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Sunday, August 6, 2023
10th Sunday after Pentecost
Sacrament of Communion

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Auf Meinen Lieben Gott

J.N. Hanff

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)

This morning communion will be administered at stations located in the sanctuary.

All communion bread is gluten-free.

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

God willingly satisfies our greatest needs
when we bring what little we have.

Let us love our neighbor as ourself
joining in God's miracle-working power.

Gospel Praise

Wonderful

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God,
you call us to love our neighbor as ourself,
ensuring that all will be fed and have dignity.
But in our own distractions, we are blinded by our selfish desires.
We are sick and have turned away those
who are hungry and crying out for your help.
We have forgotten to trust you with our little,
to multiply it with your great power.

Forgive us, O Lord.

**Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,
so that all may know your abundance and grace;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. 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 #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.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Genesis 32: 22-32

Anthem

My Master Was So Very Poor
Chancel Choir

Gordon Young

Second Reading

Genesis 33: 1-11

Message

Wrestle to Reconcile

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Affirmation of Faith**

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, full God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessings the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

Personal Testimony

Deacon Doug Ayers

***Hymn AAHH #334** Break Thou the Bread of Life

Sacrament of Holy Communion

To receive communion, you are invited to come to one of the four stations; two in the central aisle, two in the cross aisles and follow the directions given by the ushers.

If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand and an usher will serve you where you are seated.

INVITATION

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give your thanks and praise.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.**

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MUSIC

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Be Thou With Me

J.S. Bach

CLOSING PRAYER

Hymn GTG #760

Bring Many Names

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

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn GTG #517

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

*Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in C minor

F.X. Brix

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

Angel Zama, Liturgist

Today's Anthem

My Master was so very poor, a manger was His cradling place; so very rich my Master was, kings came from far to gain His grace. My Master was so very poor, and with the poor He broke the bread; so very rich my Master was that multitudes by Him were fed. My Master was so very poor, they nailed Him naked to a cross; so very rich my Master was He gave His all and knew no loss.

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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 10th & 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

<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>	<p>Sunday, August 13th 10:00am Worship 11:15am Deacon Meeting</p> <p>Monday, August 14th 7:00pm NA Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday, August 16th 12Noon Bible Study 3:00pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm NA Meeting</p> <p>Saturday, August 19th 1:00pm Respond</p>
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Pastoral Care

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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

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!

334 BREAK THOU THE BREAD OF LIFE

*But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!"
Luke 11:28*

1. Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
2. Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,
3. Teach me to live, dear Lord, On - ly for Thee,

As Thou did break the loaves Be - side the sea;
As Thou did bless the bread By Gal - i - lee;
As Thy dis - ci - ples lived In Gal - i - lee;

Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek Thee, Lord;
Then shall all bond - age cease, All fet - ters fall,
Then, all my strug - gles o'er, Then, vic - t'ry won,

My spir - it pants for Thee, O liv - ing word!
And I shall find my peace, My all in all.
I shall be - hold Thee, Lord, The liv - ing One.

760 Bring Many Names

Capo 1: (D) (Em7) (G2) (G) (Em) (A2) (A7)
 Eb Fm7 Ab2 Ab Fm Bb2 Bb7

1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child,
 4 Old, ach - ing God, gray with end - less care,
 5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,
 6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,

(D) (Em7) (D/F#) (Em) (Asus) (A7)
 Eb Fm7 Eb/G Fm Bbsus Bb7

cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry,
 plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion,
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing,
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es,
 say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness,
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing,

(D) (Em7) (G2) (G) (Em) (A2) (A7)
 Eb Fm7 Ab2 Ab Fm Bb2 Bb7

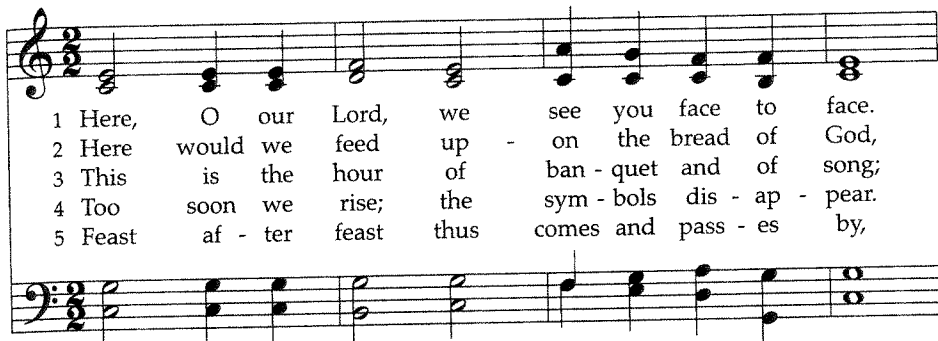
ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.
 set - ting each e - qua - tion ge - ni - us at play:
 car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:
 glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:
 cry - ing out for jus - tice, giv - ing all you have:
 clos - er yet than breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home:

