



Welcome to



WESTWOOD
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

Sunday, October 11, 2026

“Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place.”

—Henri Nouwen, *Reaching Out*

Order of Worship — 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Notes: Worshipers are asked to join in the sections marked in **bold**. The *asterisk invites all who are able to stand. And, as always, please silence your cell phones.

Prelude

Alex Park, guitar

Canconeta

Joaquin Rodrigo (1901-1999)

Gathering Around the Word

Concerns of the Church

Rev. Dr. Mike Morgan

Pulpit Pitches

Laura Scott

David Hartle

Introit

WPC Chancel Choir

Come, Everyone

Laurel Sanders (b. 1984)

***Call to Worship**

Jake Putich, Director of Faith Formation & Creation Care

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Come, let us worship the God who calls us by grace.

Let us rejoice in the Lord and worship God together.

***Hymn 401**

Verses 1, 2, & 4

Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

[GATHER US IN]

***Confessions of the Body of Christ**

Gracious God, you call us into your life of joy and love, yet too often we are distracted by other invitations. We become so occupied with our own lives that we fail to notice where you are calling us.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You invite us to participate in what you are doing in the world, yet we prefer our own plans, our own priorities, and our own comfort.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You send us into the world as people of grace, yet we are quick to decide who belongs and who does not, who is worthy and who is not.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

And still we try to justify ourselves before you and one another, trusting in what we believe, what we accomplish, what we give, or how good we appear to be.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Merciful God, turn our hearts again toward you. Free us from our need to earn what you freely give. Teach us to receive your grace, to join you in your work, and to welcome others with the mercy with which you have welcomed us.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us. Amen.

***Silent Individual Confession**

***Declaration of Pardon**

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Let us extend God's peace to one another with these ancient words:

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Message

Marin Miller, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Children and Youth are dismissed to Sunday School

Anthem

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

First Lesson

Sara Walsh

Isaiah 61:10-11; O.T., page 650

***Hymn 514**

Verses 1 & 3

**Soul, Adorn Yourself
with Gladness**

[SCHMÜCKE DICH]

Choral Call to Prayer

Verse 1: Choir

*Verse 2: Congregation
may join*

Hear Our Prayer

Music: Dan Redfeld (b. 1970)

Lyrics: Christina Harding &
John Gabriel Koladziej

**Lord above us hear our plea:
from our sorrows set us free.
This we humbly ask of thee –
grant us peace, oh Lord.**

**Lord above us hear our plea:
from our sorrows set us free.
This we humbly ask of thee –
grant us peace, Lord, hear our prayer.
Amen**

Prayers of the People

Rev. Paula Mann

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.

Anthem

Devon Davidson, soprano

Cantilena from

Bachianas Brasileiras

Heitor Villa-Lobos (1887-1959)

Second Lesson

Matthew 22:1-14; N.T., page 23

Meditation

There's Room at the Party

Bearing the Word Into the World

*Hymn 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
[SOLID ROCK]

*Benediction

Response

Amen

Paul Mealor (b. 1975)

Postlude

Sunburst

Andrew York (b. 1958)

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Deacon Host	Erin Zemet
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Coffee Fellowship

Following worship, please join us for fellowship on the Side Porch for refreshments. We invite you to take a turn sponsoring the fellowship hour! You can select your sponsorship date on the Bulletin Board after worship or on our website at westwoodpres.org.



Parking

*Parking is available in the church lot as well as next door at the AVCO/iPic theater parking garage. Following worship, pick up a **FREE** validation card from an usher before returning to the parking structure.*