

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



**June 27, 2021  
at 10:30 a.m.**

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*At the ringing of the carillon please silence your conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God. We also ask that you power off your cell phones to prevent interference with our live-streaming and recording equipment. **Bolded text is read or sung by all.** \*Please rise in body or spirit.*

## COME

Voluntary

Flute Voluntary

John Christopher Moller

\*Call to Worship

Brad Hall

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

**God's mercies are everlasting.**

They are new every morning.

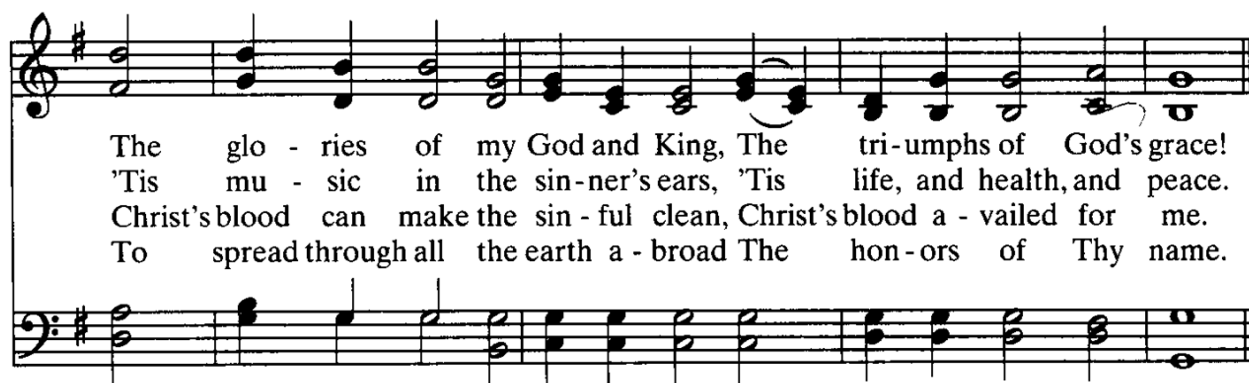
**Great is God's faithfulness.**

\*Hymn #466

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing My dear Re-deem-er's praise,  
2. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor - rows cease;  
3. Christ breaks the power of reign - ing sin, And sets the pris - oner free;  
4. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim,



## ENCOUNTER

### Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to God, for God is faithful and loves us eternally.

### Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we confess that we have sinned against you and have strayed from living wholeheartedly. Envy and fear have dulled our generosity, and we have grown mean and destructive. Forgive us our sins and return us to health through the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.**

*Silence is observed.*

Response 574

Lord, Have Mercy

*Kyrie*

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Sisters and brothers, God loves us, God forgives us, and frees us from our sins; therefore be at peace and love with boldness and generosity.

\*Response 567

Glory Be to the Father

*Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

\*Passing the Peace

Greet both friends and strangers saying,  
**The peace of Christ be with you.**

*During this time of pandemic, a nod of the head and wave of the hand will suffice.*

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

Let us joyfully share our abundance with others, as we trust in God who provides for all our needs.

Offertory                      Thou Wilt Keep Him In Perfect Peace                      Eric H. Thiman  
Joel Rhoads, soloist

*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee.*

*Trust ye in the Lord forever; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.*

\*Response 592                      Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow                      *Doxology*  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Time with Young Disciples

*Following the Time with Young Disciples, young children and early tweens are invited to the church playground for age-appropriate activities (rain location: the nursery/pre-school rooms). As always, all children are welcome to remain in the sanctuary if they, or their parents, prefer.*

## GROW

Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, your Word has the power to restore our lives. Open our hearts to the presence of your Spirit, for you are mighty to save. **Amen.**

The First Lesson                      Psalm 130:1-8                      Old Testament

- 1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.
- 2 Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
- 3 If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
- 4 But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.
- 5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

6 my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

7 O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

8 It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

The Second Lesson

Mark 5:21-43

New Testament

21 When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea.

22 Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet

23 and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live."

24 So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.

25 Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years.

26 She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse.

27 She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak,

28 for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well."

29 Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

30 Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?"

31 And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'"

32 He looked all around to see who had done it.

33 But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth.

34 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

35 While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?"

36 But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe."

37 He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.

38 When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.

39 When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping."

40 And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was.

41 He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!"

42 And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement.

43 He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The Power of Touch

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

## SERVE

\*Affirmation of Faith

**In our world, where many journey alone, nameless in a bustling crowd, the forces of evil seek whom they may scatter and isolate; but God, through Christ, gathers a new community - those who by God's gift put their trust in Christ. In the new community all are welcome: the homeless come home, the broken find healing, the sinner makes a new start; the despised are esteemed, the least are honored, and the last are first. Here the Spirit guides and grace abounds. The church is the fellowship of those who confess Jesus as Lord.**

Prayers of the People

O Christ, our Lord, in times past many servants of yours brought their friends and loved ones to your side, that they might be blessed and healed. So today we bring to your attention those who need your loving touch. Please look on our faith, small as it is, and send your peace.

**O Lord, bring your healing and your peace!**

We lift up before you those who suffer from severe physical pain and those for whom the days are long and the nights seem longer. For others, Lord, the pain is not of their body, but of their mind and emotions. Some are haunted by past failures; some feel the searing pain of rejection; some are shackled with fear and depression; still others are lonely and alone.

**O Lord, bring your healing and your peace!**

We pray for those who are crippled in soul and spirit, who feel that you have abandoned them or that they are unloved by you. We ask that you would tend the sick, comfort the dying, care for the poor, and befriend the oppressed. May their hearts be strong and filled with love and compassion. When they are weary, infuse the strength of your Spirit.

