
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

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CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 111

Leader: Come, and praise God! In the company of God's people, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **Great are the works of God, full of glory and majesty.**
Leader: Our God is gracious and compassionate;
People: **our God is merciful and forgiving**
Leader: our God is faithful and trustworthy,
People: **our God is just and good.**
Leader: So come, let's worship God together.
People: **God's praise will last forever!**

*HYMN 504

We Come as Guests Invited, Wie Lieblich Ist Der Maien

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1 We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine, his friends on earth united to share the bread and wine; the bread of life is broken; the wine is freely poured for us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.

2 We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need, and in our hearts believing on him by faith we feed; with wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end, we find in Jesus living our ever-present friend.

3 One bread is ours for sharing, one single fruitful vine, our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine: renewed, sustained, and given by token, sign, and word, the pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been faithful children. We have not lived by your law; we have remained silent in the face of evil; we have not refrained from deceit; we have not followed in the way of peace; and we have not honored all that is true and good. We have been foolish and immature people who resist the holy wisdom you graciously offer. Forgive us our sin, O God, and lead us to sincere repentance through Jesus Christ (continue with individual confession...) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ offers himself as bread of life to all who would receive him. This proves his love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Poland

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, "You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 6:51-58

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

SERMON

Living Bread

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
Lord's Prayer

***HYMN 734**

Hope of the World, Donne Secours

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1 Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion: speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent; save us, thy people, from consuming passion, who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

2 Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven, bringing to hungry souls the bread of life: still let thy Spirit unto us be given to heal earth's wounds and end our bitter strife.

3 Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways, showing to wandering souls the path of light: walk thou beside us lest the tempting byways lure us away from thee to endless night.

4 Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us from death and deep despair, from sin and guilt: we render back the love thy mercy gave us; take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.

5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious, who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain: we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious; thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Draw Us to You, arr. M. Burkhardt

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Worship Note:

-Please place offerings & friendship forms in the collection plates as you leave the sanctuary (located at each set of doors).

Leaders Today:

Preacher: Rev. Scott Anderson
Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman
Ushers: Julie Madden & Judy Graham

Liturgist: Bob Klassy
AV/Tech: John Tarr



ANNOUNCEMENTS

School Supplies

Westminster's Adopt-a-School Partner Thoreau Elementary School is requesting school supplies for students in need. Because the school was mostly online, more than the usual number of first time attending students are expected. Needed items are:

Pencils (Ticonderoga preferred), scissors, glue, crayons (Crayola preferred), and colored pencils. We also plan to provide 60 backpacks with encouraging notes. If you'd rather leave the shopping to us, feel free to make checks payable to Westminster and write "school supplies" in the memo. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

Fall Bible Study

Rev. Jessica Salt will kick off the Fall Bible Study Wednesday, September 8th, 12:30-2pm. This class will look at Hebrews and as of now, will remain online via zoom. All are welcome! If you'd like to join, please let Katie in the office know by August 29 so we can order you a study guide. Study guides are \$10.50 and will be available in the church office as of August 18.

Summer Backyard Book Group

Pastor Scott will be leading the final book group for *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas at 4pm on August 19 and August 26 on the church patio. Books available in the office for \$13.

Pillowcases

The Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilts currently has enough sheets, so we are no longer collecting those, BUT we are still collecting pillow cases for Little Dresses for Africa over the next month. So if you have any extra, please bring them to church (bin in Narthex). Thanks!

Madinah Academy - Reception

We are very happy Madinah has found a place to continue their growth. Please join us and the staff of Madinah after worship at **11am on Sunday August 29** for a special reception with coffee and sweet treats as we celebrate our friendship and say good bye.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

Homebound Highlights (rotating each week): Patrick Mullin, Bucky Pike, Nell Seiberlich, Shirley Toomey

Members & Friends: Carla McCann, Kelly McCann, Sherry (Granquist's daughter), Gloria Stange, Nicholas Tortorich, Hannah Kwiatkowski, the family of Lou Ann Schermerhorn, Sam Hermsen

