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Sunday, March 12, 2023
The Third Sunday in Lent

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Air

Gerre Hancock

*Welcome to all – especially to our guests.
Children are invited to Church School following the Passing of the Peace.*

*Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)
Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)
Hymns labeled OLOFOB are for your listening pleasure.
Please stand as you are able

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

We gather together-
**the seekers, the dreamers, the shooting-star wishers,
in hopes of seeing God.**

We gather together-
**the curious, the hungry, the loving, the lonely,
in hopes of finding peace.**

We gather together-
**those who are thirsty and those with water to spare,
in hopes of finding justice.**

So come to the well,
come to the table.

Come, let us worship God. Amen.

Gospel Praise

My Liberty

Yolanda Adams

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we are on every side of this story.
We are the ones who thirst and in need of compassion,
and we are the ones with a bucket and a deep well.
So today we wonder: how often do we miss the opportunity
to share water with our neighbors?
How often do we forget that we have a bucket and
the power to bring change?
How often do we simply decide that justice and compassion
are not worth the work?
Forgive our fragile hearts and remind us that it is you
who sat at that well in Samaria in the heat of the day.
It was you. It is still you. With hope we pray, amen.**

Declaration of God's Forgiveness

Family of faith, as hard as it is to imagine:
we could lose the bucket, we could hoard the water for ourselves,
we could pretend we do not see all who are thirsty,
and we would still belong to God.
This is the good news of the gospel:
**God's grace is deeper than any well.
We are seen, loved, and forgiven.
May this realization change and inspire us. Amen.**

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 GTG #626

As the Deer

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17: 1-7

Anthem

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Chancel Choir

arr. Sondra Tucker

Gospel Reading

John 4: 5-42

Message

Seeking: Will You Give Me a Drink?

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Hymn AAHH #175

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Affirmation of Faith

We believe that a glass of water given to us by a stranger
can taste like justice.

We believe that honest conversation has the power to change us.

We believe that all God's children have a voice and something to say.

**We believe that Jesus loves the outcast, the ignored, the shamed, and the
abandoned.**

We believe in asking questions.

We believe in curiosity.

We believe in giving people a drink.

May we be brave enough to give people a drink. Amen.

Call to Offering

We are cautious as we gather for worship. We are not currently passing an offering plate. We have placed an offering plate outside the sanctuary where you may place your offerings.

Invitation to Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,
Wellspring of mercy, **hear our prayer...**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father	and forgive us our debts, as we
who art in heaven,	forgive our debtors;
hallowed be thy name.	and lead us not
Thy kingdom come,	into temptation,
Thy will be done,	but deliver us from evil.
on earth as it is in heaven.	For thine is the kingdom,
Give us this day	and the power, and the glory,
our daily bread,	forever, Amen.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***Closing Hymn GTG #435** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

A Spoken Word

*Benediction

Postlude

Immortal, Invisible

arr. Wilbur Held

(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 worshiping.)

Worship Leaders:

The Rev. Karen Stunkel, Interim Pastor
The Rev. TC Anderson, Director of Faith Formation
Mr. Dalos Grobe, Organist/Choir Director
Mr. Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director
Angel Zama, Liturgist

*Those who are able may stand.

Today's Anthem

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; and in your weariness lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, My Sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till pilgrim days are done.

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Westminster Church of Detroit News

Annual Congregation Meeting this morning, Sunday, March 12, 2023

In accordance with the By-Laws, the Session of Westminster Church of Detroit has called the Yearly Report Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Westminster Church of Detroit for Sunday, March 12, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report, the 2023 budget, and addressing such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The meeting is to be convened in the Sanctuary.

Berkho Scholarship for College Students

WCOD is pleased to offer at least four (4) scholarships each in the amount of \$2,500 to support expenses related to the attainment of postsecondary education. Eligible applicants must be a member or attend WCOD or live in the WCOD neighborhood. Contact the church office or WCODScholarship@gmail.com to request an application packet. The deadline to submit an application is Saturday, April 1, 2023.

Pastor Nominating Committee Update for March

Our team consistently meets in person (occasionally by zoom) each week for the purpose of finding the pastor you described in the Self Study. We continue to receive information describing potential candidates, which we review individually and as a group. We also rely on your prayers of support, your involvement in the life of the church, and your faithfulness to the financial support of our church. The PNC members are Co-chairs Bill Gourlay and Jann Palmer, Dawn Hicks, Jordan Palmer, and JoAnne White.

Camp Westminster News

Camperships, it's like a scholarship, but for camp! This year families can apply for a full or half-campership based on their level of need. Camperships will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Funds are limited. Learn more and download an application [<https://campwestminster.com/summer-camp/paying-for-camp/>]

Summer Staff - Camp Westminster is hiring summer staff in all positions. Program support staff can be as young as 17 years old. Counselor weekly salary starts at \$400 per week. Learn more and apply on our website.

