

MORNING WORSHIP

PRELUDE: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Hopson

WELCOME & GREETING
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

* CALL TO WORSHIP:
One: Blessed are those who delight in the law of the Lord,
All: And meditate on God’s word day and night.
One: They are like trees planted by streams of water,
All: Which yield their fruit in its season.
Let us worship the Lord, our source of wisdom and strength.

* HYMN #459 “O Word of God Incarnate” MUNICH

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, we confess that we have often acted out of selfish ambition and vain conceit. We have allowed envy and self-interest to guide our actions, rather than wisdom that comes from above. Forgive us for the times we have caused conflicts and quarrels among ourselves and others. Help us to submit ourselves to you, resist the devil, and draw near to your grace. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

* SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON
One: As far as the East is from the West, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

* SUNG RESPONSE: #581 “Glory Be to the Father” GREATOREX
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.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:
Children: The Lord be with You. Congregation: And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 1
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Mark 9: 30-37
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “Role Reversal” Rev. Frank Mansell III

* HYMN #757 “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples” KINGSFOLD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER:
Our Father, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY: “We Go Forth” Martin
*HYMN #608 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” PRAISE GOD
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN #351 “All Who Love and Serve Your City” CHARLESTOWN

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Improvisation on GLORY TO GOD”

* Please stand as you are able

Welcome to Western Boulevard – We are glad that you are here! We hope you find in this service an encounter with the living, loving God. If you have any questions about what’s happening here, please feel free to talk to our pastor or a member who is wearing a nametag. Please take a minute and sign the fellowship pads which are located on the center aisle of each pew.

Nursery: The nursery is open for young children from 9:15-11:30am in the Education Building.

Worship Bags are available in the narthex for families with young children; all we ask is that you return them to the basket in the narthex after worship so they can be used by others next Sunday – thank you!

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Worship Notes

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