

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

This evening, our Jewish friends begin their observance of Yom Kippur. The days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are known as the *Days of Awe*. The music heard in the synagogue during this time reminds worshippers of the mercy of God and of the need to return to more faithful ways of living. We are using two of these pieces this morning in our own worship - *Hashivenu* and *Avinu Malkenu*.

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

The God of Abraham Praise

*Based on a liturgical poem used during daily prayer, this hymn uses a melody found in synagogue worship of the 18th century. The tune is named after Meyer Lyon, the cantor of the Great Synagogue in London, who introduced it to Charles Wesley.*

### WELCOME

### SILENT MEDITATION

### CHORAL INTROIT

Hashivenu

הַשִּׁיבֵנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְנָשׁוּבָה, Hashivenu Adonai elecha v'nashuvah  
חֲדָשׁ יָמֵינוּ כְּקֵדֶם. Chadesh yameinu k'kedem

Turn us back to you, O Lord, and we will come back.  
Renew our days, as they were in the past.

-Lamentations 5:21

## PRAYER OF ADORATION | STANDING

Loving God,  
your generosity is as vast as the sky,  
as deep as the ocean, as stunning as a sunset,  
as beautiful as a smile, as mysterious as silence,  
as profound as birdsong, as unique as love.  
We can only stand in awe  
and ask that you help us become more like you:  
more generous, more compassionate, more just.  
Amen.

## HYMN 619 | STANDING

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,  
we find ourselves bitter  
when faced with your abundant grace.  
We believe ourselves more deserving than others.  
We nurse our anger and resentment at those you forgive,  
instead of rejoicing in the abundant love you show.  
Forgive us when we wish your mercy was scarce.  
Help us know that we are all in need of your grace.  
Amen.

## CHORAL RESPONSE

Avinu Malkeinu

אָבִינוּ מַלְכֵנוּ, הַנָּנוּ וְעַנְנוּ,	Avinu Malkeinu, choneinu va•aneinu
כִּי אֵין בָּנוּ מַעֲשִׂים.	ki ein banu ma•asim
עֲשֵׂה עִמָּנוּ צְדָקָה וְחַסֵּד וְהוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.	Aseih imanu tzedakah vachesed v'hoshi•einu

Our Father, our Sovereign, be gracious and answer us, for we are unworthy.  
Deal with us generously and with kindness, and be our help.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

# WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Jonah 3:10-4:11

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

### PSALM 145



1. I will\_ ev - er sing your\_ prais - es,\_\_\_ for all\_\_\_ time, your  
2. You are\_\_ gra - ci - ous, full of\_\_\_ mer - cy,\_\_\_ slow to\_\_\_ an - ger,  
3. For the\_\_ Lord is ev - er\_\_\_ faith - ful\_\_\_ to sup - ply our



name I'll bless; With - out\_\_\_ peer is your great\_ glo - ry,\_\_\_  
quick to love; Saints be - low may glimpse your\_ king - dom\_  
deep - est need; Just - ice\_\_\_ grows from ev - 'ry\_\_\_ judge - ment,



lim - it - less your right - eous - ness. Each new gen - er -  
in the\_\_ loft - y skies a - bove. In this life, the  
whole - some\_ bread from ev - 'ry\_ seed. God is ne'er too



a - tion\_ numbers all your bless - ings as their\_ own; To the\_\_  
best we\_\_ sav - or brings us clo - ser to your\_ light; All the\_\_  
far to\_\_ hear us, nev - er deaf to our de - mands; Those who\_



earth's most far - flung re - gions is your maj - es - ty made known.  
rich - es earth can\_ har - vest\_ can - not\_ match your pow'rand might.  
love and trust the\_\_ pro - mise rest se - cure with - in God's hands.

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

“The Injustice of God’s Love”

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.

## 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

Grace

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life.

-Psalm 23:6

## 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.**

Loving God,

as the landowner gave work to all those who needed it,

so you give grace

**and we thank you;**

so you give strength

**and we thank you;**

so you give hope

**and we thank you;**

so you give purpose  
**and we thank you;**

so you give life  
**and we thank you.**

We thank you for all your love and care.

**In Jesus' name, we thank you.**

**Amen.**

## SENDING

**CLOSING SONG 649** | STANDING

Amazing Grace

**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](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 A)

Saturdays @ 10am

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)

Tuesdays @ 7am

### BIBLE STUDY (CONFERENCE B / ZOOM)

Wednesdays @ 11am

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONGRATULATIONS!

The rose on the communion table today is to celebrate the birth of Scott Waylon Thomas, born September 15 to Emily and Andy Thomas. Scott is the grandson of Cynthia and Scott Dallmeyer.

### 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*.

## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY @ 11AM

Join Pastor Paul as we take a deep dive each week into the text for the upcoming Sunday.



### OFFERING

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

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- Place your offering in the offering plate.
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## SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy

Greeters: Bob and Liz Crowe, Nancy Holly

Lectors: Kathy Fink, Andy Langan

Prayer Leader: Sherri Lewis

Musicians: Bryan Wlas, Daniel Rausch,

Kyra Kornfeld, Alasia Williams,

Warren Oja (cello)

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