(D) (Em) (D) (A) (G) (D/F#) (Em) (Asus) (A) (D/F#) (Em) (A) (D)
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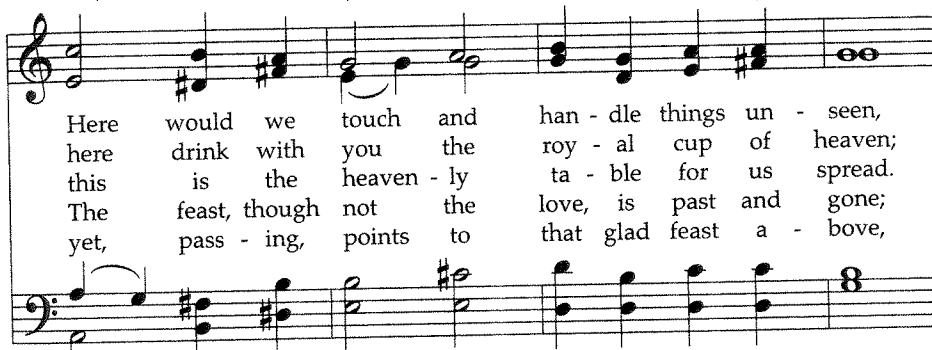
Hail and Ho - san - na! Bring man - y names!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, young, grow - ing God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, great, liv - ing God!

This text affirms that the images we use for God can be inspired by either gender because both males and females reflect the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). Similarly, since God is with us at all stages of life, all ages hold the potential to reveal something about God.

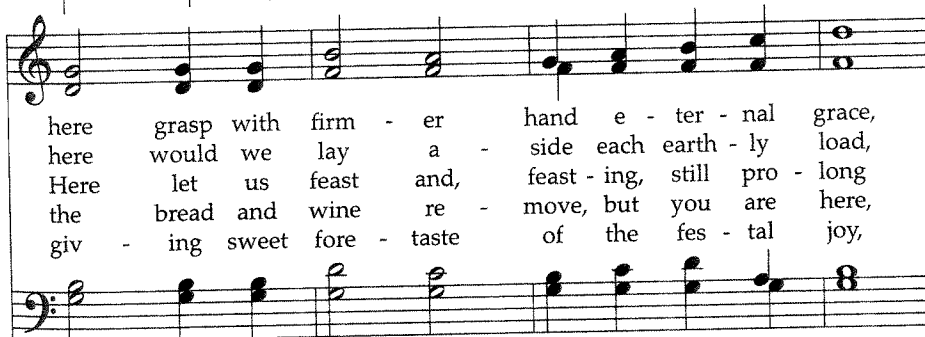
Here, O Our Lord, We See You 517



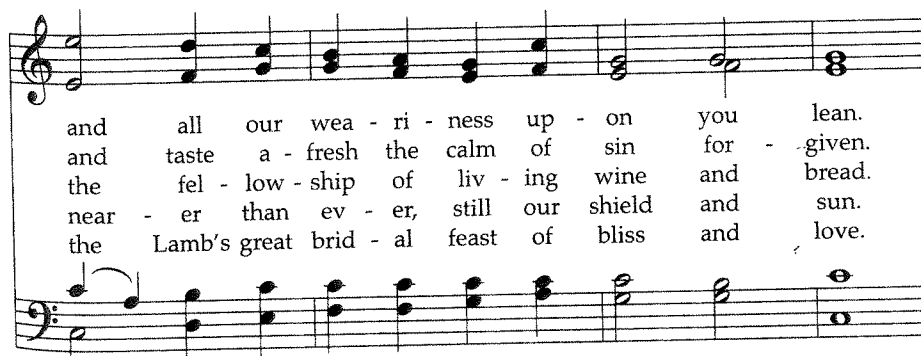
1 Here, O our Lord, we see you face to face.
 2 Here would we feed up - on the bread of God,
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 4 Too soon we rise; the sym - bols dis - ap - pear.
 5 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,



Here would we touch and han - dle things un - seen,
 here drink with you the roy - al cup of heaven;
 this is the heaven - ly ta - ble for us spread.
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
 yet, pass - ing, points to that glad feast a - bove,



here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
 here would we lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 Here let us feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 the bread and wine re - move, but you are here,
 giv - ing sweet fore - taste of the fes - tal joy,



and all our wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.
 and taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
 the fel - low - ship of liv - ing wine and bread.
 near - er than ev - er, still our shield and sun.
 the Lamb's great brid - al feast of bliss and love.

These stanzas are selected from a ten-stanza hymn written in 1855 to serve as a monthly post-communion reflection for the members of St. Andrew's Free Church, Greenock, Scotland. They are set to a tune named for both a coastal town and a large bay in northwest England.