

The Congregational Church  
of Westminster West  
A United Church of Christ  
June 29, 2025  
Third Sunday after Pentecost



St Paul Preaching in Athens, Raphael, 1515

# Welcome and Announcements

## ***Preparing for the Word***

Prelude: Prelude in E minor - BWV 555 JS Bach

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 16, p. 628

\*Invocation

\*Hymn # 42: *O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing

my great Redeemer's praise,

the glories ever echoing,

the triumphs of his grace!

2. My gracious Savior and my God,

assist me to proclaim,

to spread to all the earth abroad

the honors of your name.

3. Jesus! the name that calms our fears,

that bids our sorrows cease,

is music in the sinner's ears,  
is life and health and peace.

4. Glory to God, and love and praise,  
be now and ever given  
by all the saints in every age,  
the Church in earth and heaven.

Prayer of Confession

One: Holy God, Maker of all

**All: Have mercy on us.**

One: Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor,

**All: Have mercy on us.**

One: Holy Spirit, Breath of life,

**All: Have mercy on us.**

One: Let us in silence confess our faults and admit  
our frailty.

... silence ...

One: Before God, and with the people of God, I  
confess to my brokenness: to the ways I wound my  
life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

**All: May God forgive you, Christ renew you,  
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

One: Amen

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**All: Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria #756

Anthem: *O, Freedom*

African American, trad.

## Prayers of the People

L: May the Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

Joys and Concerns

Silence

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*\*Hymn # 290: Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart,

Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;

Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are,

And make me love you as I ought to love.

2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,

No sudden rending of the veil of clay,

No angel visitant, no opening skies,

But take the dimness of my soul away.

3. Have you not bid us love you every way?

All, all you own: soul, heart, and strength and mind;

I see your cross there – teach my heart to stay:

O let me seek you, and O let me find.

4. Teach me to feel that you are always nigh;

Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,

To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh

Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

5. Teach me to love you as your angels love,

One holy passion filling all my frame;

The baptism of the heaven-descended dove,

My heart an altar, and your love the flame.

### ***Engaging the Word***

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

Message

## ***Responding to the Word***

\*Offertory: *Blaenwern* W.P. Rowlands (1905)

\*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that Love has done.

Creator, Christ and Spirit, One.

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 164: *Arise, Your Light is Come*

1. Arise your light is come!

The Spirit's call obey

Show forth the glory of your God,

Which shines on you today!

2. Arise your light is come!

Fling wide the prison door.

Proclaim the captive's liberty,

Good tidings to the poor.

3. Arise your light is come!

All you in sorrow born,

Bnd up the broken hearted ones

And comfort those who mourn.

4. Arise your light is come!

The mountains burst in song!

Rise up like eagles on the wing;

God's power will make us strong.

Benediction

Postlude:

*When My Morning Comes Around Iris DeMent*

### **Church and Community Notes**

Rev. Kurt F. Shaffert, M.Div, ACPE, Clergy Co-Pastor

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(802) 518-0180.

\* In a non-emergency, email is a better way to reach  
me promptly; you can expect a reply about church



business during my church work days: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Sundays. Along with other clergy colleagues, Kurt observes Mondays as Sabbath.

Pastoral Office Hours for Summer 2025 are:

Tuesdays 8am-12n, Thursdays 8am-8pm & Sundays 8am-2pm. I look forward to time together in prayer, conversation and community outreach.

### **Upcoming Events:**

July 4, 5-7 pm – The Seymour Sisters in Concert!

July 6 – Holy Communion, the Rev. Kurt Shaffert

July 13 – Sue Venman (Manna Offering)

July 20 – the Rev. Kurt Shaffert

Summer Alternative Services:

July 26 – Prayer Walk, Karen Blanchard

August 3 – Breakfast Church, Holy Communion, the Rev. Kurt Shaffert

August 10 – Ray Huessy, Bible Study (Manna)

August 17 – Charlotte Gifford, TBA

## **Worship Participants:**

Musician: Fred Gray

Deacon on Duty: Ray Huessy

Tech: Karen Blanchard

Trustees: Guy Payne, Chair

Service leader: Charlotte Gifford

Ministers to the World: The Congregation

## **Credits:**

Prayer of confession, Iona Community

Prayer of dedication, Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Benediction, [MinistryMatters.com](http://MinistryMatters.com)