



*Westminster Presbyterian Church*  
*May 31, 2026*

**Choir Processional**

**Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer (10:25)**

*A warm welcome to those new to Westminster!  
Please fill out the Welcome Card in the pew in front of you  
and drop it in the offering plate so we can get to know you. Thank you!*

**Prelude:** *Use this time to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*

**\*Call to Worship: Psalm 107:1-3; 31-32 (Responsively)**

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,  
**for His steadfast love endures forever!**

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
**whom He has redeemed from trouble**

and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west,  
**from the north and from the south.**

Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love,  
**for His wondrous works to the children of man!**

Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people,  
**and praise Him in the assembly of the elders.**

**Salutation: John 15:9; Romans 1:7**

As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Invocation**

You, O God, are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In You our fathers trusted; they trusted, and You delivered them. To You they cried and were rescued; in You they trusted and were not put to shame. Today, Your people are again gathered before Your throne, crying out for Your deliverance from their sin, trusting in Your steadfast love, and praising You for Your righteousness. Bow down Your ear, O God, to hear the prayers of

Your people. Accept their worship and strengthen their souls with Your presence. We pray as our Savior taught us to pray saying:

**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 and ever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Worship #100: *Holy, Holy, Holy!***

**Confession of Faith: from 2 Corinthians 4:13, Romans 10:9-10, Hebrews 11:1 (*Unison*)**

**I believe in the One true and living God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is the Creator of all things, the Ruler of heaven and earth, and the Author of my life.**

**I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God—my Savior, my Redeemer, my soon-coming King. He died for my sins, rose from the grave, and now reigns in power and glory. By His blood, I am forgiven. By His stripes, I am healed. By His Spirit, I am made new.**

**I confess that Jesus Christ is Lord over my life. He is my strength, my shield, my provider, and my peace. I am no longer bound by fear, guilt, or shame. I am free—redeemed by grace and called by name. I believe the Word of God is true—living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword. It is my foundation, my weapon, and my light in darkness.**

**I live by faith, not by sight. I walk in power, not in defeat. I declare I am who God says I am: I am a child of God, chosen and dearly loved. I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. I am filled with the Holy Spirit, anointed for purpose, destined for glory. I have the victory through Christ Jesus. Greater is He who is in me than he who is in the world. I believe, therefore I speak. And what I speak, I will see. In Jesus' name—so be it. AMEN.**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Our Father, although You are a holy God, Who cannot look upon sin, look upon Christ our Savior and forgive us for His sake. You have promised us that if we confess our sins, You are faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. For if we do sin, we have an Advocate before Your throne, Jesus Christ the Righteous, and He is the propitiation for our sins. Give us Your pardon by Your mercies, dear Father, for You have clothed us in Christ's righteousness. We ask also that You would give us an increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, so that we may learn the wisdom of Your ways and walk in Your holy paths, for Your glory and the good of our neighbor. Amen.

### **Silent Prayer**

**Assurance of Pardon:** from **Romans 4:24-25**

Righteousness will be counted to us who believe in Him Who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, Who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.  
**AMEN.**

**\*Hymn # 689:** *Be Still, My Soul*

**Offering/ Prayer: Psalm 116:12, 14**

How can I repay the LORD for all His goodness to me? I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology: Hymn # 731** *Psalm 150:6*

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**Choir Anthem:** *Come, People of the Risen King*

1. Come, people of the Risen King, Who delight to bring Him praise;  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing To the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth We will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach To gather children in.

**REFRAIN**

Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

2. Come, those whose joy is morning sun, And those weeping through the night;  
Come, those who tell of battles won, And those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change, And His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days With the certain hope of peace.

**REFRAIN**

Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

**(WAIT—music interlude is twice as long)**

3. Come, young and old from every land, Men and women of the faith;  
Come, those with full or empty hands; Find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world, His people sing Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all"

## REFRAIN

Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!  
Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one **voice** (hold);  
O Church of **Christ** (hold), rejoice!

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## Prayer for Congregation

**\*Scripture Reading: John 15:18-25** (pg. 848 in the Pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon: *Why Does the World Hate Us?*** By Pastor Mark Scholten

**\*Hymn of Response:** *Come, Men of Christ, Be Strong* (See insert)

**\*Benediction: Romans 15:5-6; 1 Corinthians 16:23**

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. Amen.

\*Indicates standing if you are able.

*No activities at the church this evening.*

**Ushers for May:** Gene Striker, Jim Finlay, Bobby Martin, Andy King  
**Ushers for June:** Randy Waters, Matt Scholten, Allen Miller, Dan Dunham



Join us for our Blood Drive and Covered-Dish Lunch



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