

# *Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church*

*The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Sumner*

*The Rev. Dr Radford Rader*

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## *Gathering*

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PRELUDE "By Waters Still" Lovelace

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Sumner

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: How very good and pleasant it is

**All: when we live in unity.**

One: We gather here together with our hearts and voices raised to God,

**All: who is the center of our unity and praise!**

\*HYMN "Brethren, We Have Met for Worship" *Holy Manna*

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.

Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word?

All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down.

Brethren pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you come and help us? Moses' sister aided him.

Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?

Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that he will be found.

Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be scattered all around.

Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace and filled with fears?

Is there here a weeping Mary pouring forth a flood of tears?

Brethren, join your cries to help them, sisters, let your prayers abound!

Pray, O pray, that holy manna will be scattered all around.

Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other too.

Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.

Christ will call us home to heaven; at his table we'll sit down.

Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

CALL TO PRAYER Dr. Rader

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, you know what kind of people we are. We judge others harshly and fail to see our own sin. We look with suspicion and fear, and neglect to show hospitality to strangers. Some treasure things of no worth and squander precious gifts. Sometimes we withhold grace and love that you give so freely. Forgive us, and save us from our sins; in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### \*RESPONSE

*Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see!

## MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

### SOLO

“If With All Your Hearts” from “Elijah”

Mendelssohn  
Norton Christeson, Soloist

### THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 7:36-50

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee’s house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.” Jesus spoke up and said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” “Teacher,” he replied, “speak.” “A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?” Simon answered, “I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt.” And Jesus said to him, “You have judged rightly.” Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.” Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, “Who

is this who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

DUET REPOSE: "A Prophet Woman Broke a Jar"

Jeanne Keiper and Mary Ann Sumner

SERMON "The Greatness of Forgiveness"

Dr. Sumner

\*HYMN "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*Nettleton*

*(An Ebenezer is a "stone of help," taken from 1 Samuel 7:12)*

Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope by thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the throne of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

## 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](http://www.wbts.org) and clicking "Donate now."

OFFERTORY "Andante Amabile

Kuhnau

\*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 all goodness, bless the gifts each of us brings today. May our gifts, freely given, strengthen bodies, nourish spirits, and in every way be used for your glory. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN                    “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”                    *In Babilone*  
There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea.  
There’s a kindness in God’s justice which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.  
There is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.  
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful we would gladly trust God’s Word, and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

### *Sending*

#### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                    “Trumpet Tune in D Major”                    Johnson  
\*All who are able may stand

### *Announcements*

#### FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY:

Dr. and Mrs. Ui Ho Park and daughter Jane Park, in loving memory of their son and brother, James I. Park.

Herb Jones, in honor of the ??? anniversary of Lorraine Jones’ birth.

ALL SAINTS COMMUNION: Sunday will be observed on November 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be a quiet, reflective service. This year a verbal necrology (reading of names) during the in-person service will take place, naming church members who have died since January 2020. For the online service, anyone can electronically send a picture of a loved one who has died, with his or her name written out, and perhaps a candle or candles in a photo. Photos will need to be emailed to Mary Ann Sumner (MAflam@aol.com) by October 31 to be prepared for our online service on November 7<sup>th</sup>. We hope these services will comfort you.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE will meet November 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Anyone who was not a member of the committee prior to the pandemic that would like to join us, we’d love to have you! We hope to see you at the meeting. You can reach out to the church office with any questions.

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