

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Of Westminster



The Service of Worship
12th Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 2019 – 10:00 am

Pre-Service Music:

“Red Letters”
“He Reigns”
“If We Are the Body”
“O My Soul”

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: We come to worship our God, to listen to the One who calls us here.

People: *We come trusting God to lead us in the coming days,
as surely as were our grandparents in the faith.*

Leader: We come to worship our God, to shout with joy to the God of all people.

People: *We come to the Creator of all things, to be bathed in the waters of life.*

Leader: We come to the Feast of God's faithful,
to be fed by the One who never forsakes us.

People: *We come to worship our God, to sing aloud to the One who saves us.*



Concerns, Prayers of the People: (*Prayer Cards can be found in the pew.*)

Prayer Family – Stacy Phillips and Emma Weber –



Prayer for the Day: (*in unison*)

*Yesterday, God of our days, when our hunger for hope had weakened us so we
could barely speak, you fed us with the Bread of life, spread with the sweet honey of
your grace.*



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Today, Host to the poor, when we look for you in the powerful and the rich, among the superstars and celebrities, we will find you seated with the children, your knees squeezed painfully under the table, entertaining them with your stories.

Tomorrow, Spirit of Service, when we will be scrambling for the seats of honor, you will be in the kitchen cooking dinner for the prisoners; making up guest rooms for the visitors; singing lullabies of love to the lost children of our world.

God in Community, Holy in One: yesterday, today, tomorrow, always, we will pray as Jesus has taught us, saying, 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: “Take My Life” (Words are on the screens.)

Confession of Sin:

 Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession: *(in unison)*

We are always uncomfortable, Watching God, when you notice how we want to sit in the seats of honor. We can be so proper, so good, so well-off, that it is easy to imagine we are superior to the poor. We are so busy completing our 'To Do' list each day, that we forget to do good when we have the chance.

Forgive us, Welcoming God. Fill our emptiness with your grace and humility that we would spend our lives alongside Jesus, our Lord and Savior, throwing a party for the poor, the damaged, the prisoner, the lost, the oppressed.

 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.)



Children’s Moment: *Blessing of the Backpacks*

(Following the Children’s Moment, children ages 4-7 (preschool-1st grade) are invited to Children’s Worship. They will return after the sermon.)

Anthem: “Great is Thy Faithfulness” – *arr. Anderson / Keel*

Handbells: Ben Messinger Flute: Shari Schucht

 Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-8 *(NRSV)*

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon: “A Winning Life”

The Offering:

Invitation to Offering

Presentation of Offerings

Offertory: “Oh, How He Loves You and Me” – *arr. Hayes*



Prayer of Dedication

Doxology: #592 *(on the screens)*

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

(Please hold each the bread and the cup until all have been served)



Song: “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

(Words are on the screens.)



Benediction



Response: “Go Forth” *(on the screens)*

Postlude: “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” – *arr. Page*

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!
