



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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Our Mission is to be a Christian community of welcoming and nurturing faith.*

October 27, 2024

10:30 AM

GATHERING

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Bryan Franzen

Opening Hymn #336

We Gather Together

KREMSER

1 We gather together
to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens
his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing
now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name;
he forgets not his own.

we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side;
all glory be thine!

2 Beside us to guide us,
our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight

3 We all do extol thee,
thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised!
O Lord, make us free!

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Call to Worship

Andrew Marovich

I will bless the Lord at all times,
God's praise will continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord,
let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me,
let us exalt God's name together!

Hymn #65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Bryan Franzen

Let us confess our sins to God, who alone has the power to save and waits in mercy to forgive.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we have not been humble. We have discouraged others from seeking you. We have not sought your wisdom. Forgive us, O God, and teach us to boast only of you. Help us to celebrate when others seek after you. Give us the light of your wisdom and ways, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Passing of the Peace

Minute for Mission

Pat DeWhitt

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Andrew Marovich

First Reading

[Hebrews 7:23-28](#)

Time for Children

Mary Anne James

Special Music *Holy is the Lord* Franz Schubert, arr. Fred Bock
Sanctuary Choir

Second Reading [Mark 10:46-52](#)

Sermon "The Blind Man and Perfect Love" Rev. Dr. Bryan Franzen

Hymn #418 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and
watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

"Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is
pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his
mercies,
mercies for you and for me? (Refrain)

3 O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and
pardon,
pardon for you and for me. (Refrain)

THE RESPONSE

Invitation to the Offering Andrew Marovich

Offertory *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated* Henri A.C. Malan
Asa Stern arr. Craig Curry

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Doxology #609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication Andrew Marovich

Pastoral Prayer

Dave Burgess

Please submit prayer requests online to the prayer request chat
and in person using the prayer request form

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**

SENDING

Hymn #275

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

4 That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also.
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

Announcements

Celebration of October Birthdays
Charge and Blessing

1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us,
O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation

in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful,
ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.

3 Savior, when your love shall call us,
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey.
May we ever,
may we ever
reign with you in endless day.

Postlude

There Shall Be Showers of Blessing
Asa Stern, piano

James McGranahan
arr. Craig Curry

Worship Participants:

Rev. Dr. Bryan J. Franzen, Pastor
Rev. Nene Ross, Associate Pastor
Andrew Marovich, Liturgist
Mary Anne James, Children's Sermon
Amber Rasura, Music Director
Nick Mollé, Associate Worship Leader
Asa Stern, Piano
Dave Burgess, Pastoral Prayer