

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 23, 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.

## GATHERING PRAYER | STANDING

Gracious God, we come to you  
acknowledging that our life is filled  
with both wheat and weeds.

Be gentle with us,  
and help us to help one another  
as we journey together,  
that your kingdom may come  
and your will may be done,  
here in this place,  
in our communities,  
and in our lives.  
Amen.

## HYMN | STANDING

## We Plow the Fields



1. We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,  
2. You on - ly are the Mak - er of all things near and far.  
3. We thank you, our Cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,  
You paint the way-side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.  
the seed-time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;  
No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts



the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.  
much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.  
but what you most would trea - sure: our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,

we are your harvest.

As we give thanks for the fruit of our lives,

we also remember where we have fallen short,

where weeds have grown up among the good you have planted in us.

Where we have spoken without thinking, causing hurt to others:

forgive us.

Where things have been more important to us than people:

forgive us.

Where our hearts have turned to malice and jealousy:

forgive us.

Where we have neglected you for the sake of the busyness of our lives:

forgive us,

and tend us gently,

that we may learn to imitate Jesus Christ.

*Silence is kept from personal confession.*

Amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### 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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the response, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

# WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### HEBREW SCRIPTURE

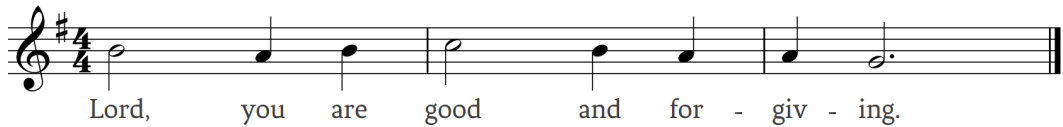
Isaiah 44:6-8

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

### PSALM

Psalm 86

*The cantor sings the refrain first, then all repeat.*



You, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in kindness to all who call upon you.  
Hearken, O Lord, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my pleading. (refrain)

All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord,  
and glorify your name.

For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds; you alone are God. (refrain)

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity.

Turn toward me, and have pity on me;  
give your strength to your servant. (refrain)

### GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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*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 Art of Weed Pulling"  
Rev. Paul Gilmore



1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2. O let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near;
3. O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
4. O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



be now and ev - er near me, my Sav - ior and my Friend.  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vants shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 O guide me, call me, draw me, up - hold me to the end,



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, draw still near - er and shield my soul from sin.  
 and speak to make me list - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
 when you in glo - ry take me, my Sav - ior and my Friend.

**PROFESSION OF FAITH | STANDING**

from *The Confession of Belhar*

We believe that God  
has entrusted the church  
with the message of reconciliation  
in and through Jesus Christ.  
We believe that the church  
is called to be the salt of the earth  
and the light of the world.  
We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit  
has conquered the powers of sin and death,  
hatred and bitterness,  
enabling the church to live in a new obedience,  
opening up new possibilities of life for our world.

**RESPONSE | STANDING**

Goodness is Stronger Than Evil

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;  
light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death.  
Vic-t'ry is ours; vic-t'ry is ours through God who loves us. us.

**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

## MUSICAL OFFERING

All Good Gifts  
Kyra Kornfeld, 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

The Word of God is Source and Seed  
(next page)

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION | STANDING

### POSTLUDE





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.\_\_\_\_\_





## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Information about weekly Bible studies and small groups can be found in your weekly email or at [winnpres.org](http://winnpres.org). Sign up at [winnpres.org](http://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](http://winnpres.org/give-online).

## SERVICE OF HEALING: NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday will be a Service of Healing and Wholeness. We will take time during our worship service to offer special prayers for anyone who is need of healing. There will also be an opportunity for you to be anointed with oil for healing. The apostle James writes, "Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord." (James 5:14)

## SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy

Greeters: Andy and Susan Langan

Lectors: Bill McNair, Andy Langan

Prayer Leader: Bill McNair

Musicians: Kyra Kornfeld

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