

WHITE MEMORIAL

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

October 4, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Live Streaming and In Person Worship with registration

8:00 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Chip Pope, Associate Pastor for Youth and their Families

Anne Galliher, Pastoral Resident

Gloria Johnson, Associate Pastor for Outreach

Kirsten Homdrom, Associate Director of Music

Karl Zinsmeister, Director of Music

Andrew O'Connor, vocals

ORDER OF SERVICE

GREETING

PRELUDE

Allegro moderato e serioso from *Sonata in f minor, Op. 65 No. 1*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity
you have given us a world of abundance and diversity,
yet we live guided by greed and selfishness.

We confess that we have defaced your creation and poisoned our
environment through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain.

In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended
for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us
from those who are different from us.

You gave us wisdom and creativity and
we have used those to trick each other and to develop
weapons of destruction and death.

You gave us laws to order our lives and
we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies.

We love war rather than strive for peace.

We ignore the poor and the weak and honored the rich and powerful.

In all this we have not lived according to your will.

Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements
and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise.

In your mercy, forgive us our sins. Amen.

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FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-20

¹Then God spoke all these words:

²I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery;

³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol,
whether in the form of anything
that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath,
or that is in the water under the earth.

⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them;
for I the Lord your God am a jealous God,
punishing children for the iniquity of parents,
to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me,

⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation
of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God,
for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.

⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God;
you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter,
your male or female slave, your livestock,
or the alien resident in your towns.

¹¹For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea,
and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day;
therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath
day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days
may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet
your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey,
or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

¹⁸When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning,
the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking,
they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance,

¹⁹and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen;
but do not let God speak to us, or we will die."

²⁰Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid;
for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him
upon you so that you do not sin."

SECOND READING

Matthew 21:31-46

³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?"

They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.

³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

³³⁴Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower.

Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.

³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.

³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.

³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'

³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.

⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.

⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

Throwing Stones in the Vineyard

MUSICAL OFFERING

Chorale and variation 1 from Sonata in d minor, Op. 65 No. 6
F. Mendelssohn

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

**Great Thanksgiving
Bread And Cup**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND 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.**

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day
he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on
the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

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HYMN 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Allegro molto (variation 4) from Sonata in d minor

F. Mendelssohn

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JOYS & CONCERNS

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Margaret Ann West, born September 20,
child of Ivy and Mark West.

Music included in today's service:

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I Come with Joy

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1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

EXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1993

AUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977

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DOVE OF PEACE

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526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used. ||: :||

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.

What's happening this week at WMPC

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 4

Cancer Companions

4:30-6:00 p.m. | Zoom | [Registration required](#)

Contact Jean Williams, Parish Nurse at jwilliams@whitememorial.org or Jim Ferry, Parish Associate at jferry@whitememorial.org.

MONDAY | OCTOBER 5

9@9 a.m.

Daily | Facebook Live

Begin the morning each weekday with a live Bible study led by Grier Booker Richards, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Chip Pope, Associate Pastor for Youth and their Families. You can find all of their studies on Facebook, Instagram and our website.

Churchwide Bible Study: The Parables of Jesus **7:00-8:00 p.m.** | Zoom | [Registration required](#)

The well-known parables of Jesus are deep wells of Christian instruction and reflection, but ones that are often reduced to a single, simplistic meaning. Join us for a 10-week study of parables led by WMPC pastors as we explore the depth of Jesus' teaching and ask what these stories might have to say to us today.

TUESDAY | OCTOBER 6

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

7:30 a.m. | Zoom | [Registration required](#)

Senior Health Insurance Information Plan Webinar

1:00-2:00 p.m.

Webinar | [Registration required](#)

Susan McGuire from SHIP will address basics of Medicare A, B, C and D, updates on Medicare programs for 2021, and how to get assistance from SHIP. This program is for those who will be turning 65 soon as well as those already on Medicare who want to learn more. Contact Jean Williams, Parish Nurse with questions at jwilliams@whitememorial.org.

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 7

Centering Prayer

5:30 p.m. | Zoom | [Registration required](#)

In all of the craziness and weariness of the pandemic, join us for 30 minutes each week to center and pray. It's a little different on zoom, but we're excited to gather. Centering Prayer is simply sitting in silence, open to God's word and love. Prepare yourself by sitting in a quiet space, if you wish light a candle and allow your mind and breath to slow down. Please mute your computer as we begin the opening reading. We will meet every Wednesday at 5:30 through November 11. If you have questions, contact Melinda Fox at Melindafox22@gmail.com.

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 8

Keenagers

10:00 a.m. | Zoom | [Registration required](#)

If you are 55 years old +, we invite you to join Keenagers via Zoom. On Thursday we will gather virtually at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Tonya Higgins at thiggins@whitememorial.org to receive your Zoom link.

Lectio Live

1:00 p.m. | Facebook Live

Cate Church Norman, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care or Anne Galliher, Pastoral Resident practice a contemplative way to read the Bible called Lectio Divina. It's an ancient yet simple practice that means "holy reading." In Lectio Divina, we slow down and listen for God's word. We take time to listen for words or phrases that stand out for us, and we listen for a call that God may be placing on us.

Watch Party

7:30 p.m. | [Registration Required](#)

You are invited to join us as we watch *I Am Not Your Negro* on Thursday, October 8 at 7:30 p.m. On Tuesday, October 13 at noon and Wednesday, October 14 at 7:30 we will follow up with Reflection Groups to discuss. You must register for the Watch Party and Reflection Groups. You can find more information about the movie and how to view on our website.