

### 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

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, arr. D. Miller<sup>1</sup>

### CALL TO WORSHIP

I Samuel 2:1-2

Leader: Let our hearts exult in the Lord;

**People: our strength is exalted in God.**

Leader: Let our mouths be ever fixed in praise;

**People: God has given us the victory.**

Leader: There is no Holy One like the Lord;

**People: there is no Rock like our God. Praise the Lord!**

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

#### \*HYMN 24

*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*, Holy Manna<sup>2</sup>

1 God, who stretched the spangled heavens, infinite in time and place, flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space, we, your children, in your likeness, share inventive powers with you. Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.

2 Proudly rise our modern cities, stately buildings row on row; yet their windows, blank, unfeeling, stare on canyoned streets below, where the lonely drift unnoticed in the city's ebb and flow, lost to purpose and to meaning, scarcely caring where they go.

3 We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race; known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space; probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined power, facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.

4 As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew, children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you. May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun. Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

### CALL TO CONFESSION

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**God of grace, all around us are wars, and rumors of wars, and we are afraid for ourselves and our world. We follow after false leaders and grasp for whatever security we can find. Forgive us, Lord, for we are quick to forget that all of life is in your hands. Renew our hope, increase our courage, and keep us watchful for the signs of your just and peaceful reign that is to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord** (*continue with individual confession...*) **Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: People of God, Jesus Christ, who gave himself once and for all, forgives and saves.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## **\*ACCLAMATION HYMN 581**

*Glory Be to the Father, Gloria Patri*<sup>3</sup>

1 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.

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.' As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight. Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit. You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

## **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and

our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

## SERMON

*Hope Without Wavering*

## \*HYMN 838

*Standing on the Promises, Promises<sup>4</sup>*

1 Standing on the promises of Christ my king, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

*Refrain:* Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

2 Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

3 Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

4 Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Robert Binhammer, Paul Quin, Eileen Ahearn & Mark Kliewer

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

## PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts*, Taize Ecumenical Community<sup>5</sup>

1 Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy. Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

Reese Manning

## CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

## MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Paul Thompson

**\*HYMN 846**

*Fight the Good Fight, Duke Street*<sup>6</sup>

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might. Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right. Lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.

2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face. Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

3 Cast care aside; lean on thy guide. God's boundless mercy will provide. Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near. God changeth not, and thou art dear. Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Gigue Fuge, D. Buxtehude*<sup>7</sup>

***Worship Notes:***

*Offerings and friendship forms may be placed in the plates as you exit the sanctuary. Pencils are available in the Narthex. Coffee fellowship after worship is in Fellowship Hall downstairs. The Adult Forum will be in the Narthex area at 11am.*

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**Leaders Today:**

Pastor: Rev. Scott Anderson

Liturgist: Bud Smith

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr

Ushers: Judy Graham & Jean Loup



## WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS November 14

### **Coffee Fellowship**

Based on survey results, session has approved coffee hour to move indoors after worship downstairs in fellowship hall. This allows proper spacing and seating for those who desire it. A reminder that masks should still be on when not eating or drinking along with social distancing.

### **Forum Speaker Today**

Join us for the Adult Forum today in the Narthex at 11 AM featuring a presentation on Solace Friends by Ann Catlett and Kathy Kamp. Ann is the founder and Kathy is secretary of the board for this recently formed organization established to provide hospice care to the homeless in Madison. Ann is a recently retired Palliative Care Physician who has been working on her passion project, Solace Friends Inc., for several years; Kathy has been Director of the Wisconsin Partnership Housing Development, Inc. and is a member at Westminster. The 8-member Solace Board of Directors is working diligently to secure a house for Solace Home: a place of safety, comfort, and compassionate care for those who are dying but have no place to go. Our residents will include those experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity, and those who struggle with social isolation, poverty, mental illness, and/or substance use disorders. Please join us in the Narthex at 11 AM to find out more about this important initiative.

### **Thanksgiving Pie**

Remember to grab a slice of pie after worship today. Thank you to all who brought pies and helped package them!

### **Allied Drive Food Collection NEXT SUNDAY November 21**

Westminster will be doing our annual food drive to benefit the Allied Food Pantry. We will be collecting items on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. This is one way we spread our own gratitude to others in our community. In addition to basic cooking supplies, these are some specific items the pantry is looking for: ***Hearty soups, Pasta sauces, Baby wipes, Condiments, Cereal, Personal care items, Jam/Jelly***

Our confirmation students will be available to help you get food into the church if you need help.

### **Volunteers Still Needed to Deliver Food to Thoreau Families**

We could use a couple more teams of 2. On **December 3rd & December 17th**, Westminster will deliver boxes of shelf stable food weighing 12 - 15 pounds to the homes of Thoreau families. On each day, we will need 5 teams of 2 people. One person to drive & the other to navigate. At 8:30am, the teams will meet at Westminster to load 2 boxes/family into their vehicles and receive addresses for delivery. Google maps is recommended for directions. Entire process will take about 2 1/2 hours. If you're available for either one or both dates, please contact Rhea Schultz by email at [rannschi@gmail.com](mailto:rannschi@gmail.com). Bring a spouse or friend!

## **Christmas Cards for Dane County Jail**

The congregations of MAJM provide Christmas cards to the men and women in jail during the holiday season. Westminster is seeking volunteers to write heartfelt messages of encouragement. Cards can have no embellishments. Blank Christmas cards are available on the table in the Narthex (next to the white card collection basket), so feel free to write a few after worship! Any questions, please contact Rhea Schultz at rannschi@gmail.com. Examples are available. Cards due by December 1st. We hope to collect 75. Thank you!

## **2022 Dine with Nine (or Ten)**

As in the past we will form groups of 9-10 members who will meet several times over the year for fellowship and food. We anticipate that for 2022, groups will be able to meet in person with whatever COVID precautions are recommended at the time. In the past groups have met at church, in homes, at restaurants, at Concerts on the Square, etc. The group decides the venue and the menu. This is a great opportunity to get to know fellow members better and in a fun setting!

We will have a brief meeting for those interested, immediately after church, in the Narthex, on Sunday December 12th. Or if you want to sign up to participate, there is a sheet in the Narthex.

**Save the Date:** Christmas Auction will be December 11. Details coming!

**Reminder:** If you haven't turned in a pledge card, you can find extras on the tables in the Narthex and place them in the plates by the sanctuary doors.

## **IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...**

**Care List (rotating weekly):** Nell Seiberlich, Shirley Toomey, Kathy Waggener, Wade Waggener

**Members & Friends:** Kelly McCann, Gloria Stange, Ruth Hein, Dale Rohde, Sandra Cole, Bob Bush, Joel Jones, Joyce Schultze