

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 16, 2023

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

SILENT MEDITATION

GLORIA PATRI | STANDING



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to the Son, _____



glo - ry be to the Ho - ly Spir - it, Three - in - One.



As it was_ in the_ be - gin - ning, is now, and shall be




world with - out end, world with - out end. A - men.

PRAYER OF ADORATION | STANDING


O God, you are the mighty sower, the good gardener,
life-giving, constant in creation.
Christ, you are the face of the Father,
casting wisdom across the ages,
your arm outstretched to sow the Word.
Holy Spirit, you are the wind that carries the seed
and causes the fruit to flourish.
Trinity of creation and salvation,
we worship and adore you.
Amen.

HYMN | STANDING

All Things Bright and Beautiful



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1. Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2. The pur - ple-head - ed moun tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3. The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



God made their glow ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
the ripe fruit in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess that we are forever changing.
Some days we are like smooth pathways -
your Word doesn't take root at all.
At other times we are rocky ground -
we quickly seize what your Word says,
but it doesn't last.
And then there are times when our lives
are so full of other things that your Word is crowded out.
Forgive us for these lapses in our listening,
as we seek to give our full attention to your Word in our lives.

Silence is kept from personal confession.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

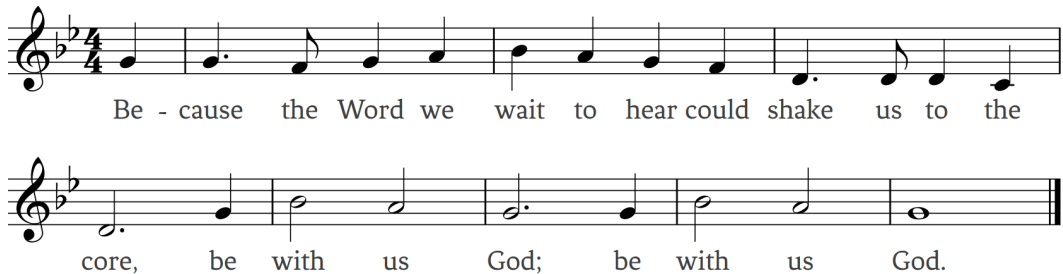
Romans 8:1-2, 11

There is no condemnation now
for those who live in union with Christ Jesus.
For the law of the Spirit, which brings us life,
has set us free from the law of sin.

Thanks be to God,
who raised Jesus to life!
God's Spirit now lives in us,
and God will raise us to life by the Spirit!

RESPONSE

Because the Word We Wait to Hear



Be - cause the Word we wait to hear could shake us to the
core, be with us God; be with us God.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 55:10-13

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 65

The cantor sings the refrain first, then all repeat.



The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruit-ful har - vest.

You have visited the land and watered it; gently have you enriched it.

God's ever-flowing streams are filled; you have prepared the grain. (refrain)

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking the ground, softening it with showers, blessing its yield. (refrain)

You have crowned the year with your bounty,
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest.

The pastures of the desert overflow, and the hills are clothed in joy. (refrain)

The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain.
They shout and sing for joy. (refrain)

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

This is the Word of the Lord. **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

“The Ag Report”
Rev. Paul Gilmore

HYMN | STANDING

The Word of God is Source and Seed



1. The Word_ of God is source and seed;
2. The Word_ of God is breath and life;
3. The Word_ of God is flesh and grace



it comes to die and sprout and grow._____
it comes to heal and wake and save._____
who comes to sing, to laugh and cry._____



So make__ your dark earth wel - come - warm;
So let__ the Spir - it touch__ and mend
So dare__ to be as Je - sus was,



root deep the grain God bent to sow._____
and rouse your dry bones from the grave._____
who came to live and love and die._____

PROFESSION OF FAITH | STANDING

from Our World Belongs to God

**We believe that God gives this world
many ways to know God.**

The creation shows God's power and majesty.

**God speaks through prophets, poets, and apostles,
and, most eloquently, through the Son.**

**The Spirit, active from the beginning,
moved people to write the Word of God
and opens our hearts to God's voice.**

**Illumined and equipped by the Spirit,
disciples of Jesus hear and do the Word,
witnessing to the good news that our world belongs to God,
who loves it deeply.**

SHARING THE PEACE | STANDING

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Peace, Salaam, Shalom

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of peace... **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

MUSIC OFFERING

When It Rains
Alasia Williams, soloist

DOXOLOGY | STANDING



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo-ple



here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;



praise Tri-une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | STANDING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

God of extravagant mercy,
we thank you that, with outstretched hands,
you have poured out wonder and pleasure and delight,
goodness and beauty and bounty.

**Take these offerings, we pray,
as a protest against all that is ugly and evil and impoverished
in our world and in ourselves -
that we, too, may be poured out for the life of the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

SENDING

CLOSING SONG | STANDING

For the Fruit of All Creation
(insert)

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 (CONFERENCE C)

Saturdays @ 10am

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)

Tuesdays @ 7am

BIBLE STUDY (CONFERENCE B)

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.

READ SCRIPTURE IN WORSHIP

We are looking for a few new voices to add our outstanding roster of scripture readers. Please let Geoff Duffy know if you're interested.

SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy

Greeters: Matt Baker, Nancy Holly

Lectors: Bill McNair, Kathy Fink

Prayer Leader: Kathy Fink

Musicians: Alasia Williams

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