

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

September 26, 2021
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

Greeting

Karl Zinsmeister

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us prepare for worship.

Preparation for Worship

God of the ages, you call the church to keep watch in the world and to discern the signs of the times. Grant us the wisdom which your Spirit bestows, that with courage we may proclaim your prophetic word and complete the work that you have set before us; through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Prelude - Prière à Notre-Dame

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

Christian Welcome and Announcements

Jim Ferry

Please pass the Friendship Register to your neighbor and include all requested information.

Call to Worship

One: Jesus says, "I am the Way."

All: So we come to follow Christ.

One: Jesus says, "I am the Truth."

All: So we come to dwell in the light.

One: Jesus says, "I am the Life."

All: So we come to experience grace.

One: With curiosity and confidence, with generous spirits and open hearts,

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 315 – In the Midst of New Dimensions

NEW DIMENSIONS

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

There are moments, O God, when it is only honest to admit how much we like and crave, and are at times, addicted to our desire for control. Because we cannot always control life and death, we try to control our schedules and our experiences. Because we cannot always control our finances and fears, we try to control our emotions and our expectations. Because we cannot always control ourselves, we try to control others. Because we cannot always control this world, we try to control you. Forgive us Lord, and set us free. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.



Our Call to Worship today is very Christological. In the church, our Christology is our theology centered on the person of Christ and what we believe about Jesus.

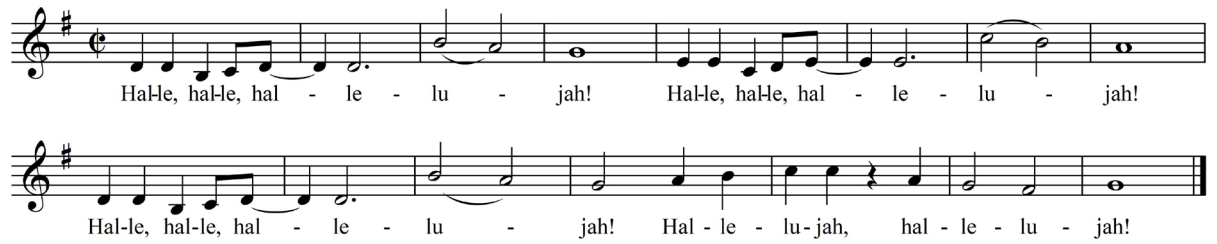
The confession of sin is part of our liturgy each week. It serves three purposes: 1) a reminder that each of us falls short of God's kingdom (Romans 3); 2) an affirmation that we bring our whole selves to worship (Psalm 139); and, 3) a declaration of our complete dependence upon God's grace (2 Corinthians 12).

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

in the manner of Christ

Response Hymn 591 - Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE



Psalm 19 is one of the great pieces of scripture to be found any place in the Bible. Generations of believers have found in its words an ability to inspire.

For over thirty years, Uzee Brown, Jr. has been an educator on African-American music focusing on Spirituals. Dr. Brown is President of the National Association of Negro Musicians, serves on the board of trustees at Morehouse College, where he also serves as Professor of Music.

Our hymns and songs have many different origins within the Christian tradition. This hymn is from the African American spiritual tradition. In each line it uses different biblical imagery to paint a picture of the wholeness of God's kingdom and the "welcome" we will find there.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Sacrament of Baptism

(9:30) **Elizabeth Daniels Watkins**, child of Caki and Andrew Watkins

(11:00) **Harrison James Hall**, child of Lila and Kevin Hall

Old Testament Lesson - Psalm 19:7-14; pew Bible, p. 472

(11:00) **Anthem - Come By Here**

arr. Uzee Brown, Jr. (b. 1950)

WMPC Adult Choir Ensemble

*Come by here, my Lord, come by here. O Lord, come by here.
Someone needs you, Lord, come by here, O Lord, come by here.
Someone's prayin', Lord, come by here, O Lord, come by here.
Someone's cryin', Lord, come by here, O Lord, come by here.*

New Testament Lesson - Mark 9:38-50; pew Bible, p. 42

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

(11:00) A Time With Young Disciples

At the 11:00 service, Kindergartners through 2nd Graders will meet with Caroline Britt at the door near the baptismal font, to be joined by Diane Britt from the OnPoint service for Worship Enrichment in L201.

