SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 8, 2023



GATHERING

ORGAN PRELUDE

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Welcome

SILENT MEDITATION

CHORAL INTROIT

O Lord, Open My Lips

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. Make haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

-Psalm 51:15; 70:1

CALL TO WORSHIP | STANDING

Restore us, O God of hosts:

let your face shine on us and we will be saved.

We gather to ponder your Word, to hear the whisper of your Spirit, and the shout of your prophets. Restore us, O God of hosts:

let your face shine on us and we will be saved.

We gather to reflect on our lives,

to see the needs of the world,

and to glimpse your glory.

Restore us, O God of hosts:

let your face shine on us and we will be saved.

We gather to worship you,

to sing your praise,

and to speak of your wonderful deeds.

Restore us, O God of hosts:

let your face shine on us and we will be saved.

HYMN 5 | STANDING

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, you have entrusted to us this earth as a beautiful vineyard. We have neglected it. Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you have entrusted to us people to care for with love. We have often remained indifferent to them. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you have entrusted to us our faith as a plant to grow.

We have not nurtured it. Lord, have mercy.

Merciful and tender God, forgive our sins, let your face shine on us, and we will be saved.

Silence is kept for personal confession.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUNG RESPONSE

Bless Adonai



WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

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

CHORAL RESPONSE

We long to know her, the maker of heaven, knitter of sinews and planter of grains, guardian of sheep and founder of vineyards: she is the stronghold who gently sustains. She is the sculptor who carved earth from darkness, architect building creation from dust. She is the potter who formed us and made us, gave us her breath, and now yearns for our trust.

We long to hear her, bold thunder of heaven: voice among voices that summons the soul; without her presence, there is no completeness, with her unheard, heaven cannot be whole. We know her laughter is piercing the cosmos; we know she judges injustice on earth. Shelter and shield of the hopeless and helpless, from her we learn of our infinite worth.

We long to see you, veiled wonder of heaven: hidden from view, be revealed in the light. Open our eyes to your wisdom around us; author of beauty, enliven our sight.

GOSPEL

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

Isaiah 5:1-7

We Long to Know Her

Matthew 21:33-46

Children are dismissed to Sunday School (K-6) following the scripture readings. Please pick up your children from their classrooms following worship.

SERMON

Please Don't Send Your Boy Rev. Paul Gilmore

HYMN 463 | STANDING

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SHARING THE PEACE | STANDING

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Peace, Salaam, Shalom.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of mercy,

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.

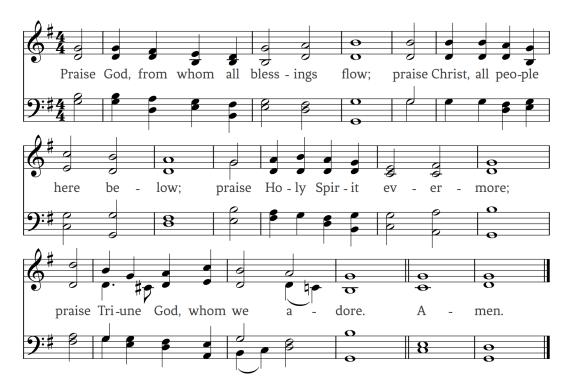
THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

In Christ Alone Matt and Ben Lewis

DOXOLOGY | STANDING



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | STANDING

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise. God of all creation, we thank you for calling us to be stewards of your gifts. Use our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to tend your Gospel, to share the fruits of your Spirit, to encourage our fellow disciples in their daily lives, and to work together for the good of all. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

HYMN 737 | STANDING

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

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 A) Saturdays @ 10am

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM) Tuesdays @ 7am

BIBLE STUDY (CONFERENCE B / ZOOM) 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.

SING IN THE CHOIR NEXT SUNDAY!

All singers are invited to sing in the choir next Sunday. We will rehearse at 8:45am and then sing an anthem in worship. If you let Geoff know you're interested, he'll send the music to you ahead of time.

VOLUNTEER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

We need 6 volunteers each week for our three classrooms: a teacher, and a guide in each class. Contact Nancy Holly if you're interested in helping out in this way.

SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy Greeters: Andy and Susan Langan, Nancy Holly

Lectors: Karen Tokmakoff, Bill McNair Prayer Leader: Karen Tokmakoff Musicians: Bryan Wlas, Daniel Rausch Sound Technician: Russell Gloyd

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