[<https://campwestminster.com/summer-camp/employment/>]

Summer Registration - Registration is open online. The schedule and rates are available on our website. Summer Schedule and Registration

[<https://campwestminster.com/summer-camp/camp-schedule-fees/>]

Westminster Church Member Discount - This year we're offering a 15% discount for children and grandchildren of Westminster church members to register for summer camp. Email info@campwestminster.com to get your discount code.

Annual Per Capita Giving

Each year, we celebrate ways in which our gathering together makes Christ's church possible. One of these ways is through our generous support of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in the form of per capita gifts. These gifts are part of our call to be one church, one community. Through our gifts we support the work of our congregation in partnership with our presbytery, our synod, our national church, and beyond.

The annual per capita giving amount is \$36.00 per member. Your offering will connect with those across the PC(USA) who have committed themselves to the work of this church.

Westminster Church of Detroit Sewing Group

This ministry team will provide you with a sewing machine for you to use during class. If you have forgotten how to thread it, or wind the bobbin, we will get you started. We also have a need for helpers to sort fabric by color, or to cut pieces for the quilters. You can decide what you want to do, or just observe and socialize as it pleases you.

March Meeting Dates

Thursday, March 23rd 10am – 2pm

Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday

We decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday with lilies donated in honor or memory of loved ones. You may participate by purchasing a lily, at \$25.00 each, in honor or memory of your loved ones. Send your completed form along with your check made out to Westminster Church of Detroit, 17567 Hubbell St, Detroit, MI 48235. Please write "Easter Lilies" on the envelope, and on the memo line of your check. Forms must be submitted to the church office by Friday, March 31, 2023.

Donations for the Easter Egg Hunt

The Deacons are asking for donations for this year's Easter Egg Hunt! If you would like to contribute to this fun event, please donate any of the following:

- Plastic Easter eggs

- Individually wrapped candy for filling the Easter eggs. Note: No candy that contains nuts. Donations must be delivered to the church office no later than Friday, March 24th.

Save The Date!

For the Dalos Grobe 60th anniversary celebration **Sunday, May 7**. Watch for details coming soon.

Westminster Calendar

Sunday, March 12 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School for Children 11:00am Congregational Meeting 11:45am Deacon Meeting	Sunday, March 19 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School for children & youth 11:30am Session Meeting 12:30pm Mission Committee Meeting
Monday, March 13 7:00pm NA Meeting	Monday, March 20 7:00pm NA Meeting
Wednesday, March 15 12Noon Lenten Bible Study 2:30pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm NA Meeting	Wednesday, March 22 12Noon Lenten Bible Study 2:30pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm NA Meeting
Saturday, March 18 11:00am Youth Group 1:00pm Respond	Thursday, March 23 10:00am Sewing Circle

Pastoral Care

<p>Dr. Joyce Tibbs Ascension-Providence Hospital 16001 W. Nine Mile Road Southfield, MI 48075</p> <p>Arcie Q. Willoughby Allegra Building 15081 Ford Road Apt. 305 Dearborn, MI 48126</p> <p>Beth Downs 41350 Fox Run Road Hudson Park #119 Novi, MI 48275</p>	<p>Mrs. Dorothy Ellis-Davis 11705 Ashbury Park Detroit, MI 48227-1182</p> <p>Dr. Maxine Bloodworth Advantage Living Center 25330 Six Mile Redford, MI 48240 Macomber Room #36-1</p>
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Bill Johnson Memorial – Saturday, March 18, 2023

All are invited to The Village Club (190 East Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills), on Saturday, March 18 from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM, to remember Bill Johnson and offer condolences to his family. A light lunch will be served. A private family burial will be held this summer. Questions, call Kris Getschman (248-892-3657) or Judy Young (216-244-7891).

Prayer Concerns

Family #	Family #
1 Dorothy Ellis-Davis	7 Mrs. Dorothy Benedict
1 Catherine Lewis	7 Brenda Wallace
1 Chris Gaither (Loss of husband Robert)	8 Rosa Armstrong
1 The Gaither Family	8 Faye Baker
1 Gladys Stephen	8 Dorn Fair
2 Terry Cunningham (son of Prince Ella Cunningham)	8 Michael Hicks
2 Henry Bryant (brother of Prince Ella Cunningham)	8 Deanna Riley
2 Sandy Gross	9 Maxine Bloodworth
3 Margaret Clay	10 Derek Barns
3 Patricia Dyles	10 Lynda A. Thompson's Family (Loss of Jordan, Hannah & Cydnie's Grandfather)
3 Arcie Willoughby	11 Dr. Dorothy Buchan
4 Virginia Fields and Family	11 Jacqueline Jackson (Victor Jackson's Sister)
4 Heide Lewis and Family	11 Jamez James (Victor/Janette Jackson's son)
4 Joyce Tibbs	11 Mary Louise Scruggs (Victor Jackson's sister)
4 Bessie Ward	12 Bobbie Fae Arstead
5 Dorothy Cole Tony Rodgers (Dorothy Cole's nephew)	12 The Henderson Family (Heide's Sister)
5 Julie Handel	12 Bill Johnson
5 Zoe Henry (Doris Greer's Niece)	Diana J. White (Deborah Fair's Sister-in-law)
5 Simeon Mitchell	Rev. Bill Furstenau
6 Elizabeth Galloway	Mr. Harold Watson
6 Lela Norris (Eddie & Cynthia Norris's sister-in-law)	
6 Ruth Wallace Robertson (Sharon Wallace's mother)	

