

Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church

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Gathering

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PRELUDE "Intermezzo" Reinberger

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Sumner

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the Lord's name is great among the nations.

All: Praise the Lord!

One: The Lord's name be praised!

*HYMN "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" *Grosser Gott, wir loben dich*

Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.

All on earth your scepter claim; all in heaven above adore you.

Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising, fill the
heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

All apostles join the strain as your sacred name they hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain, and the blessed martyrs follow,
and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name you,
while in essence only one; undivided God we claim you, and
adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

*WORDS OF PREPARATION (*If you have not been baptized, consider following the words and consider your decision about following Christ*)

*SIMPLE REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

One: Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ.... Let us reaffirm with joy our baptisms as we recommit ourselves to following Jesus. Who is your Lord and Savior?

All: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

One: Let us pray: Amen. (Water is poured with these words)

*RESPONSE

“Baptized in Water”

Bunessan

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King; heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God’s praises we sing.

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 8: 26-38

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

QUARTET

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

Zundel

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Jesus Commissions Disciples”

Dr. Sumner

*HYMN

“Today We All Are Called to be Disciples”

Kingsfold

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,

to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth ordained the human race
to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God act out the living word, and walk
the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

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 "O That The Lord Would Guide My Ways"

Beck

*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)

Lord Jesus, in response to your saving love for us, we rededicate ourselves to sharing our faith...to making and teaching disciples. We share from our resources and dedicate our offerings so your church can continue to spread your truth and your love. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Go to the World"

Sine Nomine

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia! Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place.

Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia! Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"
Alleluia! Alleluia.

Sending

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "How Firm a Foundation"
*All who are able may stand

Wood

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:

Jan and Mack Toles, in celebration of Mack's birthday!
Sandra Stephenson, in celebration of the healing of her knee.

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