

Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church
World Communion Sunday

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Sumner

The Rev. Dr Radford Rader

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Gathering

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(Those who wish to prepare a juice product and some bread may place them near your seat, and perhaps light a candle if you can do so safely. Then you may pray this prayer over your bread and cup: "O God of Love: I ask you to bless this food before I partake of it, and set it apart for this Holy use, that the bread may be the Bread of Life for me, and the cup may be the Cup of the New Covenant. Amen.)

PRELUDE "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" Handbell Ensemble

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Sumner

CALL TO WORSHIP (Reponsively)

One: This is the day the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: God made the world and welcomed us in it.

All: Let us welcome all as well!

*HYMN "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord *St. Thomas*

I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode, the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God. Her walls before thee stand,
dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers ascend;
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways; her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.

*CALL TO PRAYER

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Creator God: you breathed, and this world and all that is in it came into being. You called it good, very good. You welcomed us to this home and called us very good. Forgive us when we treat your creation like a doormat, dirty and forgotten. Forgive us when we forget that we are also very good and will always be welcomed by you. Create in us a renewed spirit of welcome for the world. For others, and for ourselves. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*RESPONSE

Gloria

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia! Alleluia!

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Rader

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:24- 2:3

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 6:10-13

[Jesus] said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"God's Welcome Mat"

Dr. Sumner

*HYMN

"There is Now a New Creation"

Stuttgart

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER CONTINUES WITH SUNG RESPONSES

Celtic Alleluia

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power God of might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest!
Bless-ed is he who comes, he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest; hosanna in the highest!

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come to earth again.

A-men. Amen. A-men.

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.

*CLOSING HYMN "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers.

Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear.

And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;

but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Sending

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "In Christ There is No East or West"

(Tune: "McKee") Callahan

*All who are able may stand

Announcements

FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY John & Tina Ericsson, in loving memory of their parents, Carl & Eleanor Ericsson and Mike & Sally Linta.

OUR 8:45 SERVICE has been suspended for now.

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