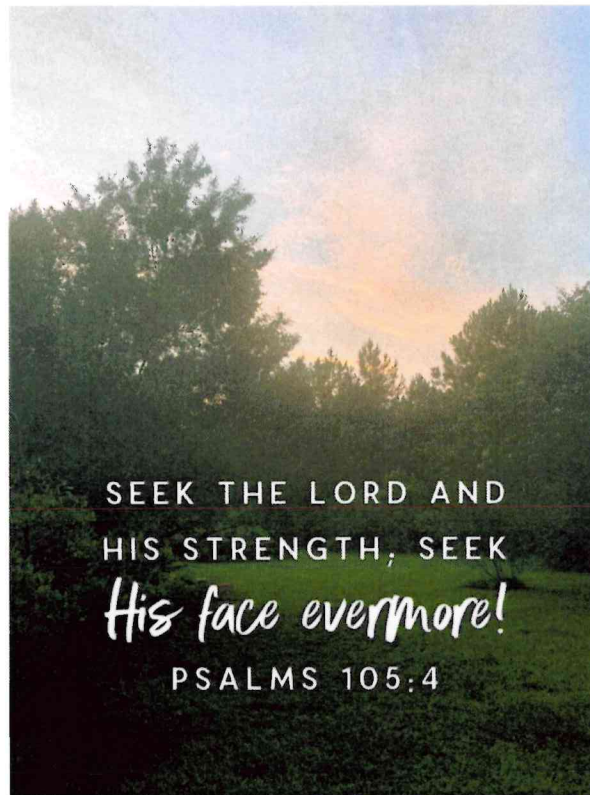


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Sunday, July 30, 2023
9th Sunday after Pentecost

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Toccata per L'Elevatione

G. Frescobaldi

Welcome to all – especially to our guests.

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 *(based on Psalm 105)*

Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praise to him;

tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Gospel Praise *(Pre-recorded Selection)*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(based on Psalm 51:10-12)*

Holy God, we try to keep you close to us,

but in the process, we push our neighbors away.

We have been distracted in a distracting world and

withheld love from each other and from you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

In your compassion, cleanse and release us from our sin.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within 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 GTG #39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning, new mercies I see.

All I have needed they hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Genesis 29: 13-30

Anthem

In Thee, O Lord, Have I Trusted
Chancel Choir

G.F. Handel

Second Reading

Genesis 29: 30-35

Message

Finding God in the Drama

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe:

**that God has entrusted the church with the message
of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;**

**that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and
the light of the world, that the church is called blessed
because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness**

both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world. Amen. (From The Confession of Belhar)

***Hymn AAHH #471** Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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

***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.

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 GTG #47**

Bless All Who Trust in God

***Benediction**

Postlude

Fuga in C major

D. Buxtehude

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

Mr. David Stewart, Guest Organist

Mr. Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director

Deborah Fair, Liturgist

Today's Anthems

In Thee, O Lord, have I trusted, let me not be confounded forever; Incline Thine ear, O Lord, unto me, and save me. In Thee I put my trust; O Lord, in Thee have I trusted.

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Westminster Church of Detroit News

Please Save the Date

Sunday, August 27th, will be Pastor Karen's last Sunday with us. There will be a special coffee hour that morning to honor Pastor, letting her know how much we have appreciated her and her ministry here at Westminster Church of Detroit.

Pastor Karen has asked that in lieu of a retirement gift, the congregation would fully support this year's Thanksgiving dinner through financial donations and volunteering your time for this important outreach within the community.

To make a financial contribution, please use one of the designated labeled envelopes located on the table outside of the church office. Please write "Pastor's Thanksgiving Fund" on the memo line of your check.

Volunteers will be needed during the week of Thanksgiving to prepare, package & deliver the meals. More information about how to sign up will be forthcoming.

Coffee Hour Potluck on Sunday, August 6th

Bring a light treat to share with the congregation on Sunday, August 6th, during coffee hour. All contributions should be nut-free and if possible, individually packaged.

Pastor Nominating Committee Update for July

One more challenge has been added to the task of your PNC. Because the denomination has changed forms, we need to re-write the information that is used to match a candidate to our community of faith. We will begin the re-write on Wednesday July 5 at our weekly meeting, while continuing to review prospects from the current matching system. Please continue to support us by:

- attending worship online or remote
- remaining faithful with your financial support of the church
- participate in the life of the church
- praying for God to identify the right candidate for WCOD

The members of your PNC are: Co-chairs Bill Gourlay and Jann Palmer, Dawn Hicks, Jordan Palmer, and JoAnne White.

Donations for the Food Pantry

We are receiving requests for food assistance and our pantry shelves need replenishing. We are low on nonperishable food items, and ten-dollar grocery store gift cards. Donations may be placed in the black barrel outside of the church office. Gift card donations may be dropped off to the church office or on Sunday morning placed in the offering place. Thank you for your continued support.

Volunteers for the Weekly Thursday Food Distribution

Every Thursday afternoon we receive food donations from Trader Joe's. Once received, the food is sorted and packaged into bags for distribution to people who

request food assistance. The Mission committee is seeking volunteers who can come to church and help every Thursday from 1:00 to 4:30pm. Please contact the church office if you are interested in volunteering.

