



A Warm Welcome to All!

We seek to be an inclusive church,
and to show love and compassion in many ways.
If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us often
and to consider joining our congregation.

If you'd like to become more connected, please contact
Pastors Scott Paczkowski or Jan Scott at 274-1534.

Order of Worship

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 11, 2020

Gathering the Community of Faith

PRELUDE

Prelude in F Major
Juli Bey - Organ

By: Flor Peeters

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scott Paczkowski

**Please let us know you are worshiping with us,
by filling out the "Attendance Form,"
found on the livestream page.**

Celebrating God's Presence

CALL TO WORSHIP (Ex. 32, Phil. 4, Mt. 22)

Ava Wright

One: Invited by God,

All: we gather to worship.

One: Partnering with God,

All: we gather to grow in faith and to change the world.

*OPENING HYMN

Nearer, My God, to Thee (vs. 1-2)

Tune: BETHANY

(Music on pg. 8 of worship bulletin.)

Text: Sarah F. Adams

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Mt. 22)

Gracious God, you know how we confuse our roles, miss your invitation, and ignore your banquet of grace and abundant love. Clear the clouds from our eyes, that we may clearly see your call to partner and serve with you. Make room in our calendars, that we don't miss your invitation to love and serve the world. Clear our minds and soothe our troubled souls, that we may remember and treasure the opportunity to receive your abundant grace and your loving nourishment. Nourish us with your forgiveness and your mercy, that we may rejoice fully in this time of worship. In your love and grace, we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON (Phil. 4)

One: Rejoice in God, whose grace is ours.

All: Rejoice in the power of love!

(Music on pg. 9 of worship bulletin.)

**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.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Robert and Sarah Rypma present their daughter,
Margaret Drew,
for the sacrament of Baptism.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

When the pastor says, "God of Mercy," please respond with, "Hear our 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.**

Dedicating Our Lives and Offerings

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Prelude on Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me* Tune: TENDER THOUGHT
Juli Bey - Organ Arr. Charles Callahan

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #592

Doxology

OLD 100TH

(Music on pg. 9 of worship bulletin.)

Join with the Westminster Virtual Choir.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Proclaiming God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 (NRSV)

Claire Reisberg

Praise the Lord!

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord,
or declare all his praise?

Happy are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.

Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people;
help me when you deliver them;
that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,
that I may glory in your heritage.

Both we and our ancestors have sinned;
we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.

They made a calf at Horeb
and worshiped a cast image.

They exchanged the glory of God
for the image of an ox that eats grass.

They forgot God, their Savior,
who had done great things in Egypt,
wondrous works in the land of Ham,
and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.

Therefore he said he would destroy them—
had not Moses, his chosen one,
stood in the breach before him,
to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

ANTHEM

This Is My Father's World
Westminster Handbell Choir

Arr. Sandra Eithun

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 22:1-14 (NRSV)

Scott Paczkowski

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them,

and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

SERMON

"Don't Ignore the Invite"

Scott Paczkowski

Sending the Faithful into God's World

*CLOSING HYMN #438 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* (vs. 1, 2, 4) Tune: DENNIS
(Music on pg. 10 of worship bulletin.) Text: John Fawcett

*BENEDICTION (Phil. 4)

Scott Paczkowski

One: As partners with God, go to serve God's world. As friends of Christ, go to share Christ's love.

All: We go with the blessing of God, the strength of Jesus Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

*CHORAL AMEN

DANISH AMEN

(Westminster Virtual Choir 1st time, Everyone 2nd time)

POSTLUDE

Sortie in F Major
Juli Bey - Organ

By: Leon Boëllmann

* All who are able, please stand.

Participating in Worship this morning...

