



Welcome to



WESTWOOD
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

Sunday, September 13, 2026

“The miracle spoken of here has to do with the character of the Christian community – a community that thrives not simply in the changing structures for justice, but in the peaceful acts of offering what we have been given by God: a memory of liberation, an experience of justice and reconciliation, and an expectation of living in a community with each other and creation. This is the miracle the world needs today!”

—Carlos F. Cardoza-Orlandi

Order of Worship — 16th 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

Laurel Sanders, organ

Integritas

Andrew Fletcher (b. 1950)

Gathering Around the Word

Concerns of the Church

Rev. Paula Mann

Pulpit Pitch

Lara Fedoroff and Craig Germain

Introit

WPC Chancel Choir

Come, Everyone

Laurel Sanders (b. 1984)

***Call to Worship**

Marin Miller, Director of Children & Family Ministries

In God, all life begins; through God's love, all creation is sustained.

We come to worship the One who gives us life and calls us to love.

God gathers us as one people, renewing us in mercy and sending us out in hope.

Let us worship God with grateful hearts and faithful lives.

Let us worship God.

***Hymn 308**

O God in Whom All Life Begins

[NOEL]

***Confessions of the Body of Christ**

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

***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

Bible Presentation

Anthem

*WPC Youth Choir
Laurel Sanders, piano
Jane Kinsey, director*

The Glory Train

Music & Lyrics: Gene Grier and
Lowell Everson

Children and Youth are dismissed to Sunday School

First Lesson

Tracy Cluss-Harmeyer

Psalm 103:8-13; O.T., page 523

***Hymn 619**

**Praise, My Soul, the God
of Heaven**

[LAUDA ANIMA]

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

Jake Putich, Director of Faith Formation & Creation Care

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

Make A Joyful Noise (The Coronation Anthem)

Andrew Lloyd Webber (b. 1948)

Second Lesson

Matthew 18:21-25; N.T., page 18

Meditation

How Many Times?

Bearing the Word Into the World

***Hymn 435**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
[IN BABILONE]

***Benediction**

Response

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
John Rutter (b. 1945)

Postlude

Victory Through Christ
Lani Smith (1934-2015)

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Elder Host	Michael Sohigian
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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.*