

**Congregational Church
of Westminster West
A United Church of Christ**
September 29, 2024
Season of Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Cinco siglos igual” *Leon Gieco*

*Call to Worship ✧

Leader: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

**People: Surely, God is in this place
and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

L: God’s love is for you
and for all people everywhere.

**P: That we may share God’s love and life,
may we be renewed
in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.**

L: The living Christ is with us.

P: Praise the Lord!

*Hymn No. 68 “God is Truly With Us”

*God is truly with us; sing we and adore now;
praise the One we come before now.
Here within this temple, here in sound and silence,
worship God in deepest reverence.
You alone, God, we own, you our God and Savior;
praise to you forever.*

*God is truly with us; loud our praise resounding!
Echoes of the saints surrounding!
“Holy, holy holy,” hear the hymn ascending,
angels, saints, their voices blending!*

*Bow your ear to us here; hear, O Christ, the praises
that your Church now raises.*

*Source of every blessing, bless the ones who name you,
let our words and deeds proclaim you.*

*Like the saints and angels praising you in glory,
may your servants sing your story.*

*And in all, great and small, may we do most nearly
what you love most dearly.*

Prayer of Confession (*seated*) *based on Psalm 139: 2-7* ✧

All: Lord, where can I go from your spirit?

Or where could I get away from your presence?

If I climbed the heavens, you would be there;

if I made my bed in Sheol, you would be there.

If I were to fly with the morning light

and settle at the farthest limits of the sunset,

even there your hand would lead me,

and your right hand would take hold of me.

If I asked the darkness to cover me,

and the light around me to become night,

even the darkness is not dark to you;

the night is as bright as the day, for light and dark are just the same.

Forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are,

and shape what we shall be;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

One: One fact remains that does not change: God has loved you, loves you now, and will love you always. This is the good news that brings us new life.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Gloria No. 756 *(see inside back of hymnal)*

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 Exodus 12: 1-13; 13: 1-8

Luke 22: 14-20

*Hymn No. 373 “*They Did Not Build In Vain*”

*They did not build in vain who founded here a church
as witness to God's love amid a world of pain;
they built upon the rock that is the risen Christ,
the one foundation laid, that stands each earthly shock.*

*Those who have loved this place, a cloud of witnesses,
surround and urge us on as we now run our race;*

*though the horizon's bend conceals the way ahead,
the footprints on the road show Christ waits at the end.*

*In every place our world is storm and tempest tossed,
the flames of fear and hate are evil's flags unfurled;
yet still the Spirit's power in wind and fire of love
pours gifts upon the church for service in this hour.*

*Make this the meeting place where doubt finds grounds of faith,
where hurt finds healing love, our penitence your grace;
where God in Trinity is bridge from death to life,
from sin to holiness, time to eternity.*

Sermon

Offertory *In Your Mercy, Lord, You Called Me"*
William Boyce (1711-79)

*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

*Hymn No. 77 *"Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"*
Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace;
oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us
traveling through this wilderness.

We give thanks and adoration

*for your gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound:
ever faithful, ever faithful
to the truth may we be found.*

*So that when your love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
fear of death shall not appall us,
glad your summons to obey:
may we ever, may we ever
live with you in endless day.*

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Postlude "Solo le pido a Dios" *Leon Gieco*



**indicates that all who are able shall stand*

*Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments downstairs
following the worship service.*



Worship Participants:

Musician: Fred Gray Deacon: Sue Venman-Payne

Trustees: 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. Generally, she sets Thursday afternoons aside for office hours, but she and Tristan are heading out west from **Oct. 3-17**

to visit Owen in Colorado. She will be reachable in emergency at 802-579-8356, and will happily make non-emergency appointments for pastoral support upon her return.

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 6: Deacons (preachers) / Eric Robinson (musician) / World Communion Sunday

Oct. 10: **Welcome Center Hospitality fundraiser**

Oct. 13: Karen Blanchard (preacher), Eric Robinson (musician); Manna Offering

Oct. 20: Adrienne Major (preacher), Fred Gray (musician)

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