

**Congregational Church
of Westminster West
A United Church of Christ**

*September 5, 2021
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Let Us Break Bread Together*
Trad. Spiritual, arr. James Michael Stevens

*Call to Worship

One: Come, Holy Spirit, send the wind and flame of your transforming life to lift up this church and each of us this day. Give wisdom and faith that we may know the great hope to which we are called.

**All: Let your Spirit come upon us here gathered.
This is the holy place where we, your people, call on
you in faith, joining courage, heart and voice in
praise to your name.**

*Hymn No. 552 *From the Crush of Wealth and Power*

Prayer of Confession (*seated*)
(*St. Ambrose of Milan (AD 339-397)*)

**All: O Lord, who hast mercy upon all,
take away from me my sins,
and mercifully kindle in me
the fire of thy Holy Spirit.
Take away from me the heart of stone,
and give me a heart of flesh,
a heart to love and adore Thee,
a heart to delight in Thee,
to follow and enjoy Thee, for Christ's sake. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

One: For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Gloria No. 756

Prayers of the People

L: May the Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

Joys and Concerns

Silence

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And let us not fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

Ephesians 6:10-20

Matt 10: 28-31

*Hymn No. 347 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Message *Courage, Sacrifice and Hope*

Offertory *Beauteous Song* Odoardo Barri, arr. Leon Keach

*Doxology *Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God for all that Love has done.
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Communion Liturgy (see insert)

*Hymn No. 466 *Unto the Hills We Lift Our Longing Eyes*

*Benediction

Postlude *Be Thou My Vision* Trad., arr. Dan Chadburn



** Indicates that all who are able shall stand*



Worship Participants:

Worship Leaders: Karen Blanchard & Sue Venman

Musician: Eric Robinson

Deacon: Charlotte Gifford Trustee: Guy Payne, chair

Minister to the Congregation: Rev. Susie Webster-Toleno

Ministers to the World: The Congregation

Church and Community Notes

Our pastor, Rev. Susie Webster-Toleno, welcomes visits and calls, and is also happy to visit YOU in your home, workplace, hospital room or wherever. In this post-Covid-isolation world, as we all assess what was and was not working prior to the shutdown, she is still figuring out the best way to make herself available. She sets Thursday afternoons aside for church work and is available at other times by appointment. Susie can be reached at the church at **387-2334** if it's not an emergency. But the fastest ways to reach her are via cell **802-579-8356** or email **susiewt@gmail.com**.

Susie will be on vacation Monday, August 30 through Sunday, September 12. Pastoral emergencies should be addressed with a deacon. Voicemails will be picked up once or twice a week.

