

Order of Worship

Sunday, November 8, 2026

"True gratitude is not just thanking God of the good things; it is the radical capacity to see the divine presence in everything, choosing to trust that grace is always the underlying reality."

—Richard Rohr

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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
Laurel Sanders, organ

Meditation on RADIANT CITY
Laurel Sanders (b. 1984)

Gathering Around the Word

Concerns of the Church
Rev. Dr. Mike Morgan

Pulpit Pitch
Emily Kerrigan

Introit
WPC Chancel Choir

Come, Everyone
Laurel Sanders (b. 1984)

***Call to Worship**
Jake Putich, Director of Faith Formation & Creation Care

God crowns our year with bounty. The hills and valleys sing for joy.

The meadows are clothed with flocks, and the fields are decked with grain.

The whole land drips with fatness, for God has richly prospered us.

God brought our ancestors to a good land, and we have benefited from their labors.

Praise is due God who has answered our prayers, who fills all the ends of the earth with hope.

God has provided every blessing in abundance so we have more than enough to share.

We will not forget the source of our plenty or take for granted what God entrusts to us.

We shall eat and be full, and thank God for the generosity we can pass on. Let us worship God!

***Hymn 612**
Verses 1 & 3

We Praise You, O God
[KREMSER]

*Confessions of the Body of Christ

Marin Miller, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Almighty God, when we move beyond sentimentality to recognize who you really are, we are filled with awe and terror. Our spiritual ancestors spoke of your dread deeds against all who defied your purposes. We realize you have reason to be angry with us, for we have not put your will first in our lives. We have lived without gratitude and misused the good gifts you have made available. We even forget that you are the source of all things and imagine that we have come to the place where we are by our own efforts. Draw us back to yourself, O God, not to chasten, but to lead. Have mercy on us, and receive our thanks. 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 — **A New Song**
James McMillan (b. 1959)

First Lesson — **Deuteronomy 8:7–18; O.T., page 159**
Katherine Sohigian

***Hymn 717** — **For the Life That You Have Given**
[PLEADING SAVIOR]

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.

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

Prayers of the People

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

Christina Borgioli, soprano

Laudate Dominum
Wolfgang Mozart (1756-1791)
"Praise the Lord, all you nations…"

Second Lesson

Luke 17:11–19; **N.T., page 75**

Meditation

The Grace of Gratitude

Bearing the Word Into the World

Minute for Mission

Lou Moore and Katherine Hernandez

*Hymn 179

Verses 1, 2, & 3

Ten Lepers Facing Constant Scorn
[RADIANT CITY]

Tithes & Offerings

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*Benediction

Response

Amen
Paul Mealor (b. 1975)

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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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.



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