

Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church
The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Sumner
January 9, 2022

Gathering

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PRELUDE "Thanks Be to Thee" Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Sumner

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) Dr. Norton Christeson

One: We have been claimed by the God who calls us children.

ALL: *We, the redeemed, have been called by name!*

One: As with the Israelites, God promises to pass us through the water.

ALL: *We will not fear, for God is with us!*

One: The rivers shall not overwhelm us, for God is our guide.

ALL: *Through God's saving grace, the waters of life cleanse us.*

One: Let us worship God!

HYMN 475 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Nettleton

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've come;

and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;

he, to rescue me from danger interposed his precious blood.

Oh, 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.

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of deliverance, you once parted the sea so that your people could cross from bondage and oppression to freedom, yet we sometimes doubt that you are at work in the world; some do not believe miracles occur any more. We place trust in others instead of in you and your ever-present love. In our

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 "I Am Bound for the Promised Land" Powell

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 489 "Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed" *Pentecost*

Wonder of wonders, here revealed: God's covenant with us is sealed, and long before we know or pray, God's love enfolds us every day.

Here in this sacrament we see God's grace unbound, for all, for me! May we respond with joyful praise in loving service all our days.

Now we our vow of faith renew, stretch wide our sights to global view; and claim with Christians far and near a larger family held dear.

Sending

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness" Manz

Announcements

FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY:

Roger & Donna Jones, in appreciation for all God's blessings.

KIRKIN O THE TARTANS: If you have a tartan you would like blessed at our upcoming Kirkin' o the Tartan's service on January 16th, please call or email Kristin in the office with your name and clan name; 386-767-8342 or wbtschurch@gmail.com.

UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES

For George Painter, Sat. 1/15, 10:00 am.

UPCOMING DATES

JANUARY 16th 8:45 Scottish Heritage Service
11:00 Kirkin' o' the Tartans!