Sermon - "Cut It Out"

Grier Richards

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn 770 – I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table**

WELCOME TABLE

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Gloria Johnson

**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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering

(8:00) *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. Tom Trenney (pub. 2020)

Martha Hutchens, alto

*Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.*

*Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

(9:30 & 11:00) *The Heavens are Telling* Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)
WMPC Adult Choir

*The heavens are telling the Lord's endless glory,
Through all the earth His praise is found.
The seas re-echo the marvelous story: Let all repeat that glorious sound!*

*The starry hosts He doth order and number,
He fills the morning's golden springs,
He wakes the sun from his night-curtained slumber;
Now all adore the King of kings!*

*The heavens are His and the earth knows His favor,
God's power in all things thou dost see;
The Lord of hosts who for ever and ever Thy God and Father still shall be.*

*He is thy Maker whose love shall not waver;
A God of wisdom, ever kind;
Praise Him and love Him with all thy endeavor,
In Him salvation shalt thou find!*

The Heavens are Telling was an anthem done in the first couple of years: 1946-1948,
first on the one-year anniversary of worshipping together on October 5, 1947.

***Offertory Response Hymn 607 (Doxology)** OLD HUNDREDTH
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

***Affirmation of Faith** A Statement of Faith (1940) United Church of Canada
**We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and
others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect
in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim
Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn 313 – Lord, Make Us More Holy** LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

***Charge and Benediction**

***Chiming of the Trinity**

The worship service ends with the Chiming of the Trinity.
Please be mindful of those who remain to listen to the postlude.

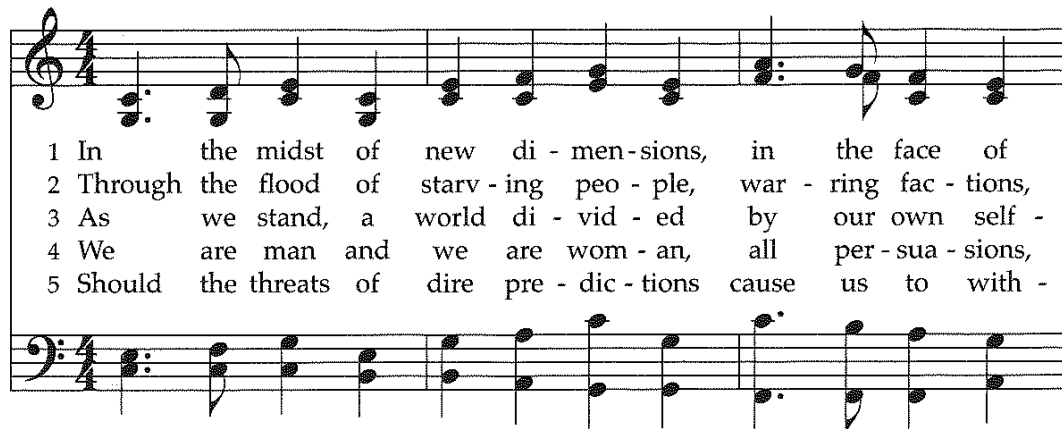
Postlude - Lobe den Herren Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)
This piece was played during WMPC's 25th Anniversary year, 1971.

The anthem sets a poem inspired by Psalm 19. Originally written for solo voice and piano, American composer Virgil Thomson arranged Beethoven's piece for choir and organ in 1925. The anthem became widely known among American churches by the 1940's and was one of the earliest anthems sung by a choir here at WMPC as indicated in the bulletin from **October 5, 1947.**

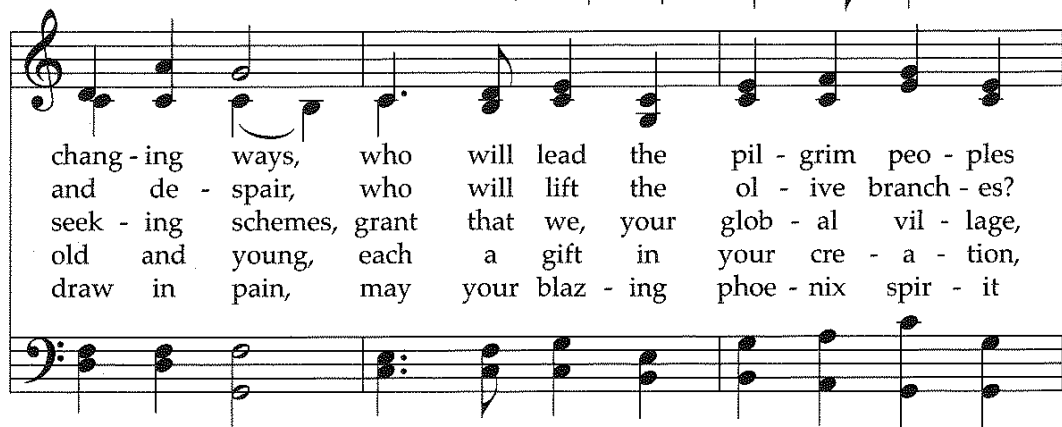
Each week we use a variety of affirmations as part of our liturgy. Many of these come from our own Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Confessions. This week we use an affirmation from one of our sister churches in Canada. This affirmation reminds us at its start and at its conclusion of our enduring relationship with God, the first person of the Trinity.

