

Congregational Church of Westminster West
A United Church of Christ

July 13, 2025
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude O Salutaris Hostia ~ *Alexandre Guilmant*

***Call to Worship**

All: Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

Left: That it is not we who chose Christ, but Christ who
chose us,

Right: That we are not here because of our goodness but
because of Christ's grace,

Left: That we are not here to enlighten ourselves, but to
allow Christ to enlighten us,

Right: That we have not come to be entertained but to
worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

~ *www.bruceprewer.com*

***Hymn #182 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding**

1) We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy
place,

Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's
grace.

Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

2) Light breaks through our clouds and shadows,
splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,

Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.

Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets
meet:

Christ with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

3) Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,
We, like Peter, find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
That our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

Prayer of Confession

All: Lord, give us the eyes of Jesus to see our neighbors and the strangers we meet. Teach us what it means to love the stranger as we love ourselves. Forgive us for our selfishness, for our silence, for not caring enough for the strangers who come to our communities. Teach us to love and care for the stranger the way you do. Amen.

~ Rebeca Jiménez Yoder

Assurance of Pardon

One: Beloved, the One whose light illuminates our defects and flaws is the same One who died regardless of them. "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us," offering forever the gift of forgiveness. It is the God who said, "Let light shine!" who makes of us what no striving, no system can. It is God's light, shining on our hearts that makes us children of light.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Gloria #756** *(see inside back of hymnal)*

Manna Offering

Invitation to Offering

One: We are called to witness to the abundance in our life by sharing, so that all may have enough.

All: Just as God provided manna for God's children daily so will our daily needs be met.

One: We offer our gifts from God's abundance to our neighbors who live in scarcity, because it is God's desire that no one go hungry.

All: We give, giving thanks for the blessings we are now able to share.

CALL TO SHARE

WORDS OF SHARING from Isaiah 58: 1-2

All: If we feed the hungry from God's plenty and satisfy the needs of the wretched, then our light shall rise like dawn out of darkness and our dusk be like noonday. We shall be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

HYMN FOR SHARING: "Bread in the Wilderness"

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

Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And let us not fall into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Lessons Luke 10:25-37

***Hymn #24** The God of Abraham Praise

1) The God of Abraham praise, all praises to God's name,
Who was and is and is to be, forever the same!
The One eternal God, before what now appears;
The First, the Last beyond all thought through timeless years!

2) God's spirit freely flows, high surging where it will;
God spoke of old in prophet's word; that word speaks still.
Established in God's law, and changeless it shall stand,
Deep written in the human heart, in every land.

3) God has eternal life implanted in the sould;
God's love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
All praise the living God! Extol that hallowed name,
Who was, and is, and ever shall be still the same!

4) The God of Sarah praise, all praises to God's name,
Who was and is and is to be, forever the same!
The one eternal God, before what now appears;
The First, the Last: beyond all thought through timeless years.

Sermon *Won't You Be My Neighbor?*

Offertory St Patrick's Breastplate

***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 #605** As Moses Raised

As Moses raised the serpent up,
God's child is lifted high;
And all who in that Child believe
shall never, never die.

For God so loved the world that God,
all human life to free,
Gave to the world God's Child that all
might live eternally.

That Child was sent into the world
not to condemn but save;
Now through Christ's name all are redeemed –
what wondrous love God gave.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Si una estrella mas cayo

~ Leon Gieco



** Indicates that all who are able shall stand*

*Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments downstairs following
the worship service.*



Worship Participants

Musician: Fred Gray

Worship Leader: Sue Venman

Readers: Amy Ellsworth. David Mulholland

Deacon: Karen Blanchard

Tech: Charlotte Gifford

Trustees: Guy Payne, chair

Co-Pastor: Rev. Kurt Sheffert

Theme Song to Mr Roger's Neighborhood ... Ah, nostalgia

It's a beautiful day in this neighborhood,
A beautiful day for a neighbor,
Would you be mine? Could you be mine?
It's a neighborly day in this beauty wood,
A neighborly day for a beauty.
Would you be mine? Could you be mine?
I have always wanted to have a neighbor just like you.
I have always wanted to live in a neighborhood with you.
So, let's make the most of this beautiful day.

Since we're together we might as well say,
Would you be mine? Could you be mine?
Won't you be my neighbor?