



Westminster Presbyterian Church

*“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new
creation—everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!”*

II Corinthians 5:17

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Prelude “Toccatina in A Major” by Pietro Domenico Paradisi

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

You know each of us by name, O God, and in your sight we have found favor, yet our minds cannot comprehend the vision of your glory or the vastness of your love. Grant that as we glimpse your greatness, reflected in your many gifts, we may always return to you the praise that is yours alone. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHIMING

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Tommy Suttle

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God’s steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to God for the faith we share; be steadfast in hope through Jesus Christ. Let us worship God.

Hymn – #307 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

- vs. 1 *God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church’s story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*
- vs. 2 *Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.*
- vs. 3 *Cure thy children’s warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.*
- vs. 4 *Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, we long for your beautiful Word, your living Word who shows us the way. In Scripture and sermon, in silence and song, reveal to us your desires and grant us steadfastness of heart, that we may walk in your truth. Amen.

FIRST READING—Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’

Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.”

He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

The LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.”

Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.”

And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.”

And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.

SECOND READING—Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said.

So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?”

But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.”

And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?”

They answered, “The emperor’s.”

Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

SERMON—“Whose Image?”

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM – “His Eye is on the Sparrow” arranged by Mark Hayes

Haley Cook, soloist

*Why should I feel discouraged,
Why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely,
And long for Heav'n and home,
When Jesus is my portion?
My constant friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

Let not your heart be troubled,
His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth,
But one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.

(time for silence)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of unending gifts, we praise you for your abundant goodness. As you are generous, we want to be generous too. May the gifts we bring extend your generosity into the world, so that all people may be made whole by your goodness and grace. Amen.

CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE “Trumpet Tune” by Raymond Haan

Dismissal by Rows – follow instructions of ushers

*Offerings may be placed in the plates that are in the Narthex as you depart.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Telina Birch, friend of Nancy Johnson – covets prayers for endurance and strength
Dean Cromartie – diagnosed with ALS
Elizabeth Curlee, sister of Iris Easterling – pneumonia
Misty Dauphinee, friend of Nancy Johnson – preeclampsia, 33 weeks pregnant
Ruthie Davis
Sam Dossett – hospice care
Fluffy Fair
Jeanette Fulmer, friend of the Forsyths – diagnosed with cancer
Wendy Graham, Jan Bozeman’s sister – continued prayers
Mari Griffin, Brandon Hayes’ mother – ovarian cancer
Mary Halliwell, friend of Mary and Dean Cromartie – pancreatic cancer
Ben Jones, close friend and band mate of Wes Brooks – battling colon and lung cancer
Geraldine Jones – special prayers for her family
B.J. Lambert – prayers for endurance and strength
Stephanie Liddell, Geri Jones’ daughter – health issues
Jim Lundy, Sinclair Lundy’s brother – Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s
JoAnn Johnson, JT Johnson’s sister-in-law – intestinal infection
Roger Kuyrkendall, Carrie Creel’s father – dementia
Harrison McClain, student at PCS – rehab at home
Sandy Nicholas – recovering at home
Steve and Ellen Ramp
James Reid, Carolyn McLarnan’s brother – frontotemporal dementia motor neuron disease and ALS
Julie Reid, Carolyn McLarnan’s niece – starting more aggressive chemo
Sheema Reid, Carolyn McLarnan’s sister-in-law – starting chemo
Bones Roane, JT Johnson’s brother’s partner – spine cancer
Lori Nolen Rockett, cousin of Nancy Johnson – hormone treatment for breast cancer
Teressa Seals, friend of Nancy Johnson – stage 2 breast cancer
Lavon Smith
Allen Stanton, friend of Ben Yelverton – undergoing cancer treatment at MD Anderson, asking for endurance and strength
Pam Thomas, friend of Sinclair Lundy – starting chemo for chronic lymphocytic leukemia
Glenda Vaughn, Ruthie Davis’ niece – health issues
Jack Watts, friend of Jan Bozeman – Alzheimer’s
Shirley Wilbanks, Betty Mitchell’s cousin – stage 4 ovarian cancer
Mike Zubajlo, Glenda Miller’s son-in-law – undergoing chemotherapy, prayers for endurance and strength

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE WITH COVID-19 AND THE HEALTHCARE WORKERS

PRAYERS FOR OUR LEADERS

PRAYERS FOR OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ARMED FORCES