

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Portage, Michigan

ORDER OF WORSHIP- June 20, 2021



PRELUDE

WELCOME

MUSIC FOR PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

INTROIT

“Cry of My Heart”

#2165 (Sing the Faith)

***It is the cry of my heart to follow you. It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.***

***Teach me your holy ways, O Lord, so I can walk in your truth.
Teach me your holy ways, and may be wholly devoted to you.***

Refrain

Open my eyes so I can see the wonderful thanks that you do.

Open my heart up more and more, and make me wholly devoted to you. Refrain

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Matthew 5:13-14)

You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored?

It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it give light to all in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father in heaven.

HYMN

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

#388 (Hymnal)

***O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.***

***O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
But Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.***

***O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.***

***O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
That where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.***

PRAYER

Jesus, teacher and friend, help us to listen for your word amid the clamor of words all around us. Help us to reach out for understanding, rather than just defend what we think we know. Teach us new songs even when we want to repeat familiar tunes. Make us bolder when we face the unknown – bolder to trust you, bolder to do your will. Stretch our imagination to envision fresh possibilities. Give us ears to hear the cries of our neighbors and hearts open to the whispering of your Spirit. Quiet our busy minds so that we can truly hear you, and your word of grace and power. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:21-48

SERMON:

“Listening to Jesus”

Pastor Jerry

HYMN

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” #109 ([Lift Up Your Hearts](#))

***Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, pardon, Lord. And where there's doubt, true faith in you.***

***Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.***

***Oh! Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.***

***Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.***

PRAYER

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

HYMN

“Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing” vs. 1 & 2

#538 ([Hymnal](#))

*Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.*

*Thanks we give and adoration for thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.*

BLESSING

(from worshipwords.co.uk, adapted)

Go forth today as God's beloved children.

God's love surrounds us like a father's love.

Go in the knowledge of God's comfort and protection.

God's strength empowers us to live in the world with hope, integrity, and courage.

Go in the grace of God – Father, Son, and Spirit.

We go to share the love of God with all we meet!

CLOSING SONG

"Take Up Your Cross"

#117 ([Hearts](#))

Take up your cross and follow me, lift up the yoke of your salvation,

Put on the armor of the word, and walk in the truth and light.

What would it profit you to gain the world for a day?

If you would have your life, first, you must give it away. (repeat)

Take up your cross and follow me, lift up the yoke of your salvation,

Put on the armor of the word, and walk in the truth and light

And walk in the truth and light.

POSTLUDE

Art: "Sermon on the Mount" by Laura James