

Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church

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Gathering

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PRELUDE

“Kingsfold”

J.W. Krug
Handbell Ensemble

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Sumner

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: What does God require of us?

**All: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly
with our God.**

*HYMN

“The Gift of Love”

Gift of Love

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.

*CALL TO PRAYER

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*SUMMARY OF THE LAW

One: Our Lord Jesus said:

**All: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind.**

One: This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it:

All: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

One: On these two commands hang all the law and the prophets.

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 6: 4-9

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

SOLO

“Avinu Melkeinu”

Jewish Prayer offered on Yom Kippur

Norton Christeson, Soloist

Our Father, our King! Hear our voice. Our Father our King. We have sinned before You. Our Father, our King! Have compassion on us, and on our children. Our Father, our King! End disease, war, and hunger around the world. Bring an end to all conflict and oppression around the world. Our Father, our King! Our Father our King! Write us in the book of life.

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 22: 34-40

When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Lessons for Living”

Dr. Sumner

*HYMN

“The Lord is God”

Azmon

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise!
to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.

With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might, O people, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.

At night or day, at home, away, together and apart, O children, take these holy words and keep them in your heart.

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks and praise to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.

PASTORAL 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.

RECEPTION OF TITHES and OFFERINGS

This congregation continues to need offerings to support the staff and missions we have. You may mail checks to us or have your checks mailed regularly from your bank at no cost to you. Otherwise, you may give by credit or debit card by going to www.wbts.org and clicking "Donate now."

OFFERTORY "Allegro" Powell

*DOXOLOGY (Sung)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

God of love, we offer you this day:
our worship, our offering, and our very selves.
We dedicate to You what we do in this sanctuary,
what we give for Christ's work in the world,
and the lives we live each and every day.
Receive all that we give in Jesus Name. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Where Charity and Love Prevail" Verses 1, 3,4,5

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love we are thus bound.

Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.

Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

Love can exclude no race or creed if honored by God's name;
Our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

Sending

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Praise to the Lord" Bender

*All who are able may stand

Announcements

WE ARE PLANNING to offer a Reception of New Members for an upcoming in-person worship this fall. If you would like to have questions answered about the church or you want to know how to join, please call the office and leave a message at 386-767-8342 or send an email to kdowner@wbts.org.

FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY:

By Kitty French, in loving memory of her mother, Marie Regan.

By Joan & Chris Gigicos, in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary!

Organist:	Kendra Cochenour
Choir Director:	Norton Christeson
Choir Member:	Mary Ann Sumner
Choir Member:	Jeanne Keiper
Liturgist:	Janet Lindfors
Videographer:	Kristin Downer