

Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church
The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Sumner
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Gathering

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PRELUDE "Beside the Still Waters" Groom

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Sumner

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

One: Friends, we know what God desires of us:

ALL: That we do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

One: We gather this morning to remind each other about that.

ALL: To remember that now is always the right time to do these things.

One: So with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

HYMN 451 "Open My Eyes" *Open My Eyes*

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me,
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see,
open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see,
open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see,
open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Sometimes, O God, we forget people, or we toss them aside—the difficult ones, the needy ones, the ones who are hard to be around, the ones who confront us. And sometimes when we do things like that, it's not really about other people, but about us. We are uncomfortable, or we feel guilty, or we follow brighter, shinier people, or we worry about what will make us look good. We are in such desperate need of your forgiveness. We need to be forgiven for our sins, for our mistakes, for mistaking what the world values with what you value. Help us to be better, and to see more clearly, and to care more thoroughly. In Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE 591 (First time singing; second with optional clapping)
Halle, halle, halle-lujah! Halle, halle, halle-lujah! Halle, halle, halle-lujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 24: 14-22

ANTHEM "Eternal Life" Olive Dungan

THE SECOND LESSON - Acts 6: 1-7

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON AND TESTIMONIES "Gifts from Gleaners"
Jeffrey Sumner, Anne Nussle, Billy Jean Morrissey

CHORAL RESPONSE "Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake"

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. Please consider your offering at this time. Checks and cash may be put in the offering box at the door as you depart. Credit card and PayPal contributions may be given through www.wbts.org.

OFFERTORY "Children of the Heavenly Father" Lau

SUNG RESPONSE 712 "As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought" *Forest Green*
As those of old their first fruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield.
So we today our first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
Of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 767 "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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Allegro non troppo”

Stanley

Announcements

FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY:

Irene Noden, in loving memory of her husband Tom Noden, for their 40th wedding anniversary.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: 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.

SPIRES: 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.

BOOK SALE: On March 6th after both services, a sale of books will be displayed in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will support our future library purchases and our Youth Summer Mission Trip. The youth will also have baked goods for sale while supplies last. Plan to stop by our Fellowship that day!