

Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Sumner

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Gathering

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PRELUDE "The Courts of the Lord" Oldroyd

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Sumner

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

One: There are wonderous things happening every day.

ALL: **I believe; help my unbelief.**

One: There are miraculous things happening every day.

ALL: **I believe; help my unbelief.**

One: Sometimes a blessing over a meal is more than words.

ALL: **Oh Lord, bless our meal today and change our lives!**

HYMN 509 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" *Holy Manna*

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is Good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Abundance: we love the stories of feeding five thousand people with five loaves and two fish. Sometimes we don't see such abundance in our own day. We seek to do our part with food, but we may need those in power to help clear out the log jams to bring forth justice for all. We know and admit we are part of the problem. Help redirect us to be part of the solutions so all may have food and water. In the name of the Jesus, who blessed bread and fish in front of 5000 hungry people. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST LESSON – Exodus 13: 3-10

ANTHEM “Drink from the Well of Life”

THE SECOND LESSON – Matthew 14: 1-21

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

SERMON “The Making of a Miracle”

Dr. Sumner

HYMN 36 “For the Fruit of All Creation”

Ar hyd y nos

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth’s safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God’s will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God’s will be done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God’s will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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 “Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken”

Walter

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. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who have been baptized, remembering that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and who trust in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may come to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Christ Jesus. Baptized children who are being nurtured and instructed in the significance of the invitation to the Table and the meaning of their response are invited to receive the Lord's Supper, recognizing that their understanding of participation will vary according to their maturity. (From the Directory of Worship)

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

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. Amen.

THE COMMUNION

HYMN 498

“Loaves were Broken, Words were Spoken”

Beach Spring

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!"
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

POSTLUDE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Manz

Announcements

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.

ANNUAL MEETING: An annual meeting for the congregation is called for February 6th after the 11 a.m. service for the purpose of distributing Annual Reports and making changes in the Pastor's Call.

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