Westminster Presbyterian Church

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Welcome and Announcements — **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Minute for Mission for the Pentecost Offering — **Linda Barbu**

Gathering Words — **Josie and Rich Drushal**

Though there are times where we wander through the wilderness,
God journeys with us, step by step.
In moments when we feel uncertain,
God's face shines upon and delights in us.
As we prepare our hearts for worship and service,
May God's peace surround, uplift, and encourage.
Thanks be to God for the blessing of love and grace.
Amen.

Opening Prayer — **Josie and Rich Drushal**

Gracious God,
We gather in this Easter season, with hope and courage.
Though you are all around us,
in every hour of every day, we still struggle to feel your presence…
We long for assurance that your hands are guiding us,
as we practice faithfulness, lovingkindness, and compassion for all our neighbors.

Holy One,
Remind us that you are near, nudging us along.
You companion us through ancient texts,
modern prophets, the earth, and our own inner depths.
Be patient with us as we make missteps
and give us humility when we make amends.
We are here to listen, to integrate the teachings of love,
to be renewed and transformed by your grace.

With grateful hearts we pray, Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 435 — There's a Wideness in God's Mercy — IN BABILONE

Prayer of Illumination — **Erin Guzmán**

Scripture Reading — Numbers 6: 22-27

[22]The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: [23]Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying,
Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,
[24]The Lord bless you and keep you;

[25]the Lord make God's face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
[26]the Lord lift up God's countenance upon you, and give you peace.
[27]So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

Sermon **Erin Guzmán**

Hymn No. 738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee MARYTON

1 O Master, let me walk with thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

2 Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

3 Teach me thy patience, still with thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

4 In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only thou canst give,
With thee, O Master, let me live.

Prayer of the People **Josie and Rich Drushal**

We pray in the name of the One who is to come, Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray together:

O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere!
Release a space to plant your Presence here.
Imagine your possibilities now.
Embody your desire in every light and form.
Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom.
Untie the knots of failure binding us,
as we release the strands we hold of others' faults.
Help us not forget our Source,
Yet free us from not being in the Present.
From you arises every Vision, Power and Song from gathering to gathering.
Amen—
May our future actions grow from here!

Closing Hymn No. 475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,

Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart; O take and seal it;
Seal it for thy courts above.

Benediction **Erin Guzmán**

*Note: The Opening Prayer was adapted from *Enflesh: Liturgy that Matters.*
The Lord's Prayer is a retranslation from the Aramaic by Mark Berry from the Emerging Church Movement.