Better Sound Clarity at Worship Services in the Sanctuary for Those Who Wear Hearing Aids

If you wear hearing aids that have Bluetooth connectivity such as Phonak brand "Paradise" model (Bluetooth is typically used to connect your hearing aids to your smart phone), Westminster has a device in the sanctuary that can send crystal clear voice and music right into your ears, directly from our sound mixing board!

Stop by the video & sound booth in the sanctuary prior to worship and see Bill or Jordan to get connected. A one-time set up will then reconnect automatically every time you come to worship, and it works great no matter where you sit in the sanctuary!

Westminster Church of Detroit Sewing Ministry Team

While continuing to sew quilts, soon The Sewers will be crafting fidget mats, marble mazes, and more. We also have several non-sewing projects such as sorting fabric by color, cutting, tying quilts, and gluing knots. Help with options that are of interest to you. Our scheduled Thursday dates at WCOD are:
August 10th & 24th – 10am to 2pm

Pop Can Tabs for the Ronald MacDonald House of Detroit

As you enjoy cool drinks on hot days, please remember to pull the tabs and bring them to church. There is a large jar on the table by the church office where you can deposit them. The tabs are taken to the Ronald MacDonald House of Detroit, near the DMC. Our donated tabs are used to purchase laundry supplies. Ronald MacDonald House provides residential space to families while their children recover from surgery.

Camp Westminster News

This has been a phenomenal summer; it's hard to believe it's almost over. Next week is the last session of our programs this summer! Your prayers and support are a big part of what makes Camp Westminster possible.

And we still need you! Finishing this session and in the next, please pray for God's work among us, for our campers, and for the stamina of our staff!

TC and I are looking forward to being among you again to share more about this summer at Camp Westminster.

-Adam

Westminster Calendar

<p>Sunday, July 30th 10:00am Worship 11:15am Deacon Meeting 4:00pm Vacation Bible School</p> <p>Monday, July 31st 7:00pm NA Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday, August 2nd 12Noon Bible Study 3:00pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm NA Meeting</p>	<p>Sunday, August 6th 10:00am Worship</p> <p>Monday, August 7th 7:00pm NA Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday, August 9th 12Noon Bible Study 3:00pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm NA Meeting</p> <p>Thursday, August 10th 10:00am Sewing Ministry Team</p> <p>Saturday, August 12th 8:30am ARK</p>
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Prayer Concerns

Family #	Family #
1 Catherine Lewis	6 Elizabeth Galloway
1 Gladys Stephen	6 Carol Lewis
2 Terry Cunningham (son of Prince Ella Cunningham)	6 Lela Norris (Eddie & Cynthia Norris's sister-in-law)
2 Prince Ella Cunningham & Family	6 Ruth Wallace Robertson (Sharon Wallace's mother)
2 Sandy Gross	8 Rosa Armstrong
3 Margaret Clay	8 Faye Baker
4 Virginia Fields and Family	8 Deanna Riley
4 Heide Lewis and Family	10 Derek Barns
4 Bessie Ward	11 Jamez James (Victor & Janet Jackson's son)
5 Zoe Henry (Doris Greer's Niece)	12 Bobbie Fae Arstead
5 Simeon Mitchell	12 The Henderson Family (Heide's Sister)
	Rev. Bill Furstenau

Please hold Elizabeth Cooper, granddaughter and Edda Dickerson, daughter-in-law in your prayers upon the death of Elizabeth Edith Dickerson this past week. Funeral arrangements are planned to take place in Delaware.

Prince Ella Cunningham's brother, Henry Ford Bryant, passed away on July 9, 2023. Please hold Prince Ella, her family and all who loved Henry in your prayers.

To Request Prayer

Requests must be received by Tuesday each week for publication in the following Sunday's bulletin. Names will appear for **three weeks** unless the office is otherwise notified. New requests will be listed when received.

Please notify the office to extend your request for an additional three weeks or if a name can be removed due to improved circumstances. Thank you!

471 PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; make Your way straight before me.
Psalm 5:8

Verses 1-3

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me
2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
near; When my life is al - most gone,
near, And the day is past and gone;

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I
At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
fall; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
hand; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Verse 4

4. Pre - cious Lord, I love Your name, When I look
 back from whence I came; Some-times stumb-ling, some-times
 fall - ing, some-times a - lone. Friends and
 loved ones I love so dear, Man-y are gone, but still I'm
 here; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, and lead me on.

The musical score consists of two staves per line of lyrics. The top staff is the vocal line, and the bottom staff is the piano accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "4. Pre - cious Lord, I love Your name, When I look back from whence I came; Some-times stumb-ling, some-times fall - ing, some-times a - lone. Friends and loved ones I love so dear, Man-y are gone, but still I'm here; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, and lead me on."

Bless All Who Trust in God

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(Psalm 128)

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system includes three numbered verses of lyrics. The second system includes a single line of lyrics. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody.

1 Bless all who trust in God and walk with - in God's ways;
2 Let fam - i - lies be strong and spar - kle bright as wine;
3 And since we may not boast such joys are ours by right,

bles ev - ery soul whose hap - pi - ness springs from the Lord's own praise!
let part - ners and let chil - dren thrive and flour - ish like the vine!
teach us, good Lord, to take your gifts with thanks and with de - light.

This paraphrase of Psalm 128 effectively communicates the central theme of this short psalm that would have been sung by pilgrims while making their way to Jerusalem: trusting in God's sovereignty is the only true source of blessing, both for ourselves and for those we love.