



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.

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Order of Worship

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Gathering the Community of Faith

PRELUDE

Harvest
Juli Bey - Organ

Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE
Arr. David Evan Thomas

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan Scott

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

Celebrating God's Presence

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 105:1-6*)

Becky Miller

One: O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name.

All: Make known his deeds among the peoples.

One: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
Tell of all his wonderful works.

All: Glory in his holy name;

Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

One: Seek the LORD and his strength;
Seek his presence continually.

All: Remember the wonderful works he has done,

His miracles, and the judgments he has uttered.

**O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob,
his chosen ones.**

*OPENING HYMN #280 *Amazing Grace* (vs. 1, 3, 4) Tune: AMAZING GRACE
(*Music on pg. 7 of worship bulletin.*) Text: John Newton

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion and mercy, we come before you aware of the ways we fail as people of faith. We confess our sinfulness and humbly ask forgiveness. We confess we judge others, when you alone are the Judge over the World. We confess we believe ourselves to be more deserving, when you are the Giver of All Life. We confess we consider ourselves to be better than others, when in Christ you have taught, the last will be first. Forgive us, O God, and renew in us a right spirit, so we may claim again you are the Lord over our lives. We ask it in the name of your Son, Christ Jesus. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

One: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ alone. Yet he has assured us of pardon based on undeserved mercy and grace. Friends, believe the Good News!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*SUNG RESPONSE #356 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (vs. 3)

(Words on pg. 7 of worship bulletin.)

Tune: NETTLETON
Text: Robert Robinson

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

For the Fruit of All Creation
Juli Bey - Organ

Tune: AR HYD Y NOS
Arr. Kristina Langlois

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #592

Doxology

OLD 100TH

(Music on pg. 8 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: Jeremiah 11:18-20 (NRSV)

Becky Miller

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.
And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"
But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

ANTHEM

Psalm 86
Westminster Choral Scholars

Carl J. Nygard Jr.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 20:1-16 (NRSV)

Jan Scott

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

SERMON

"The Usual Daily Wage"

Jan Scott

Sending the Faithful into God's World

*CLOSING HYMN #420 *God of Grace and God of Glory* (vs. 1, 4)

(Music on pg. 9 of worship bulletin.)

Tune: CWM RHONDDA
Text: Henry Emerson Fosdick

*BENEDICTION (1 Corinthians 15:58 from Apostle Paul to the church in Corinth)

Jan Scott

One: "Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

*CHORAL AMEN

DANISH AMEN

(Westminster Choral Scholars 1st time, Congregation 2nd time)

POSTLUDE *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Juli Bey - Organ

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Arr. Mary McDonald

* All who are able, please stand.

Participating in Worship this morning...

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

Rev. Jan Scott, Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care

Aaron Schultz, Director of Music and Art

Juli Bey, Organ and Piano

Becky Miller, Liturgist

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Lauren Bailey, Claudia Sloat, Krister Strandskov, Everett Reed

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Drew Robertson, Youth Director - Media Engineer

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Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 280

AMAZING GRACE CM

Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1779
 Stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

Virginia Harmony, 1831
 Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
 How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 356

Robert Robinson, c. 1758

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| <p>1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
 Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
 Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
 Call for songs of loudest praise.
 Teach me some melodious sonnet,
 Sung by flaming tongues above;
 Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
 Mount of God's unchanging love!</p> <p>2. Here I raise my Ebenezer,
 Hither by Thy help I'm come;
 And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
 Safely to arrive at home.</p> | <p>Jesus sought me when a stranger,
 Wandering from the fold of God;
 He, to rescue me from danger,
 Interposed His precious blood.</p> <p>3. O to grace how great a debtor
 Daily I'm constrained to be!
 Let that grace now, like a fetter,
 Bind my wandering heart to Thee;
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
 Prone to leave the God I love;
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
 Seal it for Thy courts above.</p> |
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Tune: NETTLETON, opposite.

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

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains the vocal melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise *Him, all crea-tures".

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

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "here be - low; Praise *Him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;".

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

The third system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.".

* Or "God."

God of Grace and God of Glory

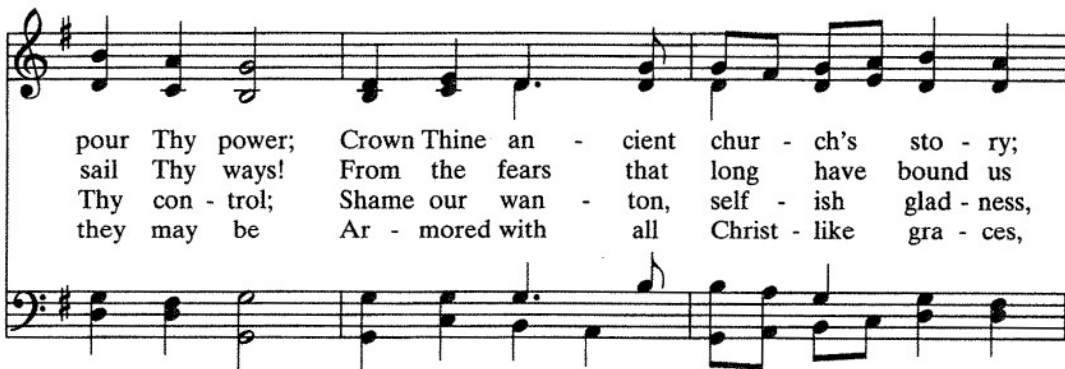
CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.7

