Westminster Presbyterian Church

LITURGY FOR AUGUST 16, 2020
11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Gathering Words **Linda and Greg Barbu**

Here we can come together,
people searching for healing and hope:
here we are met by the One
who loves us unconditionally,
and blesses us with visions of abundant life.

Here we learn to be the family of God.
Empower us, Holy God, to embrace all whom we meet
With the same kindness and mercy that we receive from you.

Opening Prayer **Linda and Greg Barbu**

God of all,
merciful and loving,
We give thanks that your constant and unending love knows no boarders,
no ethnicity, gender, sexuality, political views,
but is poured out freely upon each of us.

We ask for your forgiveness when we fail to follow in your footsteps.
In this every-changing world, uncertainty and fear gets to us.
Our words fracture relationships with family and friends,
with those we disagree with or fear.
We are not good in truly listening to each other.

Come, break open our hearts with your Spirit.
May we know your powerful love,
Find comfort and courage to persevere in your ways,
Open to be transformed into your likeness.
Amen.

Opening Hymn Come, All You People GTG388

Scripture Reading Matthew 15:21-28 Dr. Enikő Ferenczy

21 Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 Just then a Canaanite woman from that
region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a
demon.”
23 But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps
shouting after us.” 24 He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” 25 But she came and
knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” 26 He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it
to the dogs.” 27 She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

28 Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Sermon	Audacious Resistance	Dr. Enikő Ferenczy

Invitation to Offering

Hymn	Longing for Light	GTG314
Prayer of the People		Dr. Enikő Ferenczy
Closing Hymn	There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy	GTG435
Benediction		Dr. Enikő Ferenczy