

Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church

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The Rev. Dr Radford Rader

All Saints Communion

November 7, 2021

Gathering

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PRELUDE

"The Penitent"

Martin

LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNION CANDLES

Janet Lindfors

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Sumner

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Rader

One: Sisters and brothers, we have been raised with Christ to
new life, freed from every fear, and granted every grace.

All: With songs of praise let us worship God.

HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Nicaea

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only though art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.

RESPONSE

George Whelpton, 1897

“Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us Thy Peace. Amen.”

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION


THE FIRST LESSON is David’s confession after his sins described last week in 2 Samuel 11 and 12. Psalms through the ages were often sung in a responsorial fashion as we do today:

Cantor: Verses 1-6

Jeffrey Sumner

RESPONSE:

The Grail David Clark Isele, 1979
Refrain Unison



The sac - ri - fice You ac - cept, O God, is a hum - ble spir - it.

THE SECOND LESSON – Luke 15: 11-24

Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“The Confession of a Lifetime”

Dr. Sumner

HYMN

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Melita

Eternal Father, strong to save whose arm has bound the restless wave, who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep. O hear us when we cry to thee, for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard, who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amidst its rage did sleep; O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude, and bade its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger’s hour; from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them where so e’er they go; thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

Gigue on “Sine Nomine”

Proulx

SUNG RESPONSE

Aurelia

“[The church] on earth has union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them,
The meek and lowly, may live eternally.”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Lord, we stand today in that long line of saints who committed their lives to your service and gave generously from their blessings for the sake of your kingdom on earth. We seek to be like them in faithfulness and stewardship. Receive us and our gifts. Bless all who give and all who receive. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

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

Land of Rest

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest!
Bless-ed is 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 again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come 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.

THE COMMUNION

(Remembering those who have joined the "Great Cloud of Witnesses.")

HYMN

"For All the Saints"

Sine Nomine.

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name,
O Jesus be forever blest, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou,
in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Quartet will sing verse 3 in harmony)

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear
the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again,
and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through
gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sending

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugato on "Sine Nomine"

Proulx

Announcements

FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY:

Marianne Sabatka, in memory of her parents, Hilda & Herald Beall.

PAPER COPIES of the November Spire are available today from one of the ushers.

Financial results thru 9/30/21

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Collections for the year	\$ 411,768	\$ 314,068
Expenditures for the year	\$ 411,768	\$ 396,561
Amount over (under) needs	\$ 0	\$ (82,493)

THIS WEEK continues our Stewardship Emphasis weeks. Today we focus on church members from ages past who have gone to their eternal rest. They sacrificed for the church we have today.

An Estimate of Giving Sheet has been included in each bulletin. We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting this congregation and returning your Estimates of Giving Sheet to the church by Sunday, November 21st.

JOIN WESTMINSTER: any who would like to talk about Westminster and consider joining should call the office at 386-767-8342 and Rev. Sumner will return your call.