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315 In the Midst of New Dimensions

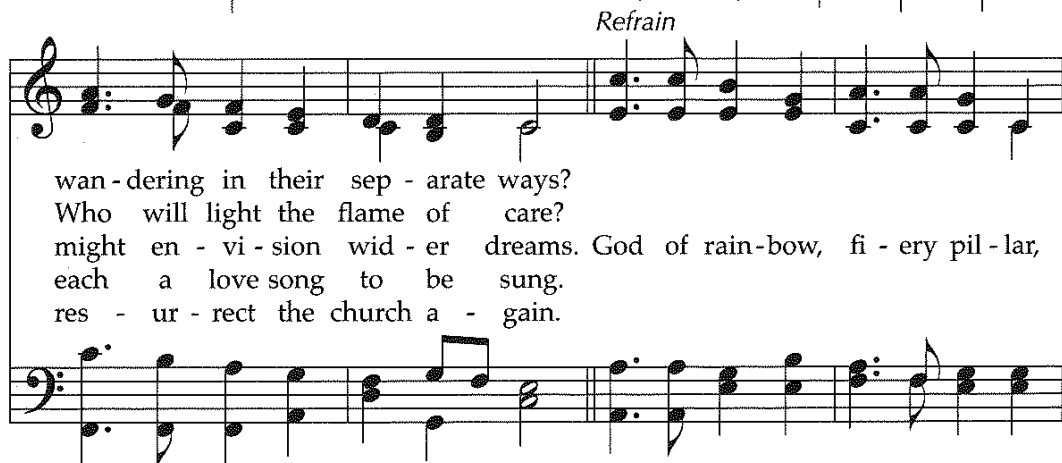


1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
 2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,
 3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
 4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -



chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

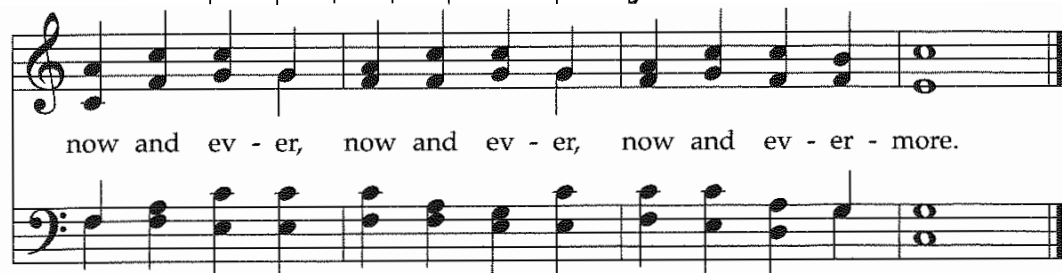
Refrain



wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will light the flame of care?
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,
 each a love song to be sung.
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.



lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney



now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

770 I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble;
 2 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus;
 3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;
 4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;
 5 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey;

I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.
 here all the world will find a wel-come, Al - le - lu - ia.
 we're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers; I'm gon - na
 Here all the world will find a wel - come; here all the
 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey; we're gon - na


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The image of a great feast showing God's welcome of all people was part of Jewish tradition (Isaiah 25:6-9) and underlies Jesus' parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24). Such equality remains as unknown to many people today as it was to the slaves who created this spiritual.

313 Lord, Make Us More Holy



1 Lord, make us more ho - ly; Lord, make us more ho - ly;
 2 Lord, make us more lov - ing; Lord, make us more lov - ing;
 3 Lord, make us more pa - tient; Lord, make us more pa - tient;
 4 Lord, make us more faith - ful; Lord, make us more faith - ful;



Lord, make us more ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain:



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain.
 lov - ing, lov - ing, lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain.
 pa - tient, pa - tient, pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain.
 faith - ful, faith - ful, faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain.