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

John Hughes, 1907



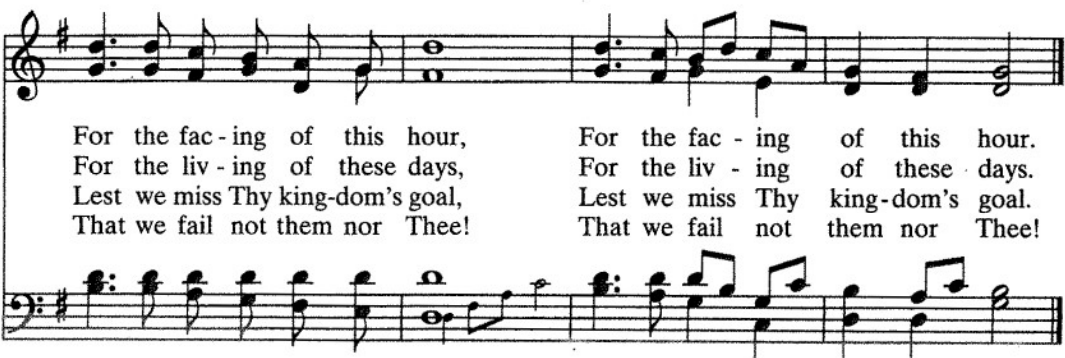
1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to
 4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that



pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail Thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces,



Bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.
 That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee!

Westminster Announcements

Blessing of the Animals Worship - Today at 10:30 a.m., via Zoom, Pastor Ken Arentson will lead participants in our annual Blessing of the Animals service. This service has been dearly loved in year's past by animal lovers of all kinds. Dogs, cats, fish, birds and many others have come with their owners and friends to our Blessing Service which, in the past, has usually been held on our front lawn. Because of social distancing - while this service hasn't been forgotten - it has taken a different form. Bring your animal friends and join this Zoom service, as Pastor Ken blesses all creatures (great and small). Watch for the announcement screen before the service or go to westpres.org/animals for the Zoom link.

Election of Church Officers - Due to our inability to meet in person this year, in consultation with the Presbytery, we are going to hold our election of Elders, Deacons and members of the Nominating Committee by electronic survey and paper mail-in ballot. If you have someone you wish to nominate, please return the Nomination Form to the church office, or call 274-1534, by Friday, September 25. On Monday, September 28, we will begin the vote for the officers. Votes by electronic survey or by mail-in paper ballot will be accepted until Friday, October 2. Once the ballots have been received and reviewed we will announce the election of Elders, Deacons and members of the Nominating Committee.

A Season of Peace - During the next few weeks Westminster is providing several opportunities for us to express our need to share Christ's peace with the world: **Our Peace & Global Witness Offering** will be taken today; a **virtual observance of the International Day of Peace** will be held on Monday, Sept. 21; and, Westminster is supporting United Way's **21-Day Equity Challenge**, Oct. 5-Nov. 2, to develop a deeper understanding of how inequality and racism affect our lives and community. More information on each of these opportunities is available in our newsletters, or by calling the church office, 274-1534.

WPC Youth, Grades 6-12, meet virtually, Wednesdays and Sundays. They 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.

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. Please email Westminster Music Director Aaron Schultz, aschultz@westpres.org, for more details.

The Visual Arts Committee presents “Pandemic Expressions,” our church’s first-ever online art exhibit. The works reflect 15 artists’ thoughts and feelings during this unprecedented time in history. A wide variety of art is included – paintings, drawings, fabric art, mixed media, photography, and more. View the exhibit at westpres.org/art.

Daily Devotion - Each weekday, Pastor Scott posts a daily online devotion. If you wish to receive Pastor Scott’s Daily Devotion by email, please contact Susan in the church office, sdenton@westpres.org or 274-1534.

Lunchtime Devotions - Join Pastor Scott each Monday through Thursday, at noon, on Facebook Live for “Lunchtime Devotions.” Scott reads his daily devotion and then offers a prayer. You can access the Westminster Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WestPres/>.

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request that you’d like to share with your church family, please select the Prayer Request button on the website’s livestream worship page, or contact Susan Denton at sdenton@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.

Upper Room and These Days Devotionals Available - The current issues of these devotional booklets are available in the office. Call Susan or Joan at 274-1534, if you’d like one mailed to you.

Face Masks Required - Please note, any one over 10 years old who comes into the church is required to wear a face mask, for the protection of yourself and others. If you are in need of a facemask, or have mask(s) you wish to donate, please contact the office at 274-1534. Thank you to all who have donated masks so far!

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 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.