Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Sumner January 23, 2022

Gathering

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PRELUDE "Father Most Holy" Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Jeffrey Sumner

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Radford Rader

One: Let us worship together in Christ

All: for Christ has made us one body, his Church.

One: Ours is not a solitary faith but one shared in community.

All: We are each valuable members of this body; our shared gifts are crucial for the Church to fulfill Christ's calling.

One: As one, raise your voices in song and your hearts in shared love.

All: Together we will worship, praise and serve the Lord!

HYMN "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

God, you spin the whirling planets, fill the seas and spread the plain, mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, call forth sunshine, wind and rain. We, created in your image, would a true reflection be of your justice, grace and mercy, and the truth that makes us free.

You have called us to be faithful in our life and ministry. We respond in grateful worship joined in one community. When we blur your gracious image, focus us and make us whole. Healed and strengthened as your people, we move onward toward your goal.

God, your word is still creating, calling us to life made new. Now reveal to us fresh vistas where there's work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care. Thus, new creatures in your image, we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we have been afraid to follow your lead: to risk rejection, serve as a servant, or witness boldly. We have rejected tasks you wanted us to perform. Our actions are often the very opposite of what you would do. Our lips remain quiet at the wrong moments and spew forth when we should bite our tongue and stay silent. We are not perfect people. Within your Church there is too much conflict. We play power games, holding back ministry and mission by our lack of trust and refusal to be bold. Too often the Church is busy building kingdoms, and your kingdom is lost to the world and us. In community, we judge quickly, before we know or pray. We continue to try to decide ourselves who belongs rather than including all you invite. The church is far from heaven. Forgive us and make us bold. Mend us and make us strong. Guide us and make us true to your way, truth and life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

JOYFUL RESPONSE "Hear the Good News of Salvation"

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love. Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above. Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST LESSON

I Corinthians 12:12-26

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

ANTHEM

"One, Faith, One Hope, One Lord"

Craig Courtney

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 13:24-30

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So, when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

SERMON

"WEEDS"

HYMN

"We All Are One in Mission"

We are all one in mission, we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single, great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name. Our ministries are different our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace, so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

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

"Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

Willan

DOXOLOGY

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN "Let Us Build a House"

vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain: All are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak and words are strong and true; where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (Refrain)

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Refrain)

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter. (Refrain)

Sending

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Allegro from Organ Concerto No. 15"

Walther

Announcements

FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY:

By the Bartells, in celebration of their 20 years of being a member of Westminster By The Sea.

<u>CHURCH MEMBERSHIP</u>: If you would like to know more about this congregation, please check "desire a call" on the red pew pad and add your phone number. Rev. Sumner will contact you.

<u>FLOWERS</u>: If you are interested in sponsoring the flowers for the front of the church on any given Sunday, contact Kristin at the church office or fill out the included Flower Insert and Kristin will call you. \$30 per bouquet (and you can take them home after the 11:00 a.m. service if you wish).

<u>SPIRES</u>: Copies of the monthly spires are available in the Narthex from one of our ushers. A new Spire will be available the first Sunday of every month, unless otherwise advised and will be available throughout the month.