



# Welcome to Worship



August 20, 2023

The mission of Westminster Presbyterian Church:  
*Creatively sharing Christ's love; we welcome, we serve, we grow.*



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PRELUDE

Ariana Recher

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deanie Anderson, Worship Assistant

\*SONG

**Come, Now is the Time**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*SONG

**One Thing Remains**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Faithful and loving God, we confess that we have not lived in faith and love. You claim us as your own people, but we forsake your holy covenant. You offer us the gift of prayer, but we forget to lift our hearts to you. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to live our lives in Christ, rooted and grounded in our faith and growing each day in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE (SUNG)

**Teach Us Your Ways**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Tim Duffy

SCRIPTURE

Esther 1  
(from Doubleday Illustrated Children's Bible)

Worship Assistant

SERMON

Pastor Kelly

\*SONG

**God of the Sparrow**

Hymnal #22

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNAL PRAYER

**Embracing One, you grace each of us with equal measure in your love. Let us learn to love our neighbors more deeply, so that we can create peaceful and just communities. Inspire us to use our creative energies to build the structures we need to overcome the obstacles of intolerance and indifference. May Jesus provide us the example needed and send the Spirit to warm our hearts for the journey. Amen.**

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

**Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

Hymnal #582

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*SONG

**I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**

Hymnal #700

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor Kelly

\*BLESSING

**The Blessing**

POSTLUDE

Ariana Recher

\*Stand as you are able

As always, every age is welcome in the sanctuary for our communal worship! The nursery will be available as an "escape room" and includes service-streaming capabilities.

*Please fill out the teal attendance pad.*