SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 27, 2023

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

SILENT MEDITATION

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ Be With You

Christ be with you, Christ within you.

Christ beside you, Christ above you.

Christ to comfort and restore you.

Christ behind you, Christ before you.

Christ in quiet, Christ in danger.

Christ in word to friend and stranger.

Christ be with you serving others.

Christ beneath you, Christ above you.

Christ be with you.

-St. Patrick

GATHERING PRAYER | STANDING

Lord Jesus Christ,
we praise you for revealing yourself to us,
becoming one of us,
and calling each of us by name.
In you, we discover who we truly are,
as you lead us to become the people you mean us to be,
one with you and with one another in your Church. Amen.



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord,

we confess that sometimes we lose sight of who you are, failing to acknowledge that you are the Messiah.

We also forget who we are in you,
where we fit into your Church,
who you mean us to be,
and what you call us to do.
Forgive us.

Turn our hearts back to you,
as we seek to grow in our faith,
and live the way of your cross.

Silence is kept for personal confession.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

Because the Word We Wait to Hear



WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

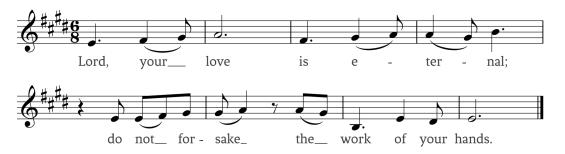
HEBREW SCRIPTURE Isaiah 51:1-6

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

The cantor sings the refrain first, then all repeat.



I will give thank to you, O Lord, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth. In the presence of the angels I will sing your praise. I will worship at your holy temple. (refrain)

I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth. When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me. (refrain)

The Lord is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar.
Your kindness, O Lord, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands. (refrain)

GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

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Thanks be to God.

Children (K-6) are dismissed to Sunday School following the scripture readings. They may be picked up from the Art Room following worship.

SERMON

I Will Build My Church
Susan Colten

SONG OF RESPONSE | STANDING

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less



Who do you say that Jesus is?

Jesus Christ is exactly like God, who cannot be seen. He is the first-born Son, superior to all creation. All things were created by him, and everything was made for him. He was before all else. and by him everything is held together. He is the head of his body, which is the church. He is the very beginning, the first to be raised from death. God was pleased to live fully in the Son. And God was pleased for Christ to make peace by his shed blood on the cross, so that all beings in heaven and on earth would be brought back to God.

SHARING THE PEACE | STANDING

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Peace, Salaam, Shalom.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus, Son of God,

hear our prayer.

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.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

How Can I Keep From Singing

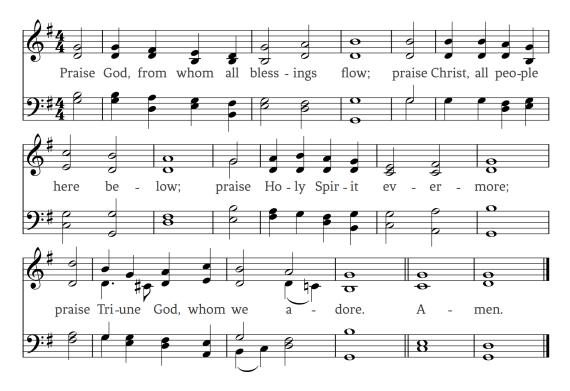
My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation, I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to the Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his. How can I keep from singing?



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | STANDING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with good gifts: our selves, our times, and our possessions.

We receive these gifts in gratitude and now offer them to the world with your love, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SENDING



CHARGE AND BENEDICTION | STANDING

POSTLUDE

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Information about weekly Bible studies and small groups can be found in your weekly email or at winnpres.org. Sign up at winnpres.org to receive our weekly email.

MEN'S SMALL GROUP (CONFERENCE B)
Saturdays @ 8:30am

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (RESUMES SEP 9) Saturdays @ 10am

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)

Tuesdays @ 7am

BIBLE STUDY (RESUMES SEPT 6)

Wednesdays @ 11am

ANNOUNCEMENTS



OFFERING

You can financially support the ministry of WPC in one of the following ways:

- Scan this QR code.
- Place your offering in the offering plate.
- Give online at winnpres.org/give-online.

WELCOME HOME SUNDAY: SEPT 10

Mark your calendars for Welcome Home Sunday. Worship returns to the sanctuary, children begin a new year of Sunday School, and we all enjoy fellowship and fun over lunch. This is a great Sunday to invite a neighbor or friend to check out WPC!

SING IN THE WELCOME HOME CHOIR

All singers are invited to sing in the Welcome Home Choir. Rehearsal will be at 8:45am on Sunday, September 10. We will learn an anthem to sing in worship that morning. If you are interested, and would like to see the music ahead of time, contact Geoff Duffy.

NEW SEASON OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

A new season of Sunday School (K-6) begins on September 17. Children come to worship with their families, and then are dismissed to Sunday School following the scripture readings. Our curriculum is lectionary-based, which means the Sunday School lessons focus on the scripture we hear in worship.

BE A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER!

We always have a need for more Sunday School teachers! All materials and curriculum are provided. You can teach as little or as much as you would like. For information, please contact Nancy Holly.

SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Susan Colten, Geoff Duffy

Greeters: Nancy Holly

Lectors: Bill McNair, Kathy Ritchell

Prayer Leader: Kathy Ritchell

Musicians: Bryan Wlas, Daniel Rausch,

Warren Oja

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WELCOME HOME SUNDAY



SEPTEMBER 10 / 10AM

Worship with Holy Communion in the sanctuary
Giving of Third Grade Bibles
Food and Fellowship following worship

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