

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOME HOME SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP | STANDING

From our wanderings and wonderings,
we are welcomed home by God.

From our detours and mishaps,
we are rescued and returned to safety by God.

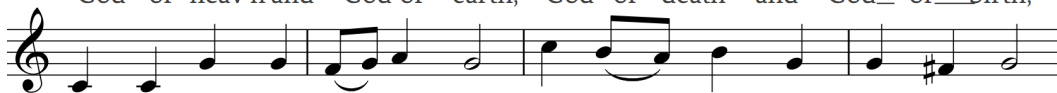
Come to be found this day,
for all are welcome here.

HYMN | STANDING

God of Great and God of Small



1. God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
2. God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
3. God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
4. God of heav'n and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - 'ry hour,
God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,



al - le lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,
we confess that we have not turned away from sin.
You search for us, like lost sheep,
but we pretend not to hear your voice.
You treasure us, like lost coins,
but we spend our lives in foolish ways.

Forgive us.

**Help us to repent and turn to you,
so that we may enjoy the joyful feast
of redemption and restoration.**

Silence is kept for personal confession.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHORAL RESPONSE

Grace Above All
Psalm 139

O Lord, you have searched me. O Lord, you have known me.
You know when I rise, you know when I sleep,
you know my thoughts from afar.

O Lord, you have searched me, my paths and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

O Lord, you have heard me, before I have spoken.
You know what's behind, you know what's before,
you place your hand upon me.

Such love is beyond me, such knowledge too wonderful,
it is a grace above all thought.

Whither shall I go from your Spirit?

Whither shall I flee your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there.

To the ends of the sea you still lead me.

O God, you did form and knit me together,
your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

O Lord, precious are your thoughts.

How vast are the sum of them.

If I were to count, to list every one,
they number even more than the sand.

LISTENING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE

1 Timothy 1:12-17

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

HYMN | STANDING

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

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

Children remain in worship today so they may celebrate communion with their families. K-6 Sunday School begins next Sunday.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Lula Beukenkamp, Madeline Hyde
Mary Kelly, River Lewis, Preston Todd
Kip Cabanilla, Nick Warren, Zach Warren

SERMON

Rev. Paul Gilmore

MUSICAL OFFERING

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
and long for heaven and home
when Jesus is my portion?
My constant friend is he.
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free.
For his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

Whenever I am tempted,
whenever clouds arise,
when songs give place to sighing,
when hope within me dies.
I draw the closer to him;
from cares he sets me free.
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

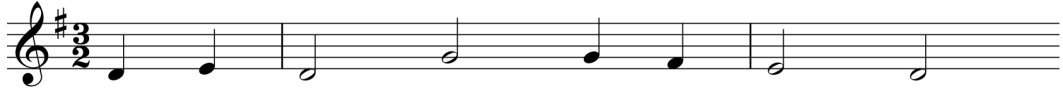
SHARING THE PEACE | STANDING

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

COMMUNING

INVITATION TO THE TABLE | STANDING

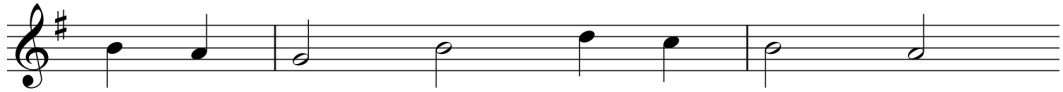
There Is Now a New Creation



1. There is now a new cre - a - tion
2. Call the lost and found to - geth - er;
3. Wrap the pro - di - gal in wel - come;
4. Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion;
5. There is now a new cre - a - tion



through the grace of Je - sus____ Christ,
tell the news to ev - 'ry - one:
run to greet the way - ward____ child.
come and join this hap - py____ feast;
through the grace of Je - sus____ Christ.



peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion
now the past is gone for - ev - er
All is fin - ished and for - giv - en;
Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion
Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion,



with the God of end - less life.
and a new life has be - gun.
let us now be re - con - ciled.
to the great - est and the least.
to the God of end - less life.

