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WESTMINSTER CHURCH OF DETROIT



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Sunday, February 16, 2025
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Give Me Jesus

arr. Richard Billingham

Welcome to all – especially to our guests.

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad, located in each of the pews.

Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)

Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Let us praise God even as we gather with varied thoughts and purposes.

Some of us are impatient, and we seek immediate results to our prayers.

Some of us are filled with doubts, and do not even know how to pray.

Some of us are so filled with our own ideas that we cannot hear what God has to say.

Some of us are disobedient and are reluctant to follow in the way of discipleship.

Yet, O God, together we come into your presence, praising you for your love to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord, and seeking to be faithful disciples.

So be it. Let us worship God.

Gospel Praise

He's My Everything
Gospel Choir

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, before solemn assemblies of your people, before the eyes of the world, and in your presence, we have vowed to serve you with hearts and hands and voices. How very easy our sacred vows. But in all honesty, Lord, we are often frightened by the call to follow you. We grudgingly love the unlovely; we work and play with little concern for those living in fear or poverty, we support budgets for war rather than for peace. Jesus, we do not want to hurt and so admire your cross as long as we do not have to bear it with you. Lord, forgive us and help us. Amen.

Declaration of God's Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")

***Response AAHH #524** There Is a Balm in Gilead
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit restores my soul again.
Repeat refrain.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Order My Steps
Chancel Choir

Glen Burleigh

Second Reading

John 1: 29-34

Message

Called to be Saints

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Affirmation of Faith (Barmen Declaration 8.17)**

The Christian Church is the congregation of the committed in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance. Amen.

Hymn GTG #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

Call to Offering

Invitation to Offering

Organ Offertory

Adagio in F minor

Adolphus Hailstork

***Doxology GTG #606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

LORD'S 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.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn AAHH #455 Just A Closer Walk With Thee

*Benediction

Postlude Kum ba Yah arr. Ken Moore

The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshipping.

Worship Leaders:

The Rev. Loren Scribner, Guest Preacher
Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist
Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director
Dianne Phillips, Liturgist
Myiesha Mokom, Brice Morden, Acolytes

During the month of February, the choir anthems as well as the organ preludes, offertories and postludes are arrangements of spirituals or original compositions by African American composers.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Colonel White, great-great grandfather, and Silas and Caroline Irving White great grandparents of member, JoAnne White. The bouquet is on the table in the narthex.

Visit our website at www.wcodetroit.org for the link to view our Sunday morning worship services on YouTube or follow us on Instagram and Facebook.



Today's Anthem

Order my steps in your Word, dear Lord, lead me, guide me, every day. Send your anointing, Father, I pray. Order my steps in your Word, please, order my steps in your Word. Humbly I ask Thee, teach me your will, while You are working, help me be still. Though Satan is busy, God is Real! Order my steps in your Word.

I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill...I'll do your blessed will. The World is ever changing, but you are still the same...I'll praise your name.

Order my steps... order my tongue... guide my feet... wash my heart... show me how to walk, show me how to talk...When I need a brand-new song to sing, show me how to let your praises ring, in your Word! Please, order my steps in your Word.

New to Westminster Church of Detroit? We are so thankful that you have joined us today for worship, and we would love to get to know you and help you get to know us. Please sign the Friendship Pad which can be found in each pew rack. Sign it then pass it down to others sitting in your pew.

Westminster Church of Detroit News and Events

February is Black History Month – The Invisible Church

To celebrate and carry on the legacy of Black History month, Pastor Dakota will be doing a special sermon series for the month of February, "The Invisible Church." Each week will have a theme that relates to the history of the Civil Rights Movement, a prominent African American figure who epitomizes the fight for equality and justice, and the lectionary reading that grounds and inspires the hope behind the movement. In Jesus, God shows us clearly that He is all about justice and equality amongst all peoples no matter where they live. Please join us in honoring the good fight: the fight for social justice and the preservation of the truth in the church.

Westminster Calendar

Sunday, February 16th

10:00am Worship

10:15am Sunday School for Children

Monday, February 17th

7:00pm NA Meeting

Wednesday, February 19th

12Noon Bible Study

5:00pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal (at Fort St. Presbyterian Church)

6:00pm NA Meeting

Saturday, February 22nd

8:30am ARK

Sunday, February 23rd

10:00am Worship

10:15am Sunday School for Children & Youth

11:00am Black History Month Potluck

Prayer Concerns

Praying for one another is an important and loving gift. If you would like to add a person to our prayer list, please call the church office at 313-341-2697 or email at office@wcodetroit.org. May God continue to surround you with love and care.

Recent prayer requests

Matthew Gough (son of Irene Gough), Melvina Norment, A'lanna Norment, Aaliyah Garrett, Kamani Jacobs, Central Park Village, Bishop Melvin L. Williams, Trudy & Jim McCreddie

Dr. Joyce Tibbs, Dorothy Ellis-Davis, Arice Willoughby, Dr. Maxine Bloodworth, Catherine Lewis, Gladys Stephen, Prince Ella Cunningham, Sandy Gross, Margaret Clay, Virginia Fields and Family, Heide Lewis and Family, Julie Handel & Family, Elizabeth Galloway, Adeyah Brady Lewis (great-granddaughter of Carol Lewis), Lela Norris (Eddie & Cynthia Norris's sister-in-law), Rosa Armstrong, Faye Baker, Dorn Fair, Dianna White (Deborah Fair's sister-in-law), Edda Dickerson, Sandra Lamb, Samuel Willis, Sandra Gray, Victor & Janette Jackson, Ann Gourlay, Ruth Wallace Robertson (Sharon Wallace's mother), Vernon and Alfreda Wilder, Jocelyn Wilder

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

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 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. 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.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

455 JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE

*...but Judah still walks with God, and is faithful to the Holy One.**Hosea 11:12*

1. I am weak but Thou art strong;
 2. Through this world of toil and snares,
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,

Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with Thee,

Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
 If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
 Time for me will be no more;

Grant it, Je - sus, if You please?

I'll be sat - is - fied as long
 Who with me my bur - den shares?
 Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er

Dai - ly walk - ing close to Thee,

As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.
 None but Thee, dear me walk none but Thee.
 To Thy king - dom shore, to Thy shore.

Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Text: Anonymous

Tune: CLOSER WALK, 777 8; Anonymous