**O Lord, bring your healing and your peace!**

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who came to suffer among us and to care for those who suffer. **Amen.**

We pray silently...

And finally, together, as the people of God, we offer the prayer that Christ taught us, saying in one voice:

The 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.**

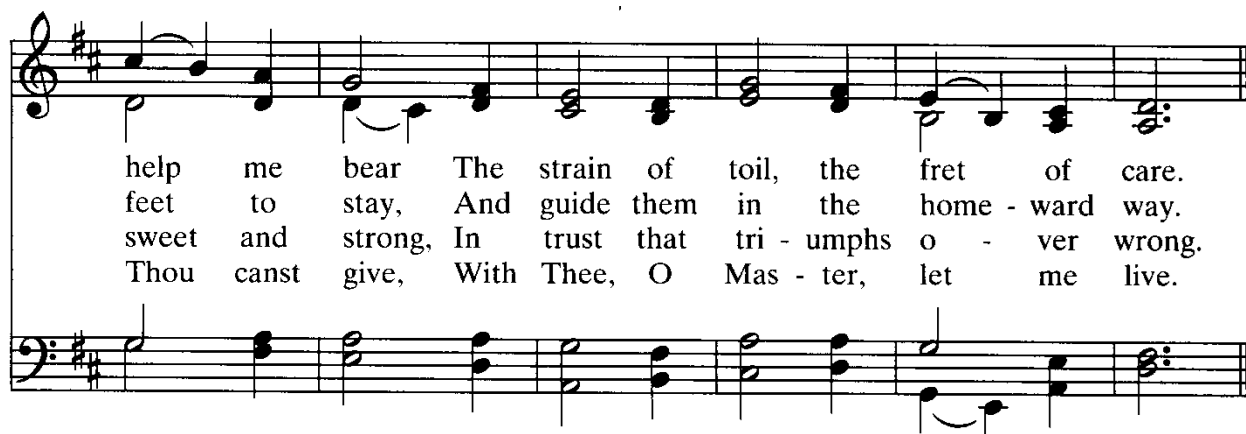
\*Hymn #357

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

1. O Mas - ter, let me walk with Thee In low - ly  
2. Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,  
3. Teach me Thy pa - tience; still with Thee In clos - er,  
4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the

paths of ser - vice free; Tell me Thy se - cret;  
win - ning word of love; Teach me the way - ward  
dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith  
fu - ture's broad - ening way; In peace that on - ly



\*Charge and Benediction

My sisters and brothers, the Holy One has created you for good.  
 Delight in God, work for justice, and walk in peace.

May the blessing of God, who creates, redeems, and restores, be with you now  
 and always.

Voluntary

Variations to the Sicilian Hymn

Benjamin Carr

*Funding for today's soloist was provided by the Seiberling Music Endowment fund.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Flowers in the Chancel** are given by Cindy Weiss in memory of her mother Evelyn Spear Weiss and in honor of their Westminster church family.

**Zachary Troyer's Farewell** With appreciation, we give thanks for the work of Zachary Troyer. While pursuing his education, Zack has served in many capacities at Westminster, as Director of the Children's Choir, Youth Handbell Choir, and Adult Handbell Choir. Zack has also served our congregation as a Choral Scholar, offering section leadership in the choir and providing solos. His last day at Westminster will be July 25, with a farewell in Wright-Herberich Hall following worship. We encourage you to extend signs of your appreciation for his service. A box for cards may be found in WHH.

**Staff Accountant Debby Evrard** We are also saddened to announce the departure of Debby Evrard, who has faithfully served Westminster as our staff accountant. Debby's last day with us will be July 7. We encourage you to extend signs of your appreciation for Debby's service. A box for cards may be found in Wright-Herberich Hall.

**Interim Music Director/Organist** On June 22, Session voted to hire Robert Carlyon as Westminster's Interim Music Director/Organist. We are grateful for the wealth of experience and skill that Bob provides during this transitional time, and we invite you to welcome him warmly to our staff team.

**COVID-19 Protocols** On June 22, our Session voted to relax some of our existing COVID protocols. Please note the following:

- Masks are now optional for all vaccinated adults. Unvaccinated adults are asked to continue masking.
- Masks are also optional for children and youth of every age, whether they have been vaccinated or not. This is at the discretion of the parent or guardian of the child or youth.
- Solos and congregational singing will continue both with and without masks.
- We will continue to observe social distancing measures, and the ushers will assist worshippers with seating in the sanctuary. If you would prefer to sit at a greater distance from others, please inform an usher who can guide you to a place where you will feel more comfortable.
- We are in the process of returning the hymnals, Bibles, and giving envelopes to the pews. However, offering trays and fellowship pads will not be passed at this time. Offering trays may be found at the entrance to the worship space.
- Livestreaming services will continue on YouTube.
- The narthex doors will remain locked for the time being. Please access the sanctuary through the education wing.

***Church offices will be closed on Friday, July 2 in observance of Independence Day and will re-open on Monday, July 5.***

CALENDAR of CHURCH EVENTS for the week of June 27- July 3, 2021	
<b>Sunday, 6/27</b> 10:30 am Worship Service in Sanctuary & on YouTube Livestream 11:30 am Committal Service in Memorial Garden for Evelyn Spear Weiss	<b>Monday, 6/28</b> 1:00 pm Zoom Bible Study  <b>Thursday, 7/1</b> 9:30 am WPC Staff Meeting in Library  <b>Friday, 7/2 Church offices will be closed</b>  <b>Saturday, 7/3</b> 8:00 am Food For Life in the Kitchen

**The church office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.**



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