

Congregational Church
of Westminster West
A United Church of Christ
November 9, 2025
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Farewell to the Pianoforte* Beethoven

*Call to Worship (Psalm 72:1-4)

L: Give the ruler your justice, O God, and your
righteousness to a ruler's heir.

R: May the ruler judge your people with
righteousness, and your poor with justice.

L: May the mountains yield prosperity for the
people, and the hills in righteousness.

R: May the rule defend the cause of the poor of the
people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush
the oppressor.

*Hymn 307 *Glorious Things of You are Spoken*

Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God.

One whose Word cannot be broken
formed you for a blessed abode.

On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake your sure repose?

With salvation's walls surrounded,
you may smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal Love,
Well supply your sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever will their thirst assuage:
Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver,
never fails from age to age?

'Round each habitation hov'ring,
see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering,
showing that their God is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
which He gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city
we through grace a part may claim,
Let the world deride or pity,
we will glory in Thy name.
Fading is all worldly pleasure,

all earth's boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we are to pray, always willing to give more than we either desire or deserve: pour upon us the abundance of your mercy; forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, your Begotten One. Amen.

Words of Assurance

*Gloria No. 756 (see inside back of hymnal)

Manna Offering for Our Place

Invitation to Offering

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

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

L: 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.

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

CALL TO SHARE

WORDS OF SHARING unison, from Isaiah 58:1-2
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, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Lessons:

Amos 1:1-2; 5:8-15, 21-24

John 7:37-38

Message

*Hymn 588: *Let Justice Flow like Streams*

Let justice flow like streams
of sparkling water, pure,
enabling growth, refreshing life,
abundant, cleansing, sure.

Let righteousness roll on
as others' cares we heed,
an ever-flowing stream of faith
translated into deed.

So may God's plumb line, straight,
define our measure true,
and justice, right, and peace pervade
this world our whole life through.

Stewardship Moment

Offertory: *Oh, How He Loves You and Me*

Kurt Kaiser, arr. Bruce Inman

*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 435 *Each Winter as the Year Grows Older*

Each winter as the year grows older,

We all grow older too.

The chill sets in a little colder;

The verities I knew

Seem shaken and untrue.

When race and class cry out for treason,

When sirens call for war,

They overshout the voice of reason

And scream till we ignore

All we held dear before.

But I believe beyond believing,

That life can spring from death:

That growth can flower from our grieving;
That we can catch our breath
And turn transfixed by faith.

So even as the sun is turning
To journey to the north,
The living flame, in secret burning,
Can kindle on the earth
And bring God's love to birth.

O Child of ecstasy and sorrows,
O Child of peace and pain,
Brighten today's world by tomorrow's,
Renew our lives again;
Lord Jesus, come and reign!

*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude: *When We All Get to Heaven*

Emily D, Wilson, arr. Mark Hayes



Church and Community Notes:

As we seek a settled pastor through our search and call process, we will not be able to offer office hours as usual, but the deacons (Karen Blanchard, Charlotte Gifford, Ray Hussey, Adrienne Major, and Sue Venman) are available to support the congregation. You can leave a message on the church number (802-387-1175) or you can contact a deacon directly. In case of a pastoral emergency, a deacon will call on the Rev. Shawn Bracebridge (pastor of the Dummerston UCC) and help a person in need get in contact with him.

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 16: Lee Crocker

Nov. 23: Karen Blanchard

Nov. 30: Advent 1, Lise Sparrow

Dec. 7: Advent 2, Holy Communion,
David Mulholland

Dec. 14: Advent 3, Ray Huessy

Dec. 21: Community Candlelight Service, 5 pm,
Adrienne Major and storytellers

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve, 11 pm, Lise Sparrow

Dec. 28: Sue Venman

