

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023



GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

SILENT MEDITATION

CHORAL INTROIT

Morning Song

For flowers that bloom about our feet; for tender grass so fresh and sweet;
For song of bird and hum of bee; for all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank thee.
For blue of stream and blue of sky; for pleasant shade of branches high;
For fragrant air and cooling breeze; for beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we thank thee.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

PRAYER OF ADORATION | STANDING

Creator God,
your generosity far outweighs our deserving,
your grace is far more beautiful than our imagining,
and your forgiveness far exceeds our understanding.
With hearts and voices raised,
we now offer you our worship and thanksgiving.
Amen.

HYMN 33 | STANDING

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
where you have been merciful, we have been mean;
where you have been generous, we have been grudging;
where you have been forgiving, we have been hard-hearted.
Heal us and free us.
Release us from the things that hurt us,
the things that hurt others,
and the things that hurt our world.

Silence is kept for personal confession.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SHARING THE PEACE | STANDING

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

Peace, Salaam, Shalom.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

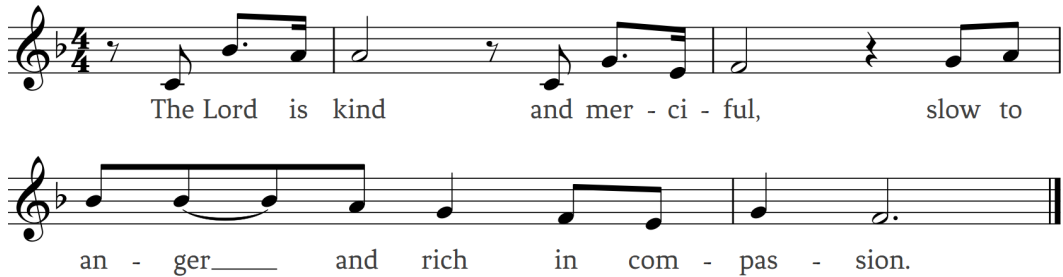
Genesis 50:15-21

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

PSALM

Psalm 103

The cantor sings the refrain first, then all repeat.



The Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful, slow to
an - ger and rich in com - pas - sion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits. (refrain)

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills.
He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion. (refrain)

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever.
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
nor does he requite us according to our crimes. (refrain)

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

Children are dismissed to Sunday School (K-6) following the scripture readings.

Please pick up your children from their classrooms following worship.

SERMON

“Forgiveness”

Rev. Paul Gilmore

HYMN | STANDING

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1. There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the
 2. There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new
 3. But we make God's love too nar - row by false



wide - ness of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
 worlds as great as this. There is room for fresh cre - a - tions
 lim - its of our own; and we mag - ni - fy God's strict-ness



which is more than lib - er - ty. There is wel - come for the
 in that up - per home of bliss. For the love of God is
 with a zeal God will not own. If our love were but more



sin - ner, and more grac - es for the good; there is
 broad - er than the meas - ures of our mind. And the
 sim - ple, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our



mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 lives re - flect thanks-giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful 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

Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
grant that I may not seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

-attributed to Francis of Assisi

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

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.

O God, you are the source of our forgiveness
even when the lives we lead do not reflect the words we profess.

We are surprised by your generosity and praise you.

We are in awe of your mercy and praise you.

We are confident of your faithfulness and praise you.

We are the people we are and the people we can become
because of you – and we praise you.

**For all your blessings, for all your patience, for all your love,
we praise you in Jesus' name. Amen.**

SENDING

CLOSING SONG 774 | STANDING

There is Now a New Creation

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION | STANDING

POSTLUDE

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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.

NEW SEASON OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

A new season of Sunday School (K-6) begins today. Children come to worship with their families, and then are dismissed to Sunday School following the scripture readings.

BE A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

We always have a need for Sunday School teachers! All materials are provided. You can teach as little or as much as you would like. Contact Nancy Holly for information.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: SAT @ 10AM

We are excited to introduce our next Bible study, *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*. If you would like more information or wish to be included in the WPC Women's Bible study communication please contact Nancy Holly.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY @ 11AM

Join Pastor Paul as we take a deep dive each week into the preaching text for the upcoming Sunday. Whether you join us in person or from the comfort of your own living room ... all are welcome!

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. If you are interested, please let Geoff Duffy know.

SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore

Greeters: Matt Baker, Nancy Holly

Lectors: Cindy Ritchell, Barbara Scott

Musicians: Annie Liu (piano), Bryan Wlas,

Daniel Rausch, Kyra Kornfeld,

Alasia Williams

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