



WESTMINSTER CHURCH OF DETROIT



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**Our eyes grow dim with waiting for our God.
Gracious God, forgive us for taking our eyes off Jesus,
the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

**When the storms of life swirl around us,
we forget your unfailing goodness and power to save us.
When we hear Jesus say, "Come," we make excuses about
why it is too hard to follow him,
especially when the way seems dangerous and challenging.
Forgive our sins, Lord, and help us to step out of faith.
Be merciful to us when we cry out, "We believe; help our unbelief!"
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Declaration of God's Forgiveness *(from "How Firm a Foundation")*

Hear these words of assurance:

**"When through the deep waters I call you to go.
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow.
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless
And sanctify to you your deepest distress."**

Friends, hear and believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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 #463

How Firm a Foundation

**When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

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.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

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.

***Hymn GTG #835** Just A Closer Walk With Thee

*Benediction

Postlude Postlude on How Firm a Foundation Trey Clegg
*(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. Karen Stunkel, Interim Pastor
Mr. Gerald Furi, Guest Organist
Mr. Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director
Louis Fisher, Liturgist

Today's Anthem

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, love most bright, drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light. Word of God, our flesh that fashioned with the fire of life impassioned. Thou dost ever lead Thine own, in the love of joys unknown.

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Visit wcodetroit.org for the link to view our Sunday morning worship services on YouTube.

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.

Pastor Nominating Committee Update for August

As we work together to complete the tasks at hand, we are versatile, flexible, and yet of one mind as we pursue the work set before us. We need your continued support to carry us through this process successfully:

attend worship in person or by zoom, remain faithful by financially supporting our church, pray for God to continue to lead us forward in our efforts, and participate in the life and work of the church.

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 24th – 10am to 2pm

September 14th & 28th – 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. Removing the pull tab will not change any refund you are due. 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.

Sunday School for Children and Youth begins on Sunday, September 17th!

Sunday school for children and youth resumes on Sunday, September 17th. We are looking forward to another wonderful year of learning about God's love with the children! Registration for Sunday school will be available at Rally Day (Sunday,

September 10th), at the Christian Education table.

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.

Westminster Calendar

Sunday, August 13th 10:00am Worship 11:15am Deacon Meeting	Sunday, August 20th 10:00am Worship 11:30am Session Meeting
Monday, August 14th 7:00pm NA Meeting	Monday, August 21st 7:00pm NA Meeting
Wednesday, August 16th 12Noon Bible Study 3:00pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm NA Meeting	Wednesday, August 23rd 12Noon Bible Study 3:00pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm NA Meeting
Saturday, August 19th 1:00pm Respond	Thursday, August 24th 10:00am Sewing Ministry Team

Pastoral Care

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Prayer Concerns

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

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!

MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE 456

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.
Isaiah 45:22

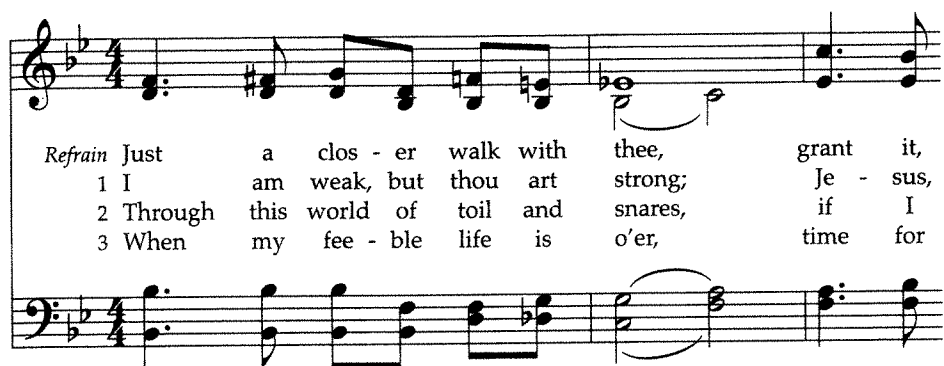
1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of
 2. May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a -
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold,

Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me
 faint - ing heart, My zeal in - spire; As Thou hast
 round me spread, Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness
 sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll; Blest Sav - ior,

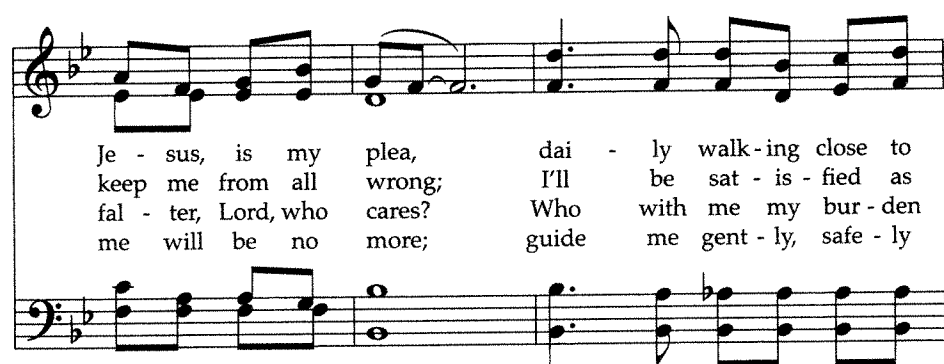
while I pray, Take all my guilt a - way,
 died for me, O may my love to Thee
 turn to day, Wipe sor - row's tears a - way,
 then, in love, Fear and dis - trust re - move;

O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
 Pure, warm and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
 Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 O bear me save a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

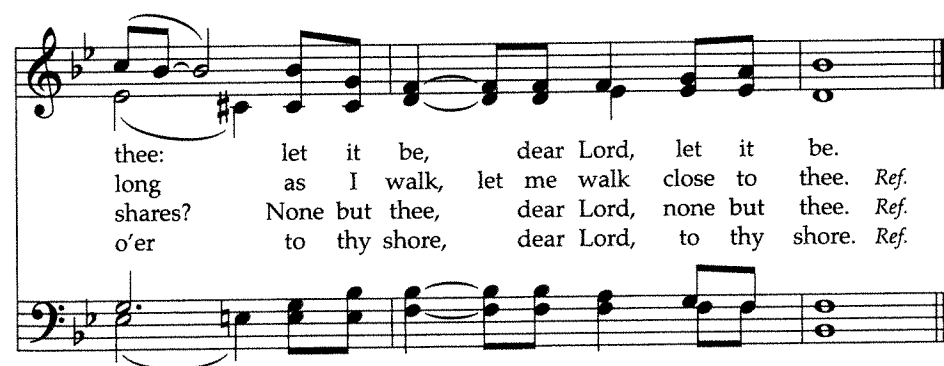
Just a Closer Walk with Thee 835



Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it,
 1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus,
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for



Je - sus, is my plea, dai - ly walk - ing close to
 keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
 fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
 me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly



thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
 long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. Ref.
 shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. Ref.
 o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. Ref.

The chromatic musical style of this anonymous short hymn suggests that it probably dates from the early 20th century. It also seems to owe much of its popularity to radio broadcasts and recordings as well as to evangelistic meetings and singing conventions of that era.