WELCOME TO WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

We are glad you are worshiping with us.
Visiting? Stop by the Welcome Table in
Jane Bell Gathering Space for information,
directions and a friendly greeting.
New members are received after attending
Believing & Belonging @WMPC Class.
Visit whitememorial.org/join
or contact Elizabeth Viohl at ext. 206
for details, class dates and registration.

THINGS TO KNOW:

- **Restrooms** are located on the hallway to Jane Bell Gathering Space on the Pulpit side and also on the first floor of the Luther Building.
- **Childcare** is available for children up to four years old.
- **Sunday School** is offered at 9:30 for all ages.
- **Refreshments** Coffee stations are located in The Connector and Main Hall
- **The sanctuary** has a loop hearing aid system and an FM system.
- **Live-streamed services** are at whitememorial.org.
- **Radio**, WPTF 680 AM, every other Sunday at 11:00 a.m.: next broadcast is October 3.
- **Bulletins** left in the sanctuary following worship services are recycled as part of our care for God's creation.



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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AFTER HOURS PASTOR ON CALL: 919-605-4593

Each Sunday, we offer four opportunities for you to worship with us at White Memorial (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and 11:00 a.m. OnPoint@1704 Edinburgh - Main Hall). While you will notice differences in music, location and worship leadership among our different services, what unites us in our worship is our scripture, liturgy and sermon. All services use the same Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, readings from Scripture and Affirmation of Faith.

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Becky, Charles and Lillian King; Gracie, Jeff, Wyatt and Neely Colby; and Amanda, Thom, Lindley and Joe Thomas Williams,
on the death of Becky's mother, Geraldine Byrd McKinnon,
September 1, High Point, NC.

Cathy and Mark Tribbett; and Jessica, Zac, Grady and Harper Long,
on the death of Cathy's father, Ken Benner, September 17, CA.

Betsee Hamilton, on the death of her brother, Charles "Charly" Stuart Hamilton,
September 20, Charleston, WV.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 26

Psalm 121; 1 Peter 4:8-11

Sounds on Oberlin Concert

3:00 p.m. | Sanctuary and Live Stream

Please join us as Sounds on Oberlin presents *Winterreise* by Franz Schubert with Adrian Smith, baritone and Kirsten Homdrom, piano. The concert is free, though donations are most welcome to support the series.

Cancer Companions

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

MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 27

*Psalm 119:49-56; Jeremiah 32:16-35;
Revelation 3:14-22*

Pickleball at WMPC!

2-4:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

Whether you're new to the game or an experienced player, come join the fun!

TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 28

Jeremiah 32:36-44; James 5:1-6

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Breakfast Line | 7:00 a.m. | Main Hall

Bible Study | 7:30 a.m. | In-person or Zoom
[Registration required.](#)

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 29

Jeremiah 33:1-13; Matthew 19:16-22

Wednesdays Together Dinner

5-6:30 p.m. | Main Hall-Edinburgh Building

Join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship with our WMPC family. Roasted Turkey Breast, Dressing, Green Bean Casserole and Rolls are on the menu this week. [Reservations required](#)

Pickleball at WMPC!

6-8:00p.m. | Pickard Hall

Why not pick up a game (or watch) after Wednesdays Together Dinner?

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 30

*Lamentations 3:19-26; Jeremiah 52:1-11;
Revelation 2:8-11*

Keenagers

10:45 a.m. | Geneva Hall & Zoom

Join us this week for "*What is TLC*" (Tammy Lynn Center)? presented by Heather Miller, Director of Marketing and Events for TLC. For Zoom link, please contact Leigh Ann Dailey at ldailey@whitememorial.org.

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 1

Jeremiah 52:12-30; Revelation 2:12-29

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 2

Lamentations 1:7-15; Matthew 20:29-34

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SAVE THE DATE

Rise Against Hunger

Sunday | October 3 | 9:00 a.m. - noon
Pickard Hall

Rise Against Hunger will be back on campus for a meal-packaging event. This is a great family project and a great way to get service hours. We plan on packaging 10,000 meals, so come to all or a part of the time. We will be set up with safety in mind.

Major Mission 2021: TLC (Tammy Lynn Center)

We are excited to be supporting TLC through our Major Mission program for 2021. Your generosity can help families right here in our neighborhood! Gifts may be made online or by check.

Churchwide Collection for September

In September, we will collect socks and underwear for men, women and children. Please place items in the red bins outside of the Witherspoon building.

REGISTRATION FOR MOST EVENTS
CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE:
WHITEMEMORIAL.ORG/REGISTER