Westminster Presbyterian Church

LITURGY FOR OCTOBER 25, 2020
21TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Gathering Words *Psalm 90* **Jim and Francis Bonk**

Into your presence we come, Lord God, into your dwelling place,
acknowledging we are but dust before your holiness.
A thousand years are like a day to you, a day like a dream,
like a blade of grass renewed each morning,
and yet you love us.
Make us glad to worship you this day
And reveal to us your glorious power.
Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer **Jim and Francis Bonk**

As you know, God our liberator and healer,
we stand on the edge of your promises and hopes
yet we often fail to cross over into the life you intend for us.

We seek praise and love yet forget to show others our appreciation and care;
In a world of conflicting allegiances and distractions
We lose sight of the struggles of our neighbors;
we let fear and despair define our days
rather than the guidance of your Spirit of wisdom.

Forgive us, Loving God.

Renew our lives with your grace;
restore our hopes with your vision of tomorrow;
refresh our spirits with your joy
which comes to us new in each moment
in the gift of your beloved child,
Jesus Christ, our friend and Life.

Opening Hymn No. 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! DARWALL'S 148TH

Prayer of Illumination **Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Scripture Reading Matthew 22:15-22 **Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

34When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, 35and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" 37He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

[38]This is the greatest and first commandment. [39]And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ [40]On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Sermon True Freedom **Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Invitation to Offering

Hymn No. 313 Lord, Make Us More Holy LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

1 Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy,
until we meet again:
Holy, holy, holy,
until we meet again.

2 Lord, make us more loving;
Lord, make us more loving;
Lord, make us more loving,
until we meet again:
loving, loving, loving,
until we meet again.

3 Lord, make us more patient;
Lord, make us more patient;
Lord, make us more patient;
until we meet again:
patient, patient, patient,
until we meet again.

4 Lord, make us more faithful;
Lord, make us more faithful;
Lord, make us more faithful,
until we meet again:
faithful, faithful, faithful,
until we meet again.

Prayer of the People **Jim and Francis Bonk**

Closing Hymn No. 628 Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord JE LOUERAI L’ÉTERNEL

Benediction **Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

*Note: The Gathering Words adopted from *Spill the Beans*.