The congregation remains standing.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | STANDING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

It is right, it is good, and it is joyful
to give thanks to you, Loving God,
because you created this world and called a people to yourself.
When we had strayed far from the fold,
you searched high and low,
sending Jesus to bring us back to you.
When we had wandered away,
Jesus sought us out,
placing us on his shoulders,
rejoicing as he brought us home to you.
And so we join with the joy of all the angels,
and all the company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending praise...

Ho ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord God of_ Hosts, Heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry: Glo-ry be to you,_ O Lord, most high.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing.

God of grace,
through Christ Jesus you came into the world
to save sinners, to welcome them, and to eat with them.
You spread this table in our sight,
inviting us to join in the feast.

Send down your Holy Spirit,
that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us
a communion in the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

Searching God,
find those who are lost;
reach those who have strayed;
pursue those who are determined to wander further and further away.
Bring hope and deliverance to those who are in need of healing...

Desmond Farrar, Dave and Rebeca Massey, Kathy and Bill McNair,
Nicole Pilnard, Wendy Gessing, Lee Butler, Lois Klimstra, Mary Anne Dellva,
Ettie Loughheed, Sara Creasy, Andrew DaMiano, and Carol Hunter.

We rejoice in the lives of those
whom you have drawn into your eternal embrace,
especially Jim Steiner and Mary Wright.
Strengthened by their witness,
may we be grateful for their example,
living in justice and love
until we join them in life eternal.

Immortal, invisible God,
redeem your whole creation in the power of your Spirit,
and draw all things into your presence,
through Jesus Christ, your Son, who taught us to pray...

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.**

The congregation is seated.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

At This Table
Bryan Wlas, soloist

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God,
we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
May we go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

CLOSING SONG | STANDING

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine! (3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

CHARGE AND BLESSING | STANDING

Everyone is invited to Indian Hill Park for our Welcome Home Picnic!

*Indian Hill Park
130 Wilson Street (Winnetka)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up at winnpres.org to receive our weekly email for all the latest WPC news.

FLOWERS TODAY

The flowers today are given by the Steiner family in loving memory of Jim Steiner, whose memorial was yesterday.

The roses on the communion table are in celebration of Phyllis Beattie and Francisco Guterrez's new grandchildren, Amari Kaul Gutierrez (4/8/22) and James Feeney Gutierrez (6/9/22).



OFFERING

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

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

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY @ 11AM

We will return IN PERSON (and on Zoom) Bible Study this Wednesday! Whether you join us in Conference Room B or from the comfort of your own living room ... all are welcome at Bible Study when we resume.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY

Fall Sunday School (K-6) will begin on September 18. Children remain in worship with their families until after the scripture reading. They are then dismissed to their classes. Sunday School ends at 11am.

HELP TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are always looking for teachers and guides to help pass the faith along to our children. You do not have to be a parent to teach Sunday School. Just email Nancy Holly to let her know you're interested!

WE NEED READERS AND GREETERS

We are looking for some new people to volunteer to read scripture and/or lead the prayers during worship. We are also in need of people to volunteer to be greeters (arrive about 15 minutes before worship to hand out bulletins and greet people). If you are interested in helping out in this way, please let Geoff Duffy know.

WELCOME KYRA!

This Sunday, Kyra Kornfeld joins our ensemble of amazing singers as our new soprano soloist. Kyra Kornfeld is a recent graduate of Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. She's originally from Austin (TX), and just moved to Chicago to start her first job teaching Pre-K through 8th grade music.

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Information about Bible studies, small groups, and other opportunities can be found in your weekly email or at winnpres.org.

SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy
Greeters: Nancy Holly, Sherri and Bob Lewis
Lectors: Karen Tokmakoff, Sherri Lewis
Musicians: Bryan Wlas, Daniel Rausch, Kelsey Goodwin, Kyra Kornfeld, Warren Oja, Ben Lewis, Matt Lewis

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Worship @ 10am in the CLC
Picnic following @ Indian Hill Park (130 Wilson Street, Winnetka)



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