Rev. Dr. Scott Paczkowski, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Bill Ekhardt, Associate Pastor, Chief of Staff

Aaron Schultz, Director of Music and Art

Juli Bey, Organ and Piano

Ava Wright and Claire Reisberg, Liturgists

Westminster Handbell Choir

Westminster Choral Scholars:

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Nearer, My God, to Thee

1. Nea - rer, my God, to thee, nea - rer to thee!
 2. Though like the wan - de - rer, the sun gone down,
 3. There let the way ap - pear, steps un - to heaven;
 4. Then, with my wa - king thoughts bright with thy praise,
 5. Or if, on joy - ful wing cleav - ing the sky,

E'en though it be a cross that rais - eth me,
 dark - ness be o - ver me, my rest a stone;
 all that thou send - est me, in mer - cy given;
 out of my sto - ny griefs Be - thel I'll raise;
 sun, moon, and stars for - got, up - ward I fly,

still all my song shall be, nea - rer, my God, to thee;
 yet in my dreams I'd be nea - rer, my God, to thee;
 an - gels to beck - on me nea - rer, my God, to thee;
 so by my woes to be nea - rer, my God, to thee;
 still all my song shall be, nea - rer, my God, to thee;

nea - rer, my God, to thee, nea - rer to thee!

Text: Sarah F. Adams, 1841
 Tune: Lowell Mason, 1856



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 BETHANY
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Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Henry W. Greathouse, 1851

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

SERVICE MUSIC

592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise *Him, all crea - tures

here be - low; Praise *Him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;

Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one sharp (F-sharp), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

* Or "God."

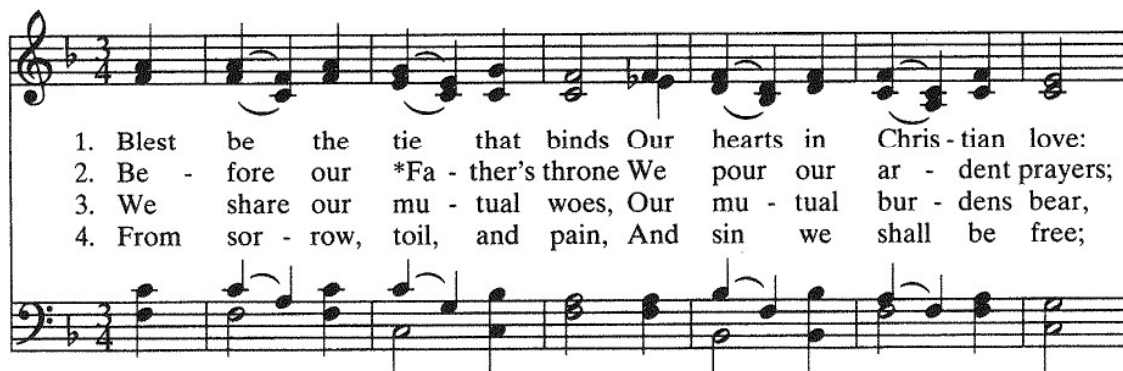
Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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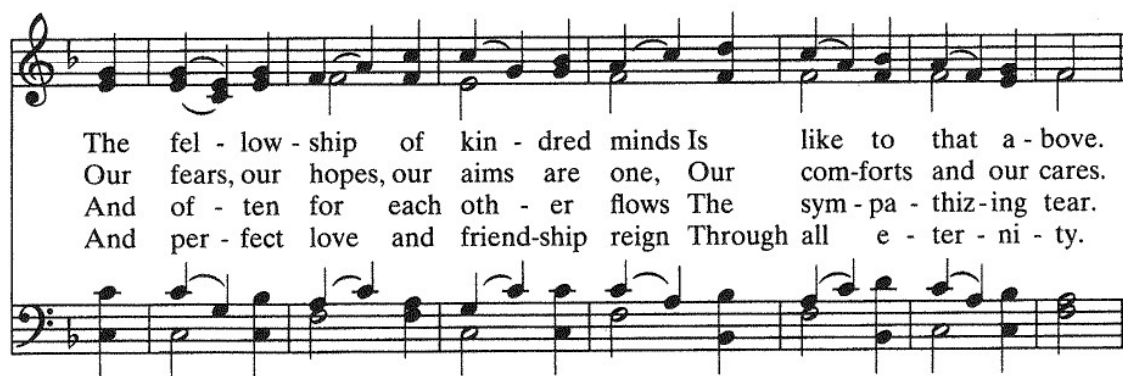
DENNIS SM

John Fawcett, 1782

Johann Georg Nägeli (1773-1836)
Arr. Lowell Mason, 1845



1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris-tian love:
2. Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;
3. We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4. From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com-forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz-ing tear.
And per - fect love and friend-ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's."

