

# *Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church*

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## *Gathering*

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PRELUDE "Andante" Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Sumner

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed are those who serve the poor,

**All: they shall be called the children of God.**

One: Blessed are those who share the wealth,

**All: they shall be called the children of God.**

One: Blessed are those who work for good,

**All: they shall be called the children of God.**

One: Blessed are those who open doors,

**All: they shall be called the children of God.**

One: Blessed are those who show Christ's love,

**All: they shall be called the children of God.**

\*HYMN "O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer" Stuttgart

O my soul, bless your Redeemer, all within me bless God's name;  
bless the Savior, and forget not all God's mercies to proclaim.

God forgives all your transgressions, all diseases gently heals;  
God redeems you from destruction, and with you so kindly deals.

Far as east from west is distant, God has put away our sin;  
like the pity of a father has the Lord's compassion been.

As it was without beginning, so it lasts without an end;  
to their children's children ever shall God's righteousness extend.

Unto such as keep God's cov'nant and are steadfast in God's way;  
unto those who still remember the commandments and obey.

CALL TO PRAYER Dr. Rader

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord Jesus: Judge of the nations: we confess that we have not seen your face among our neighbors in need. At times, we have not shared our food with the hungry, offered clothes to the destitute or shelter to the homeless. Also, there are days we have not welcomed strangers or visited prisoners. Lord: forgive us; open our eyes to recognize your beloved family. We offer our sincere repentance as we seek to see you in others. Amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### \*RESPONSE

*Stuttgart*

Bless your Maker, all you creatures ever under God's control,  
all throughout God's vast dominion, bless the Lord of all my soul!

## MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE FIRST LESSON

Daniel 12: 1-4

“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. But you, Daniel, keep the words secret and the book sealed until the time of the end. Many shall be running back and forth, and evil shall increase.”

### SOLO

“Come Ye Blessed”

John Prindle Scott

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Jeffrey Sumner, Soloist

### THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did

not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Come Ye Blessed”

Dr. Sumner

\*HYMN “Together We Serve”

*San Anselmo*

Together we serve, united by love, inviting God’s world to the glorious feast.

We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, extending God’s love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope, a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.

We learn, year by year, to let love shine through until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy the poor, the busy, the lonely and all who need care.

We offer a home to those who will come, our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace, we witness and work, remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.

Together we serve in Spirit and truth, remembering love is the strength of our song.

#### PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Compassionate Lord,

**People: Receive our 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 “Great Peace Have Those Who Love Thy Law”

Groom

\*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 people, we know that we are blessed and are called to be a blessing. With the gifts we offer to you, may others be blessed: some hearing your word and welcomed into your family; some comforted in trouble and distress; some having their human needs met. Keep us generous for the sake of our Lord Jesus. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN

“Live into Hope”

*Truro*

Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God’s own jubilee!

Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity;  
removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be,  
the right to have one’s daily bread, to hear God’s word and thus be fed.

Live in to hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

### *Sending*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Chaconne”

Buxtehude

\*All who are able may stand

### *Announcements*

#### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Today we welcome the following persons into membership:

#### FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY:

Pete & Patty Zahn, in celebration of Patty’s mom, Sandy McMaster’s on her birthday.

By Jeanne Keiper, in loving memory of her parents Malcolm and Kay Hubert.

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