

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Of Westminster



The Service of Worship
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2020 – 11:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Speak, O Lord” – *Getty/Townend*

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

Call to Worship:

Leader: As we offer a welcome to a stranger or friend,
as we are embraced in their kindness,

People: we choose to be people of life and blessing.

Leader: As we serve others in God's name,
as we receive blessings from those we do not know,

People: we choose to walk in God's way.

Leader: As we forgive those who have hurt us,
as we reach out to those we have harmed,

People: we choose to be reconciled to our sisters and brothers.

 Prayer for the Day: *(in unison)*

Loving God, you do not stand there with a ruler in your fist, ready to smack our hands whenever we do wrong, but are that gentle Parent who wants only the best for their children.

You do not look at us through the lenses of judgment, Servant of all, but see us as your sisters and brothers who have wandered away, and so you reach out and take our hands so we might walk together.



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You do not hold anything back, Spirit of goodness, but you fill our empty lives with the waters of grace and peace, so we might overflow with love, wonder, joy, and hope, true blessings to the world.

God in Community, Holy in One, may we choose always, and in all ways, to be your people, and we pray as Christ 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.

 Hymn: #359 “More Love to Thee, O Christ” (Words are on the screens.)

Confession of Sin:

Call to Confession

 Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

How often we make the wrong choices, God of our lives! We look at others through the prism of lust, distorting who they really are. We let our 'mad' feed us with bitterness and hurt. We toss about harmful words like so many snowballs on a winter's day. We would rather insult those around us, than to lift them up.

Have mercy on us, God who is everywhere. May we set aside our quarreling natures to be united in common worship, common service, and a common purpose, as we follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

 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.)



 Response: #579 “Glory Be to the Father”

Children’s Moment: *Nickel-a-Meal*

[Following the Children’s Moment, children ages 4-7 (preschool-1st grade)

are invited to Children’s Worship/Sprouts. They will return after the sermon.

On the first Sunday of the month, only the Sprouts and New Creation singing groups will meet.]

Anthem: “Down by the Riverside” – Rutter

 Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: (Screens as well as Matthew’s reading will be from NRSV.)

Matthew 5:21-37 (NIV Pew Bible, page 959)

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: “The Art of Impersonation”

 Hymn: #220 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” (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 – Emily, Kenny, Brendan and Liam Cugle –

The Offering:

Invitation to Offering

Presentation of Offerings

Offertory: “We Give Our Lives” – Martin

 Prayer of Dedication

Doxology: #592 (on the screens)

 Hymn: #265 “Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand” (Words are on the screens.)

 Benediction

 Response: “Go Forth” (on the screens)

 Postlude: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” – arr. Innes

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!
