

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Of Westminster



The Service of Worship
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 4, 2018 – 11:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Thee We Adore” – arr. Moklebust

(During the prelude we invite you to center yourself for worship)

Call to Worship:

Leader: You are welcome in this place, where God meets us in love.

People: *Why are we here? We are here to love God
with all that we have and all that we are.*

Leader: You are welcome in this place, where God loves us as children.

People: *Why are we here? We are here to love ourselves
as deeply as God loves us.*

Leader: Welcome to this place where God serves us at the table of love and grace.

People: *Why are we here? We are here to be sent forth
to love others as deeply as we love God and ourselves.*

 Prayer for the Day: *(in unison)*

Living God: *when there is a famine in our souls, you feed us with grace; when there are pockets of poverty in our love for others, you bless us with generosity; when we are empty and alone, you move into our hearts.*

Jesus, Bearer of the good things which have come to us: *you bend down to lift us from despair; you embrace those who haven't a friend in the world; you open the eyes of those struck blind by arrogance and ambition.*

Eternal Spirit: *you walk with us wherever we go; you take the fragments of our lives and reshape us into holy people; you are with us, and not even death can separate us.*



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God in Community, Holy in One, hear us as we pray as Jesus 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.

Dedication of our Pledges and Gifts to God and to the Church

 Hymn: #525 “Here I Am, Lord” (Words are on the screens.)

Confession of Sin:

Call to Confession


 Prayer of Confession: *(in unison)*

We are hesitant to confess, Holy God, how hard it is to love as you wish. It is easy to love you with all that we are, except when you ask us to love our neighbor with all that we have. We find it hard to love our neighbor, when it is linked to the way we love ourselves. And it is difficult to love anyone - even You - more than we love ourselves.

Forgive us, Love Eternal. As you took a risk in creating us, help us to take risks to love others compassionately, to love ourselves genuinely, and to love you as completely as you love us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

 Silent Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

 Response: #579 “Glory Be to the Father”

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 *(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: “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” – *arr. Moglebust*

 Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 146 *(Pew Bible, page 622)*
Mark 12:28-34 *(Pew Bible, page 1005)*

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “And the Word Is...Love”

 Hymn: #372 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” *(Words are on the screens.)*

 Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed *(page 14, The Hymnal)*

 Concerns, Prayers of the People *(Prayer Cards can be found in the pew.)*
Prayer Family – Iona Pitts –


Moment for Mission: *Operation Christmas Child* *Joan Spangler*

The Offering:


Invitation to Offering

Presentation of Offerings

Offertory: “I Love You, Lord” – *arr. Schrader*


 Prayer of Dedication

Doxology: #592 *(on the screens)*

 Hymn: #394 “There is a Balm in Gilead” *(Words are on the screens.)*

 Benediction

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

 Postlude: “Give Thanks unto God” – *arr. Ryan*

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!
