

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Of Westminster



The Service of Worship
11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 25, 2019 – 10:00 am

Pre-Service Music

“No Matter What”
“How Can I Keep from Singing?”
"Give Me Jesus"
“All My Hope”

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: Before we got up this morning and decided to come to church,
People: God was waiting for us, to welcome us with grace.
Leader: When we are unsure of what to do; when we falter before the next step,
***People: we come to listen to God's voice,
to learn from the One who teaches us all we ever need to know.***
Leader: When we are surrounded by cruelty and injustice;
when our fears cripple our souls,
***People: God delivers us with steadfast love;
we are set free to be God's sons and daughters.***



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Concerns, Prayers of the People: (*Prayer Cards can be found in the pew.*)
Prayer Family – Paul and Margo Higdon –

 Prayer for the Day: *(in unison)*

Rock of Ages: when we are afraid and can only whisper our fear, you bend over to listen to us. When everyone acts as if they can't remember our name, you know us as your Beloved. When we cannot seem to tell others all that you have done for us, you put the Word into our mouths. And we tremble with praise.

Word of the Lord: when others would weigh us down with shame and guilt you set us free with your joy. When we are bent over by our doubts and questions, you reach out to touch us with your hope and grace. And we tremble with praise.

God in Community, Holy in One, yet once more, we tremble with praise and joy as we pray as Jesus has taught us, 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 sins as we forgive those who sinned against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

 Song: "Help Us Accept Each Other" *(Words are on the screens.)*

Confession of Sin:

Call to Confession

 Prayer of Confession: *(in unison)*

We come to you with our prayers, Holy God. Our crippling spirits keep us from following you. Our grudges weigh us down until we cannot walk straight in your way. Our anger becomes a fire which scorches our friends and loved ones. Our fears blind us to the goodness in those we believe to be different.

Forgive us, God our Rock, and set us free from our wrong-doings and failures. From the day of our birth, we have known your love, grace, and hope. So let us offer up our joyful thanks, as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, reaches out to touch us with His healing forgiveness, yet once more.

 Silent Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace:

L: May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

P: ***And also with you.***

(Now please share The Peace with those around you.)



Anthem: "Lord of the Dance" – *arr. Shackley*

 Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Luke 13:10-17 *(NRSV)*

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: ***Thanks be to God.***

Sermon: "Cure for an Aching Back"

The Offering:

Invitation to Offering

Presentation of Offerings

Offertory: "How Beautiful" – *arr. Shackley*



Prayer of Dedication

Doxology: #592 *(on the screens)*



Song: "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee" *(Words are on the screens.)*



Benediction



Response: "Go Forth" *(on the screens)*

Postlude: "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him" – *arr. Blake*



Please note: at places marked by  all who are able are asked to stand.

As Our Service of Worship Ends,
Our Ministry of Service Begins!
