



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sacrament of Communion
14 June 2020 + 10:00 a.m.

Ringing of the Bell

Voluntary Morning Has Broken Gaelic Melody, Brant Adams, arr.

Welcome Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Call to Worship Matt. 10:1, 7

Jesus Christ summons us to answer God's call of mercy.

**Christ gathers us and gives us power to be healed and to heal,
to be forgiven and to forgive, to be freed from sin and to set others free,
to tell one another and the world:**

God's presence is at hand. Let us worship the Lord.

Hymn 53 O God, Who Gives Us Life *Noel*

O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
deliver us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
Help us to know your Spirit still is making all things new.

O God, who calls your people out to venture and to dare,
to plumb the bleak abyss of doubt and find you even there:
when we despair in wandering through wastes of empty lies,
refresh us with the living spring of hope that never dies.

O God of covenant and law, revealed in cloud and flame,
your mighty deeds evoke our awe; we dare not speak your name.
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your people prove,
as on our hearts you write anew the covenant of love.

Invitation to Confession Rev. Christian K. Choi

Prayer of Confession Loving God, we do not always remember your Gospel hope within us, nor carry it to others. We do not always let peace be what we bring to others, nor let it remain in us. We do not always endure. Forgive us; transform us in your Spirit, make us into laborers for your kingdom, giving generously, retaining nothing in selfishness, and build in us character and hope. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

Declaration of Pardon Friends, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace The peace of Christ be with you,
and those with whom we worship.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Children's Sermon

First Scripture Reading Matthew 9:35-10:4

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into God's harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

Music Voluntary in D

William Boyce

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 10:5-10:23

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town.

"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

Meditation Sheep, Wolves, Serpents, and Doves

Rev. Trajan I. McGill

"...be wise as serpents and innocent as doves" -Matthew 10:16b

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Let us lift our hearts and give thanks to the Lord our God.

Let us pray. It is our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe.... Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine....

Hear now the prayer Christ taught us to pray, saying:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Words of Institution

Music at the Communion

O Lord of Mercy

César Franck

O Lord of mercy, O Lord of justice,
Thine own humble servants seek to find redemption with little infinite wisdom,
Thou dost look on us, Saviour, thou art miraculous, Saviour, we would thy servants be
Singing our praise to Thee, to Thee our hearts do flee. Glorious Thy name shall be
Until eternity; E'en in the silent night Thy glory shining bright,
Proclaims to mortals Thy ever glorious might. To Thee we bring our song of praise.

Prayer after Communion

Holy and loving God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the power and unity of the Holy Spirit and answer Christ's call for mercy. May we find the grace to be healed and to heal, to be forgiven and to forgive. Accept the gifts of our lives and our labors as we seek to tell one another and the world that God's presence is at hand. Amen.

Hymn 306 **Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

Dennis

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Charge and Benediction

Voluntary **Allegro non troppo**

John Ireland

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Pastor and Head of Staff

Rev. Trajan I. McGill, Associate Pastor for Parish Life

Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry

Dale T. Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts

Lyle VanDeventer, Saxophonist and Bass

Abigail Attig, Soprano (The granddaughter of Dr. Roland Folse)

Bob Fox, Videographer

Elsie Fox, Director