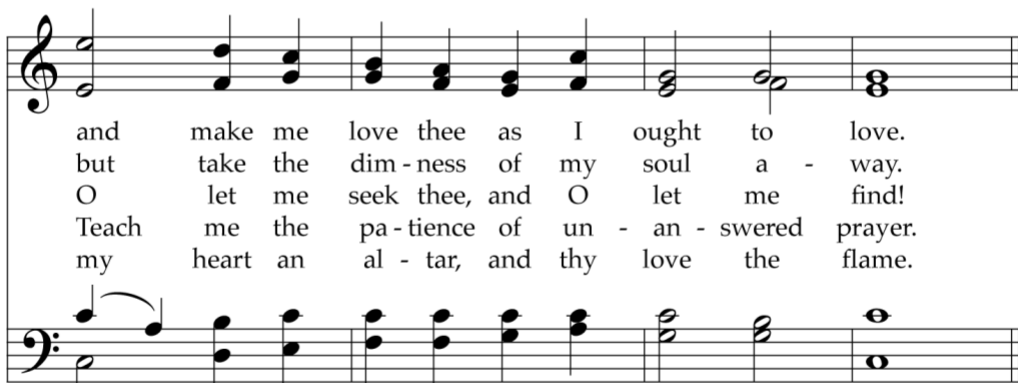
1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,



wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;



stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,



and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

This reflection on Galatians 5:25 was written by a literary Anglican clergyman whose preaching drew people of many social classes to one of the formerly poorer London churches. The tune was created for "Abide with Me" (no. 836) but more often appears with the present text.

We Lift Our Voices

We Are an Offering

710

F C F C

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our

F C 3 Dm7 F

lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our

C F C

voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our

F C 3 Dm7 F G7

lives; they are yours: we are an offering.

Em7 Asus A Dm7 F G Esus E Am

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we

F C B \flat Dm F

give to you, we give to you. We lift our

C F C F C

voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:

3 Dm7 3 C

we are an offering; we are an offering.

This praise and worship song can best be understood as reflecting on and expanding 1 Chronicles 29:14b: "For all things come of you, [O Lord,] and of your own have we given you." There are also echoes of Paul's appeal for Christians to be living sacrifices (Romans 12:1).

766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by
 2 True faith will o - pen up the door and
 3 True love will not sit i - dly by when
 4 If what we have we free - ly share to
 5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by

walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
 step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek
 jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the
 meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the
 walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and

love are found, there can the church be known.
 out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
 home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
 Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.
 love are found, there can the church be known.

This text was the winning entry in a hymnwritng competition seeking new texts dealing with poverty and homelessness, but as the stanza sung at the beginning and end of the hymn makes clear, such specific ministries grow out of an understanding of the church as love in action.