



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Father's Day
21 June 2020 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Voluntary Caprice

Robert Jones

Ringing of the Bell

Call to Worship

Psalm 86

**You, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.**
Give ear, O Lord, to our prayer; listen to our cry of supplication.
In the day of trouble we call on you, for you will answer.
**There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.**
For you are great and do wondrous things: you alone are God.
**Teach us your way, O Lord, that we may walk in your truth.
and glorify your name forever. Amen.**

Hymn 22 God of the Sparrow

Roeder

God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars,
How does the creature say Awe? How does the creature say Praise?
God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe? How does the creature cry Save?
God of the rainbow. God of the cross, God of the empty grave,
How does the creature say Grace? How does the creature say Thanks?
God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal?
How does the creature say Care? How does the creature say Life?
God of the neighbor. God of the foe, God of the pruning hook,
How does the creature say Love? How does the creature say Peace?
God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart,
How do your children say Joy? How do your children say Home?

Invitation to Confession

Rev. Trajan I. McGill

Prayer of Confession

God of the Sparrow, we confess that we have broken covenant with you and one another. We draw lines of distinction among ourselves rather than celebrating our common humanity. When our faith is too zealous, sometimes we trample on others rather than affirming each of us as a child of God. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

***Sung Response** Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

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.

Response of Praise Gloria Patri

Children's Sermon Education and Compass Leadership Recognition

Music I Love to tell the Story

William G. Fischer

I love to tell the story of unseen things above
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.
I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.

And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

First Scripture Reading Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 10:26-31,37-39

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Call Me Ishmael

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Text: “And God heard the voice of the boy...” Genesis 21:17a

Solo

Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth

Felix Mendelssohn

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heavenly Father’s realm. Joy on their head shall be forever lasting, and all sorrow and mourning shall flee away forever.

The Church at 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.

Introduction to Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, you have given us land in which to grow and thrive, food for survival and pleasure, and mercy beyond our comprehension. Make our thanksgiving bloom forth into the lives of others in the name of the One who gave everything for us. Amen.

Hymn 661 Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

Sparrow

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,
when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Let not your heart be lonely ad long for heaven and home,
And resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds a-rise,
When song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him; from care he sets me free:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Concerto in G: Allegro

Johann Sebastian Bach

IN MEMORIAM

Susanne H. "Susie" Ripka 06/20/1934 – 06/10/2020
United with Westminster 02/12/1989

IN MEMORIAM

JoAnn L. Brown 07/05/1934 – 06/11/2020
United with Westminster 06/07/1970

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

Adam Miller, Tenor

Lyle VanDeventer, Bass

Bob Fox, Videographer

Elsie Fox, Director

EDUCATION AND COMPASS LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION



In honor of the Education and Compass Leadership, WPC has purchased **ten flocks of chicken gift donations**, which include a starter flock of 10 to 50 chicks along with the training that will empower them to turn this donation into a lifetime of opportunity. We are grateful for their “eggtastic” work nurturing the faith of our children, youth, adults, and Graham Elementary School students.

Nursery: *Sophia Choi, Meleah Berkowitz, Tamika Hill*

Pre-Kindergarten: *Meleah and Aaron Berkowitz, Chelsea and Adam Ekstedt, Valerie Leonatti, Leigh Milward*

Young Children and Worship: *Cathy Brower, Cara Barnett, Meridith Bryans, Erin Winn*

Grades 3-5: *Sue Cull, Marc DeJong, Sara Eldridge, Mary Ray*

Youth Assistants (Grade 8-12): *Braden Barton, Grace Batterman, Jessica Borland, Ben Brower, Emily Brower, Sam Brower, Charlie Eastvold, Louisa Eldridge, Caroline Haynor, Clayton Kurmann, Ella Kurmann, Mia Marcy, Avery Pound, Bryce Pound, Mack Shepherd*

Cut & Copy Crew: *Camille Massey, Mary Peura, Carolyn Proctor, Amy Xanders*

Bridges Fellowship Advocates (Grades 3-5): *Gale Fixmer, Camille & Tom Massey, Marilyn Rigney, Pat Roller, Suzie Spada, Carolyn & Brad Swanson, Sharon Turner*

Children of Abraham: *Sandy Bellatti, Peg DiFonso, Bob Fox, Pat Hymans, Mary Ray, Pat Roller, Brad and Carolyn Swanson*

Confirmation Prep (Grades 6-7): *Sally Godbey, Jim Kincaid, Anna Koeppel, Sarah Zervas*

Confirmation Mentors: *Meridith Bryans, Joe Fierstos, Beth Kincaid*

Youth Group: *Susan Day, Bill Deemer, Jen DeJong, Leigh Milward, Mary Ray*

Adult Education: *Dr. Aaron Berkowitz, Dr. Peter Kieffer, Jim Kincaid, Lyle VanDeventer,*

COMPASS for Kids (Graham Elementary School): *Cathy Allen, Carolyn and Keith Beatty, Nancy and Rich Canady, Rance Carpenter, Ann Collins, the late Barbara Dirksen, Melanie Green, David Haaker, Pat and Al Hymans, Carole Kennerly, Lynn McMenamin, Mary Peura, Sue Sawers, Linda and Bill Schlosser, Allison Scott, and Kate Wilson.*

Congratulations and thanks to **Kate Wilson**, who earned this year’s Graham Elementary Compass site Volunteer of the Year award! Kate was a new volunteer this year, quickly jumping in with a truly caring heart and skilled leadership of children.

BIBLE STUDY PARTICIPANTS RECOGNIZED JUNE 21

We recognize the following members and friends for their commitment to life-long faith development and by attending their respective study.

DR. KIEFFER’S BIBLE STUDY – This year’s Disciple Bible Study of **Jesus and the Gospels** took a closer look at Jesus including his relation to the Jewish religion he inherited.

Participants: *Rev. Jerry Boutelle, David Barber, Velma Bell, Ada and Stephen Cobourn, Sandee Deilkes, Kathy and Randy Germeraad, Mary and Charlie King, Beth and Jim Kincaid, Marcia Monier, Camille and Ted Proud, Mary Ray, Judy Ridinger, Marilyn Rigney, Sue Sawers, Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer, Alan Wallace, Bill Ward, the late Wilbur Wright.*

REV. MCGILL’S BIBLE STUDY – The focus of this year’s study was **The Gospel of Mark**. The class spent time with the earliest Gospel, Mark, in its breathless telling of the story of Jesus, and with C.S. Lewis and others in exploring the eye-opening implications of that story.

Participants: *Bob Bradford, David Barber, Cathy Brower, Joe Burgess, Adam Ekstedt, Erin Ekstedt, Valerie and Dave Leonatti, Sharon Manning, Becky Martin, Leigh and Kevin Milward, David Mitchell, Pat Roller, Betsy Ruklick, Alan Stutz, Cheryl and Neville White, and Kate Wilson.*