Lenten 2023 – Seeking: honest questions for deeper faith

The texts this year offers us many stories of Jesus encountering people who are seeking:

Nicodemus comes to him in the veil of night, Jesus approaches a Samaritan woman at a well, he heals a man born without sight. In these stories, each person is seeking a new beginning, a different life, a deeper faith. What unfolds is an exchange filled with questions and exploration. Often, an unveiling occurs—assumptions are disrupted, a new perspective is revealed, mystery grows.

This Lenten series is founded on questions. Some questions feel restorative (“Can these bones live?”). Some feel like a charge or challenge (“Who will you listen to?”). Some questions are hopeful and curious (“How do we begin again?”). These questions won't necessarily lead to answers, but they can help us find clarity and a new perspective. Hopefully they lead to a new beginning, a restoration, a wider grace.

Like the characters in the Lenten scriptures, we are also seeking many things: clarity, connection, wonder, justice, balance. We are seeking our calling, the sacred, and how to live as a disciple. In the turbulence of the past few years, many of us are asking big questions about our lives and our faith. If you are returning to church, you are probably returning with more questions and a critical lens. Perhaps this series will help us unpack some of those big questions in ways that are honest and faithful.

Throughout this season, we hope you will continually ask yourself: what am I seeking? What is God seeking? This Lent, we invite you to engage in the spiritual practice of seeking. We encourage you to stay curious, open, and nimble. We hope you will soften your assumptions and expand your perspectives.

Let us pray that these questions will create a safe space to explore—to be drawn more deeply into the fullness of life, into the heart of God.

One Great Hour of Sharing and Fish Banks

Children and youth are invited to take home a fish bank to collect money during the season of Lent. These banks are meant to collect spare change which will go to One Great Hour of Sharing, which supports three programs in the Presbyterian Church: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and

Self-Development of People.

All three of these programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Your help, no matter how big or small it is, is invaluable to supporting these missions and helping those in need around the globe! Make sure to pick up your fish bank next Sunday and start dropping those loose coins in! The fish banks along with a One Great Hour of Sharing special offering will be collected during worship on Palm Sunday, April 1st.

Lenten Bible Study “Witness at the Cross” by Amy Jill Levine

Every Wednesday beginning March 1st – April 5th 12Noon to 1pm

Experience Holy Friday from the perspective of those who watched Jesus die: Mary his mother; the Beloved Disciple from the Gospel of John; Mary Magdalene and the other women from Galilee; the two men, usually identified as thieves, crucified with Jesus; the centurion and the soldiers; Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Jews and Romans, friends, and strangers, the powerful and the powerless, the hopeful and the despairing.

In Witness at the Cross, Amy-Jill Levine shows how the people at the cross each have distinct roles to play. Each Evangelist presents a distinct picture of the death of Jesus. Each portrays different individuals and groups of people at the cross, each offers different images and dialogues, and so from each, we learn how those meanings and messages cross the centuries to any who would come to the cross today.

Each Gospel has its own story to tell, all the witnesses have their own memories, and every reader comes away with a new insight. The witnesses at the Crucifixion watch Jesus die, and we watch with them, and we watch them. And we come away transformed.

In Person or online at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85110115779?pwd=Q0N3UTdER3dxdzVnak00aEQxaFZuUT09>

Lenten Devotional Booklet

2023 Lenten devotional booklets are now available for pickup in the Narthex. A downloadable copy is also available in the weekly church email.

Lilies for Easter 2023

We decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday with lilies donated in honor or memory of loved ones. You may participate by purchasing a lily, at \$25.00 each, in honor or memory of your loved ones.

Send your completed form along with your check made out to Westminster Church of Detroit, 17567 Hubbell St, Detroit, MI 48235. Please write "Easter Lilies" on the envelope, and on the memo line of your check.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Name of Donor:

In HONOR of:

In MEMORY of:

ALL FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE
BY FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023.

**I would like to donate my lily/lilies to the Church
for appropriate distribution.**

Yes _____ No _____

Total number of lilies _____ at \$25.00 each

Total amount \$ _____

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with special guest
The Detroit Youth Choir



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or contact detroit.nhaa@gmail.com 313-405-7068

Free for Students w/ I.D.

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Time: 7:00pm

Date: March 17, 2023

**Location: Westminster Church
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