

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil, Handt Hanson and Jeff Jeffries¹

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Jeremiah 17

Leader: When we turn our hearts away from God and toward ourselves, putting trust in our own strength,

People: we become like a shrub in the desert, living in a parched, salty place.

Leader: When we trust in God, when our trust *is* God, we are like a tree planted by water.

People: Our roots go deep, we are ever-green; even in a drought we are not anxious, but bear fruit, full and beautiful, gifts of the God who made us.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

***HYMN 816** *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*, Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott²

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, whate'er betide thee, to bear thee through the evil days. Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move.

2 Only be still, and wait God's leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content to take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure and all-discerning love hath sent. No doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always dear.

3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine own part faithfully. Trust the rich promises of grace; so shall they be fulfilled in thee. God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of judgment and renewal, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always loved you and our neighbors as fully as you call us to love. We have failed to be good stewards of the air, the water, the animals, and the plants. We have turned away from you and toward our own self-interest. We have been shortsighted, and we are humbly sorry. Help us turn back to you, O Lord, to reach toward you as a tree sends its roots out toward water (continue with silent confession...) Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Because Christ has been raised from the dead, sin and death do not have the last word!

People: Our faith is not in vain!

Leader: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor. Thanks be to God.

***ACCLAMATION HYMN 583** *Glory to God, Taize Ecumenical Community*³
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (There is no children's time after the message this week.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Luke 6:17-26 He

came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

SECOND LESSON

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

SERMON

Your Cheatin' Heart

*HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness, Slane⁴

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy, Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace, Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm, Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 467

Give Us Light, Jyothi Dho⁵

Give us light; give us light; give us light, O Lord.

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN 804**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!, Marion⁶

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise, send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days. [Refrain]

3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go, from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe: [Refrain]

4 At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. [Refrain]

5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. [Refrain]

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune, D. German⁷

Worship Notes

Offerings and friendship forms may be placed in the plates as you exit the sanctuary. Pencils are available in the Narthex.

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Leaders Today:

Pastor: Rev. Scott Anderson

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

Liturgist: Richard Appen

AV/Tech: John Tarr



WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS February 13

As of February 17, the Thea's Table program is no longer in need of paper bags, so we will not be collecting them after that date. If you have any now, feel free to drop them off here before then.

A Note From Thea's Table

Dear Westminster Congregation,

All of us at Thea's Table want to thank you for the many ways you have supported us in our mission to provide food to school children over the past two years. The use of your building during the Covid shutdown kept us alive and enabled us to increase our number of families by over 30%. This year, you have faithfully supplied us with paper bags, saving us money and making food transportation so much easier.

We are very grateful for all the work you do in the Madison community and for all the kindnesses you have shown us.

Sincerely,

The Thea's Table Food Program Team

Parting is Sweet Sorrow

Our dear members, Pamela Wilson and Paul Quin, are moving east to be near family and today is their last Sunday with us. Please make sure to wish them well and enjoy a to-go treat in the Narthex in celebration of their new adventure.

Exploring the Presbyterian Faith with Pastor Scott Anderson

February 10th and 17th 6:30p-8:00p via Zoom In February Pastor Scott will be offering a class with two 90-minute discussion sessions via Zoom about the Presbyterian faith. We'll be using the book *To Be a Presbyterian* by Louis Weeks as our guide, which details the life, history, tradition, and beliefs of the Presbyterian Church.

Interested participants will receive a copy of the book at no cost. The class is for those who wish to learn more about the Presbyterian tradition. Individuals who wish to join our congregation will have an opportunity to do so later in February. Please contact Pastor Scott at Scott@westminstermadison.org if you are interested in participating.

Adult Forum February 27

The Madison Area Jail Ministry provides spiritual care to men & women of all faith traditions and beliefs that are incarcerated in the Dane County Jail. They create opportunities for various types of worship, prayer, self-reflection, discussion groups, and Bible study within the jail setting. They also furnish services to assist incarcerated people with a suc-

cessful return to their communities upon release from jail. Additionally they provide resources and spiritual care to jail staff. Come hear board chair, Gwen Kochan talk more about MAJM's programs and how different churches contribute to their mission on February 27 following the service.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

Care List (rotating weekly): Jack Browning, Sam Buffat, Sandy Butler, Lynn Chapman

Members & Friends: Kelly McCann, Dave & Kathy Granquist's daughter Shari, Nancy Prine, Jerry Donnell, Doug Rouse, Gordon Bischel (Dorothy Schroeder's nephew), Chuck Kamp's mom (Betsy)

NOTE: Lynn Chapman has a new address through the winter and is open to any calls or cards.

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