

# Service for the Lord's Day

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 14, 2021

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*W*elcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

## Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

*Aria*

Johann Pachelbel

Welcome

### ◆ Call to Worship

*God delivers judgment in the court of heaven.*

**God is the true and righteous judge!**

*How long will there be injustice in this life?*

**How long will the wicked be favored?**

*The weak and the orphans, the destitute and the needy,*

**they all cry out for justice.**

*Rise up, Lord. Judge the earth!*

**All the world belongs to you!**

### ◆ Hymn 360

**Christ Is Coming**

UNSER HERRSCHER

Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession

**Loving God,  
 we confess that we have sinned against you  
 by not honoring you or loving one another.  
 When we ignore injustice in the world  
 our worship brings you no delight.  
 Make haste to help us,  
 that we may stand in right relationship  
 with you and the whole of your creation  
 and sing your praises.  
 Through the mercy of Christ,  
 our resurrected Savior.**

## Silent Prayers

## Sung Response

HS 71

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
 Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
 Lord, have mercy, have mercy.**

## Declaration of Forgiveness

*Siblings,  
 rejoice and be glad, for God is mighty to save  
 and comes to you in peace  
 to forgive, restore, and strengthen you  
 eternally in Christ.*

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## ◆ Sung Response

Glory to God hymnal 679

**Let the whole creation cry, “Glory to the Lord on high.”  
 Heaven and earth, awake and sing, “Praise to our almighty King.”  
 Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;  
 Sun and moon, uplift your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice!**

## ◆ Passing of the Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*

## Moment for Mission and Prayer of Blessing

Beth Nissen

*May God’s grace be upon this shawl... warming, comforting, enfolding, and embracing.  
 May this mantle be a safe haven... a sacred place of security and well-being...  
 sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones.  
 May the one who receives this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and  
 wrapped in love. Blessed be.*

Janet Bristow

# God's Word to Us

First Reading Mark 13:1-8

Anthem (11:00) *Steal Away* African-American spiritual  
arr. Earlene Rentz

Steal away, steal away to Jesus. Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.  
My Lord calls me aloud by the thunder. The trumpet sounds within my soul.  
My Lord call me to be a light in the darkness. The trumpet sounds within my soul.  
Steal away, steal away to Jesus.

Second Reading Psalm 82

Sermon Justice! Ken Henry

◆ Affirmation of Faith from *New Creed, 1968, United Church of Canada*

**We are not alone; we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

◆ Hymn 351 (11:00) **All Who Love and Serve Your City** CHARLESTOWN

Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer Glory to God hymnal p. 35

◆ Hymn 340 **This Is My Song** FINLANDIA

◆ Prayer of Thanksgiving and Benediction

Postlude *Ciaccona* Johann Pachelbel

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

*The flowers today are given in memory of Guy B. Hammond from the Hammond family.*

*The rose on the table today celebrates the birth of Taylor Deavel Gregory,  
granddaughter of Gail Ott and Rich Gregory and daughter to John and Hayley Gregory.*

# What's Happening at Westminster

## Sunday, November 14

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary  
 9:30 a.m. Church School  
 12 p.m. UKirk and 20/30 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds  
 12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal

## Monday, November 15

6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Gathering in the Lower Lounge

## Wednesday, November 17

7 p.m. UKirk and 20/30 CreW Friendsgiving Feast

## Thursday, November 18

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

## Sunday, November 21

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary  
 9:30 a.m. Church School  
 12 p.m. UKirk and 20/30 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds  
 12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal  
 1:30 p.m. Session Meeting via Zoom  
 4 p.m. Organ Concert Series: Organ Vespers, with Jonathan Schakel, organ

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