

Westminster Presbyterian Church

July 14, 2024



PRELUDE "Amazing Grace" Lorie Line

WELCOME

MUSIC FOR PREPARATION "Interlude" by Phillip Keveren

INTROIT "Come to Me" #64 (*Lift Up Your Hearts*)

*Refrain: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened;
You who are weary and burdened, come to me.
Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
And I will give you rest.*

*Take my yoke upon you and learn of me,
for I am gentle and humble in heart.
And you will find rest, rest for your soul,
for my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*

Refrain

And I will give you rest.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Beth Merrill Neel, holdfasttowhatisgood, adapted)

People of God: welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude, let us worship and give thanks to God.

*HYMN "For the Fruit of All Creation" #553 (*Hymnal*)

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.

In our worldwide task of caring, for the hungry and despairing,

In the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,

Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

PRAYER

(by Lois Siemens, from togetherinworship.net)

God of all creation, who gives us more than enough food,

more than enough water, more than enough of everything to sustain our lives,

**May our worship recall us to awareness of Your grace, of the wisdom of
Jesus our Savior and teacher, and of the boundless strength of the Spirit.**

**May we deepen our trust in You and grow in generous hospitality to those
beyond our borders. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 2:1-13

SPECIAL MUSIC "Always With Me" by Joe Hisashi & Youmi Kimura
Guest Violinist: Nick Rankin

SCRIPTURE READING Ruth 2:14-23

SERMON "Food for Thought: Leftovers" Pastor Jerry

HYMN "Live Into Hope" #332 (Hymnal)

***Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.
Th' oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!***
***Live into hope the blind shall see with insight and with clarity,
Removing shades of pride and fear – a vision of our God brought near.***
***Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be,
The right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.***
***Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.***

PRAYER

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 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" #540 (Hymnal)

***God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.***
***God be with you till we meet again; Unseen wings protecting hid you,
Daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again.***
***God be with you till we meet again; When life's perils thick confound you,
Put unfailing arms around you; God be with you till we meet again.***
***God be with you till we meet again; Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again.***

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE "Song of Hope" #432 (Hymnal)

***May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace.
Singing, share our joy with all.
Working for a world that's new.
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.***

POSTLUDE "Song of Hope" by Phillip Keveren



We welcome Nick Rankin as our guest musician today and thank him for once again sharing the gift of music with us. Nick is a member of a local string/woodwind quartet and has performed with the Kalamazoo Civic, Augusta Barn and Farmer's Alley Theatres, as well as assisting in Portage Central, Portage Northern and Otsego Public High School musical productions. Nick retired from KVCC in 2015 with 37 years of service.