

# *Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church*

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## *Gathering*

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PRELUDE "Lord, I Want to be a Christian" Binckes

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Sumner

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Beloved, let us love one another.

**All: We love, because God first loved us.**

One: Let us worship God.

\*HYMN "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" Chereponi

**Refrain:** "Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washing their feet,  
master who acts as a slave to them. **Refrain**

Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race;  
neighbors are near us and far away. **Refrain**

These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you. **Refrain**

Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash other's feet;  
this is the way we should live like you. **Refrain**

CALL TO PRAYER Dr. Rader

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Sometimes we get distracted like Martha. We get distracted in our routines that keep us from listening for your guidance while we read our Bibles. Sometimes, however, we behave like Mary. We devote our time to listen to you to the exclusion of anything else, forgetting how to pull our own weight. God of balance: help us. Forgive us when we cannot discern when to be workers and when to be listeners. In your mercy, dismiss our worries and melt our judgments so we can offer the best parts of us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### \*RESPONSE

*Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost!

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

### MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### THE FIRST LESSON

I Kings 17:8-16

The word of the Lord came to [Elijah], saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied, and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

#### QUARTET

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

Ahle; Bach

#### THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 10: 38-42

Now as they went on their way, [Jesus] entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

#### SERMON

"Making Choices"

Dr. Sumner

#### \*HYMN

"For All the Faithful Women"

*Nyland*

For all the faithful women who served in days of old,  
to you shall thanks be given; to all their story told.

They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.

To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power to save.

We praise your name for Miriam, who sang triumphantly



When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of  
praises, I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

## *Sending*

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Allegro Maestoso" Mendelssohn  
\*All who are able may stand

## *Announcements*

### FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY:

Donna & Roger Jones, in memory of their parents.  
Melba & John Hayden, in memory of his sister Linda Topmiller.

A FINANCIAL GIFT for today's food drive has been given by Tom, Shannon, Charlotte, Olivia  
and Alex to wish Lorraine Jones a very happy birthday!

All Saints Communion Sunday will be observed on November 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be a quiet, reflective  
service. This year a verbal necrology (reading of names) during the in-person service will take  
place, naming church members who have died since January 2020. For the online service, anyone  
can electronically send a picture of a loved one who has died, with his or her name written out,  
and perhaps a candle or candles in a photo. Photos will need to be emailed to Mary Ann Sumner  
(MAflam@aol.com) by October 31 to be prepared for our online service on November 7<sup>th</sup>. We  
hope these services will comfort you.

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Choir Member:	Jeanne Keiper
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