



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
All Saints' Day
Sacrament of Baptism
1 November 2020 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Voluntary

Elegy

George Thalben-Ball

***Ringing of the Bell**

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Christian K. Choi

O give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so:

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let us worship God and sing praises to God's name.

Psalm 107:1-2

***Hymn**

Come Sing to God

Ellacombe

Come sing to God, O living saints; sing praises to God's name.
God's anger is not permanent; God's love will never wane.
Though tears may tarry for the night with sighs of deepest pain,
yet joy comes with the morning sun, a peace that is not vain.

In my success I felt secure; how good you've been to me.
I said that this is my own work, ascribing all to me.
But when you turned aside your face, my life was filled with fears.
I begged for help; to you I cried with loud and bitter tears.

What good is gained by my disgrace, what profit in defeat?
My grave cannot confess your name, nor praise for you repeat.
Now hear, O Lord, my plaintive cry; be merciful to me.
Accept my longing heart's request and from death set me free.

You change my grief to joy-filled dance; my sorrows you destroy.
In faithfulness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy.
And so to you my heart shall sing; my voice your goodness raise.
You are my God, forevermore. My life shall sing your praise.

***Invitation to Confession
and Prayer of Confession**

Lord God, only you are holy. Yet we imagine that we are righteous, excusing our own faults while pointing out those of others. There are times when we congratulate ourselves, forgetting your guiding role in what we have achieved. Forgive us for the times we have hurt others, ignoring their needs and putting ourselves first. May we remember that we are created to live in community with you and all creation. 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.
The peace of Christ be with you. Thanks be to God. Amen.
- Response of Praise** Gloria Patri
- Sacrament of Baptism** Millie and John McNutt present their daughter, Jennifer Ayana.

Baptismal Response

Waterlife

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
When you hear the wonder of the Word, I'll be there to cheer you on.
You were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong.
I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

First Scripture Reading

Joshua 3:7-17

The Lord said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses. You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, "When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.' " Joshua then said to the Israelites, "Draw near and hear the words of the Lord your God." Joshua said, "By this you shall know that among you is the living God who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Gergashites, Amorites, and Jebusites: the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan. So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap."

When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing toward the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

Solo

Pie Jesu

John Rutter

Blessed Jesu, Lord, I pray, in thy mercy grant them rest eternal.

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 23:1-12

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Sermon A Call for Humility Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Text: "All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted." Matthew 23:12

Solo In Paradisum Richard Proulx

May angels lead you into Paradise, may the holy martyrs bless your arrival, and Lazarus, who was poor, bless your repose in holy, holy Jerusalem, where the choirs sing the ending of sorrow, eternal greeting, Amen.

The Church at Prayer

Soloist: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
 I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
 I can hear the brush of angels' wings
 I see glory on each face;
 Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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 the Offering

***Offertory Response** Doxology

***Prayer of Thanksgiving
and Dedication**

God of the Ages, we praise you for all your servants,
who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God.
For apostles and martyrs and saints of every time and place,
who in life and death have witnessed to your truth. We praise you, O God.

For all your servants who have faithfully served you,
witnessed bravely, and died for faith, who still are shining lights to the
world. We praise you, O God.

For those we have known and loved, who by their steadfast hope,
have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. We praise you, O God.

Keep us grateful for the witness of those members
of the Westminster family who have died this past year:
(Pause while names are spoken.)

May we, like them, be eager to follow in the way of Christ.
Then at the last, bring us with them to share the inheritance
of the saints of light; through Jesus Christ the pioneer and perfecter
of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn** For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia. Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia. Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are on in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia. Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia. Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia. Alleluia!

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary** Festival Toccata

Denis Bédard

(*) The congregation is invited to stand

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Pastor and Head of Staff
Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry
Dale Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts
Diane Dietz, Soprano Lyle VanDeventer, Bass
Elsie and Bob Fox, Videographers



All Saints Remembrance Sunday – November 1, 2020

Members of the Westminster family who have died since Remembrance Sunday 2019 will be remembered in prayer during the 10:00 a.m. service of worship. The loving support of the church is extended to all members and friends who have experienced the death of a loved one this past year.

Donald C. Mapes	December 26, 2019
Mary L. Schnirring	January 12, 2020
James H. Bressan	January 12, 2020
Lois C. Strom	January 25, 2020
William R. Schnirring	January 26, 2020
James O. Orr, Jr.	February 11, 2020
William R. Donels	March 09, 2020
Barbara A. Dirksen	March 19, 2020
Wilbur J. Wright	March 23, 2020
Betty Mood Smith	March 25, 2020
Anna Coreen Collier	March 27, 2020
Rosalee Rohrer Preckwinkle	April 03, 2020
George B. Johnson	April 06, 2020
Marjorie A. MacPherson	May 15, 2020
Jay Elliott Bell	May 17, 2020
Susanne H. Ripka	June 06, 2020
Jo Ann Brown	June 11, 2020
Grant A. Lane	July 11, 2020
Dr. Ramona L. Schmidt	September 11, 2020
Dorothea M. Thrasher	September 11, 2020
Jean Loudon Sherrick	September 15, 2020
Dorothy M. Kessler	October 02, 2020
Dr. Roland D. Cull	October 17, 2020
Donna J. Solomon	October 18, 2020