



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship



*Change
of
Heart,*

*Change
of
Mind*

Jonah 3:1-10

January 24, 2021

The mission of Westminster Presbyterian Church:
Creatively sharing Christ's love; we welcome, we serve, we grow.

Welcome to Worship

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

The first movement of worship in the Reformed Tradition is always one of remembering. In our tradition, praise is remembering. The Psalms of Praise always recount the mighty acts of God. That is why the Call to Worship is often an adaptation of one of those Psalms. Remembering puts us in right relationship to God. It sparks thanksgiving, confession, a willingness to listen and respond.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Word of the Lord came,

People: hope for all people cradled in his arms.

Leader: The Word of the Lord comes,

People: calling us out of our comfort zones, to go where grace is needed most.

Leader: The Word of the Lord will come,

People: gathering all the outsiders and insiders into one community of the Kingdom.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

OPENING PRAYER (LEADER)

HYMN

LET US BUILD A HOUSE

HYMNAL #301

MOVEMENT OF CONFESSION

The movement of Confession is a natural response when coming into the presence of that which is pure and holy and the destiny of all creation. In the face of something so much richer, deeper and wider than anything we can imagine, we recognize and confess that we are not God but called to live in harmony with God. Confession is the act of admitting how we fall short of all God intends for us, for the world, for all of creation.

CALL TO CONFESSION (LEADER)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Our comfortable lives convince us we do not need to follow Jesus. Our work provides for our wants, so we have no need for your grace. Our friends are found through social media, so we do not need your community. Our fear of those with different beliefs and cultures convinces us that we do not need to share your love. Forgive us for dragging our feet as Jesus disciples. May we move from our comfort zones to step out in faith. May we go to uncomfortable places to bring hope. May we proclaim with our lips, but especially with our lives, that the kingdom of love is near, brought by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

SILENT PRAYER

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Proclamation is a movement out of confession and into the wholeness God intends for us. Proclamation uses the interpretation of the Church's sacred texts as a way to help us get in touch with what we can do to come in closer harmony to that which we discern as God's will for us and for humanity. In our tradition we do not take the Bible literally but claim its value as a witness to the directionality of God's movement in human history. Thus, it becomes a foundation for understanding who we are and what we should be doing to be in harmony with the Divine.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (LEADER)

Now, after we confess, we hear the good news proclaimed: God hears our words, God sees our changed hearts, God's steadfast love is poured out upon us!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Praise God, Alleluia

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jonah 3:1-10

Sermon

Stubborn Resistance

Rev. Dr. Lorne Bostwick

The preacher is a fallible human being just like members of the congregation. She or he has, however, been trained in the tradition and has been set aside to study and interpret the texts in ways consistent with the

tradition's understanding of God. It is not meant to be the only way to understand a text but as an informed proclamation to be used by the community of faith to discern what God is calling us to do and be in our lives together.

HYMN

HELP US ACCEPT EACH OTHER

Hymnal #754

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

We the people of God hear God calling and we respond. Our prayers and offerings as well as affirmations of faith are the result of our hearing. In the worship service we speak our words of response, but God's blessing empowers us to live our prayers, our offerings, and our affirmations in the places we live and work and play.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (JOYS AND CONCERNS)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

AN INVITATION TO OFFERING (LEADER)

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

May these gifts we bring today express our faithful following of Jesus. May they become a sacred offering that calms the storms, mends the broken, heals the wounded. Give us the grace to take these gifts into uncomfortable places with faith, leaving fear behind. Astound us with your saving grace and reshape the world whole again. Amen.

HYMN

GO IN GRACE AND MAKE DISCIPLES

Hymnal #296

BENEDICTION

Welcome to Worship

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Prayer

What a Beautiful Name

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Abide with Me

Scripture: Jonah 3:1-10
Sermon: Stubborn Resistance

Musical Interlude

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

Offering
Prayer of Dedication

We Fall Down

Benediction
Postlude

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January 24, 2020

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capita**

PER CAPITA.....

is one way Presbyterians participate in the life of the Church universal as we commit ourselves to work and live in fellowship with "all persons in every nation."

2021 Per member Assessment
\$36.50 – **Due by Jan. 31st**

 <p>Life Pax come...and I will give you rest</p>	<p>LIFE PAX - UPDATE</p> <p>Life Pax will be available for FREE to those folks who want them. They can be picked up at Marje Kmetz's house (front porch), located at: 339 Summit View Ave SE, Salem, OR 97306 (please call before you come to get them) or Marje will deliver them to your house.</p>
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"IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY..." (SEE FULL ARTICLE IN THE BKS—ONLINE!)

Occasionally we hear "through the grapevine" that one of our members is ill or in the hospital, or has some other emergency which has taken them out their home. We frequently have no way to contact them to offer support, or even prayer.

Caregivers and extended family members are busy, and often don't think to contact the church for support or prayer.

If you would like to submit your emergency contacts, please email Jean at the office (jean@saalemwestpres.org) or give her a call, and she'll add the contact information to your file (503) 364-3327. All we need is a name, relationship (ie, 'daughter', 'brother', etc.) and a phone number or email address. Cheers!



5th SUNDAY - January 31, 2021 Donations to benefit Salem Dream Center

The Mission, Peace, Eco-Justice Committee is grateful for the congregation's generous support of our 5th Sunday donation drives. Your donations have made a big difference for many non-profit organizations in our area! Thank you!

The January 31, 2021 drive is upon us and will be benefiting Salem Dream Center (SDC). SDC is an interdenominational faith based nonprofit, who with just a few exceptions, are non-proselytizing. Their mission is to love people exactly as they are without expectation, demand or requirement. They receive and support all people regardless of their belief's, ethnicity, life choices, gender or age without exception or condition.

Their focus is on **education, mentorship and food sufficiency**. These three focuses are founded upon these beliefs: #1: It takes relationship to mend a broken heart, and broken lives. #2: Charity does little to help a person, and sadly it often tears away at the last fiber of self respect that a person has. #3: If we love people exactly as they are, without expectation or condition as Christ did, we can save lives one person at a time.

Donation Needs Include: Dry Good Groceries (Families arrive every Monday for food donations for their families. SDC has been serving about 500 families each month):

Flour
Mesa flour
Sugar
Dried pinto beans
Canned beans

Peanut Butter
Canned vegetables & fruit
Cereal & Bread
Dish & laundry soap

These dry good donations can be dropped off in the church narthex any weekday during the month of January. There is a large gray container labeled ***MPEJC 5th Sunday Donations*** ready to be filled! For questions or to arrange for pick up, please call Katie Nelson 503-580-5631.