Westminster Announcements

You are the Heart of Westminster - During this difficult time in our world, you have remained faithful to God and God's church. Continuing to pledge your financial support is an act of deep faith commitment. Please fill out your pledge card and return it to Westminster. If you haven't received a pledge card, please call the church office, 274-1534. Your generous hearts bring honor to God, and joy to those benefitting from your gifts. Thank you for your ongoing faith and commitment to Westminster!

Something Big is Coming Soon for Westminster Kids' Ministry! - An exciting, new opportunity will be announced today during livestream worship and next week in the newsletter.

Visual Arts Presents Meditation on Nature - Escape the stresses of 2020 and enjoy "A Visual Meditation on Nature." This seven-minute respite for your mind, body and soul was created by Westminster's Visual Arts Committee. The online presentation is available at westpres.org/art.

Blood Drive, Tuesday, October 27 - The Deacons are sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, October 27, from 2:00 - 5:45 p.m., in the blood mobile, in our parking lot. Schedule your appointment online at www.lifeservebloodcenter.org or contact Susan Denton at sdenton@westpres.org, or call the church office, 515-274-1534. Walk-ins will not be accepted at this time, to maintain adequate social distancing and enhanced health and safety protocols.

Sanctuary Visits - You are invited to visit the newly painted Sanctuary and feel the calm and peace of the space. During this time of COVID-19, while we do not feel comfortable having in-person worship services yet, we know that many of you miss having quiet time in the Sanctuary. To maintain social distancing rules, times will be scheduled throughout the week. To sign up, please call the office, 275-1534.

Lunchtime Prayer - Join Pastor Scott, Monday through Thursday, at noon, on Facebook Live, to pray together. You can access the Westminster Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WestPres/>.

Daily Devotion - Monday thru Friday Pastor Scott posts a daily online devotion. If you wish to receive Pastor Scott's Daily Devotion, please contact Susan in the church office, sdenton@westpres.org or 274-1534.

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request you wish to share with our church family, please select the Prayer Request button on the livestream worship page of the website, or contact Susan Denton at sdenton@westpres.org.

WPC Youth, Grades 6-12, meet virtually, Wednesdays and Sundays. Our youth are encouraged to be themselves, ask questions and to be appreciated for who they are and where they are in their faith lives. If you'd like to be included in their text messages, please send WPC YOUTH to 474747. Please reply with your first and last name. If you have other questions, please contact Drew Robertson at DRobertson@westpres.org.

Our Weekly Newsletter is available in print or by eblast. Please call the church office, 274-1534, or email Susan at sdenton@westpres.org, if you wish to receive the newsletter in either format.

2020 Virtual Fine Arts Series Announced - From Mini-Concerts, to the ever-popular "Hoot N' Howl," to our much-revered Christmas Cantata, you will be able to enjoy our virtual Fine Arts programs from the safety and comfort of your own home. Watch for information on each program as it is announced. "Thank You" for your financial support of Westminster Fine Arts!

Virtual Choir Participants Needed - You are invited to join members of the Westminster Chorale and the community, to prepare an anthem for one of our upcoming live-stream worship services, as well as music for our upcoming virtual Christmas cantata. Please email Westminster Music Director Aaron Schultz, aschultz@westpres.org, for more details.

How Can I Contribute My Offering or Pay My Pledge?

- **Mail** - Westminster Church, 4114 Allison Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310-3398
- **Online** - At www.westpres.org/donate
- **Text** - WPCDSM to 73256.
- **Call the Church Office** - 515-274-1534 for credit card or ACH contribution, ask for Ruth Bloxham, accountant. Thank You!



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We Engage in Mission • We Raise 21st Century Disciples

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We welcome all persons as participants in our congregation, regardless of age, race, gender, marital status, physical condition, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnic background, economic status, or any other human condition.