Together we are the Body of Christ. While apart, we covenant still to be the church. We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

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Preparing for the Word

Our service begins with the Prelude, inviting us to prepare for worship.

Prelude
Meditation from Thaïs  
Jules Massenet
Emily Vigne, violin; Kenneth Vigne, piano
Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn

Our Life in Christ
One: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 29)
One: The Lord is among us!
All: Glory and strength belong to the Lord.
One: The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.
All: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.
One: May the Lord give strength to the people.
All: May the Lord bless us with peace.
One: Let us worship God.

Hymn No. 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Dr. Amanda Weber, cantor

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
3 Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o’er the ages long!

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!
Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession (Unison)
Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin as individuals and as a society. Although Christ is among us bringing peace, we are people divided within ourselves and against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken and dying world. The profits we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the sea. The fears and privileges we hoard set neighbor against neighbor. We abuse your good gifts of imagination, knowledge, and freedom and have turned them into bonds of oppression. We are stuck; we confess the same sin over and over, and pass by opportunities to start anew. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to know and serve you as agents of your liberating love in Jesus Christ.

Silent Prayers of Confession Worshippers seek and reflect on God's forgiveness in their own lives.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness
One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends, hear the good news:
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Listening for the Word

A Time with Children
Rev. Alanna Simone Tyler

Prayer for Illumination
Terry McEowen

Reading from Holy Scripture
Mark 1:21-28
One: This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Confronting Our Demons
Rev. Dr. Matthew Skinner
Responding to the Word

Hymn No. 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

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.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Alexandra Mauney

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Offertory Sentences

We give in response to God’s blessings. Worshippers are invited to use the “Give” link on the livestream page or the Tithe.ly church app, or mail a check to support the mission and ministry of Westminster.

Offertory

When God Restored Our Common Life

Ruth Duck

Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received
Hymn No. 747 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to make of all the earth a better place to live.

The angels are not sent into our world of pain to do what we were meant to do in Jesus’ name; that falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.

Charge and Benediction
The people respond with “Amen.”

Passing of the Peace
Since the earliest days of the Christian Church, worshippers have greeted each other with a sign of peace. All are invited to offer a verbal greeting, such as: “Peace be with you.”

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Postlude Rhapsody on Enviado

Kenneth Vigne
Coffee Hour Zoom link
https://zoom.us/j/99399406329?pwd=YnJDMUZ3N3VuTGxDTTZ4R05FdU1tQT09

Pandemic Pastimes:
Jan 31, following 10:30 worship Pandemic Pastimes? More like Pandemic No-Times. Join us for a conversation about the pandemic pastimes you wished you'd picked up and how you spent your time instead. Did you receive God's love, light, and life through it all anyway?

Connections Conversation | Jan 31 | Noon | Zoom
Those newer to the church or interested in membership are invited to a Zoom conversation with Meghan Gage-Finn and lay leaders to learn more about Westminster.
https://zoom.us/j/92692033787?pwd=R3F0MFIIZDLaT1czZFkzT1BUXlZz09

Daily Phone Devotions
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Jan 31 ....................... Mark 1:21-28
Feb 1 .......................... Psalm 35:1-10
2 .............................. Numbers 22:22-28
3 .............................. Mark 5:1-20
4 .............................. Isaiah 40:21-31
5 .............................. Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
6 .............................. 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
7 .............................. Mark 1:29-39
This Week at Westminster

Sunday, January 31, 2021
8 am | Family Matters
9 am | Family Education Hour
9:15 am | Adult Education: All-Church Book Read | Zoom
9:15 | Social Justice Forum: Climate Justice | Livestream
10:30 am | Worship: Rev. Dr. Matt Skinner, preaching | Livestream
After the 10:30 am Worship | Coffee Hour: Pandemic Pastimes | Zoom
4 pm | Youth Group
5 pm | Gathered at 5: Rev. Dr. Matt Skinner, preaching | Livestream

Monday, February 1, 2021
7pm | The Bible Then and Now

Tuesday, February 2, 2021
4 pm | Youth Group Coffee Shop

Wednesday, February 3, 2021
Noon | Centering Prayer
1:30 pm | Moms Group
5 pm | Living the Faith in the 21st Century
5:45 pm | FYC Wednesday Night Programming
6 pm | Wednesday Worship | Livestream
7 pm | G@5 Book Group
Thursday, February 4, 2021

Friday, February 5, 2021

Saturday, February 6, 2021
9 am | Early Childhood Family Fellowship

2:30 pm | Youth Sledding

Sunday, February 7, 2021
8 am | Family Matters

9 am | Family Education Hour

9:15 am | Adult Education: Brian Blount’s Call to Witness | Livestream

9:15 | Social Justice Forum: Educational Equity | Livestream

10:30 am | Worship: Rev. Alanna Simone Tyler, preaching | Livestream

After the 10:30 am Worship | Coffee Hour | Zoom

4 pm | Youth Group

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