

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

* Please stand if able Plain text = Leader **Bold text = People**

Prelude “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” Julie Pulliam, Organist
Arr. Martha Sobaje,

(Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.)

Opening Prayer The Rev. Dr. Whitney Dempsey

Welcome and Announcements Whit Dempsey

Call to Worship (Please stand) Elder, Linda Johnston

All who exalt themselves will be humbled,
but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

**We humble ourselves before our God,
ready to hear and receive God’s truth**

Let us worship God.

* **Hymn** “When Morning Gilds the Skies” PH # 487

Call to Prayer & Prayer for Renewal (Be seated.) Elder

Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Let us embrace this time of confession with honesty and humility.

Holy God, your truth is oftentimes hard to hear.

**We confess our avoidance, our purposeful distractions,
our prideful arrogance that keeps us from hearing
and responding to your Word.**

**Although you send us messages and messengers,
we dismiss and disregard those who tell us we are wrong.**

Have mercy upon us, Holy God.

Open us to hearing the truth

No matter how it is conveyed.

(time for silent prayer)

Declaration of Forgiveness Rev. Whitney Dempsey

Amen. Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

* **Sung Congregational response:** (GTG 582 v. 1)

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be Amen.***

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination and Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading Deacon Reader, Lori Golightly
Song of Solomon 2:8-13 (pg. 638)

Anthem “As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought” PH 414
WRPC Choir

Epistle Reading The Rev. Dr. Whitney Dempsey
Romans 12:1-8 (NT pg. 154)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Time with All Ages C.E. Director of Children & Youth, Linda Valo
(As the children and youth come forward, please join in singing)

***This, this is where children belong, part of our family, part of our song.
Be with us, pray with us, help us grow strong, this is where children belong.***

Sermon “Let’s Talk About Sex” The Rev. Dr. Whit Dempsey

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Minute for Stewardship Marny Eulberg

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer Pg 16 front of Hymnal
(Pray, “Forgive us our sins...”)

Offertory “Lord, I Want to Be A Christian” Julie Pulliam, Organist
Arr. Anthony Giamanco

* **Presentation of Offering** “Doxology” (PH #592/1)

*Praise God, From whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, All creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

* **Hymn** “Live into Hope” PH # 332

You're invited to come forward and place an offering in
“Wilbur” or the basket for local hunger relief
(Wheat Ridge Feed the Future Backpack program).

***Charge and Benediction**

* **Closing Sung Response** (PH #432)

*May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace, Singing, share our joy with all,
Working, for a world that's new, Faithful, when we hear Christ's call.*

Postlude “Deo Gratias” Julie Pulliam, Organist
Anthony Giamanco

Please come to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Linda Johnston Deacon Reader: Lori Golightly
Time with All Ages: Linda Valo Greeter: Jeff Stimson
Ushers: Brenda Cavanaugh and Ashley Cress
Hymn Leaders: Taylor Robinson & WRPC Choir



*WPC Mission Statement
To worship God through faith and action,
To nurture the spirit of Jesus Christ in each of us,
To be an extended family to all,
And to serve the community
through programs, education, and prayer.*

*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 23, 2022*