



DIRT AND SIGHT

John 9:1-41

MARCH 22, 2020

Westminster Congregational United Church of Christ

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Welcome to Westminster! Westminster Congregational United Church of Christ embraces a spirit of hospitality founded in the gospels of Jesus Christ and a willingness to live out that welcome in meaningful ways. As an Open and Affirming Church, our longstanding culture of welcome extends to all people regardless of sexual orientation, race/ethnicity, gender, physical ability, socioeconomic status or faith background.

Stay informed through our website: westminsterucc.org, our facebook page: **Westminster United Church of Christ**, or **Pastor Andy's Hotsheet** by email (see website footer to 'Sign-up for our emails!').



ORDER OF WORSHIP



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* Those who wish to are invited to stand.

A Time of Gathering – *Please silence all electronic devices*

Welcome

*** Sharing of the Peace of Christ**

Centering Prayer

Music to Center and Still Us

Sweet Hour of Prayer

**William B. Bradbury
arr Janet Hubbard**

*** Opening Hymn**

No. 553

There is a Balm in Gilead

*** Call to Worship (from psalm 77)**

People's Response: *"My soul yearns to be comforted."*

*** Prayer for Turning our Hearts**

*** Song of Assurance**

743

Be still and know that I am God. (3x) (repeat)

Musical Message

Beautiful Jesus

Silesian folk melody

A Time with our Young People

Scripture

John 9:1-41

NRSV

Sermon

Dirt and Sight

Pastor Andy CastroLang

*** Hymn of Response**

No. 190

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Prayers of the People

All: *O God, hear our prayer!*

The Lord's Prayer

All: *Our beloved Parent, who is found in heaven and all things created, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Shield us from temptation, and deliver us from evil; For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

The Invitation to Give

For electronic giving: **text to 855-925-0716**, and follow the prompts. Or use the donate link on our website, for one-time gifts or recurring, by bank transfer (preferred) or card, at **westminsterucc.org**.

Thank you very much for your participation in our church community.

Music During our Offering of Gifts

Album Leaf

Theodor Kirchner

* A Song of Praise

Praise God whose breath fills all the earth. Whose Love reveals our sacred worth.
Whose Spirit forms one family. Whose Grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

No. 42

O for a Thousand Tongues

* The Life of the Church / Announcements

* Benediction

* Congregational Song at Parting

As we go now from this moment, as we leave behind our time together.
May we walk with one another; may we help each other on the way.
As we go now from this moment, as we go into the future together.
May we treasure one another; may we realize how precious we are.
May we realize how precious we are. May we realize how precious we are.

Music for Going Out into the World

Finding Beauty

Janet Hubbard





WHO WE ARE



We are a welcoming faith community who seek to strengthen our relationships with God and each other by exploring, questioning and nurturing our spirituality. Responding to God’s unconditional love and with Jesus as our model, we strive to live out love, compassion and inclusion.

Our Values:

- Spiritual Nurture • Welcoming • Fellowship
- Service • Progressive Christianity • Sustainability

Our Covenant:

We covenant together, members and friends of Westminster Congregational United Church of Christ:

- To create and hold an open, trusting Christian Community where we can each discover our unique relationship with God;
- To accept one another as we seek ways to resolve our differences, and to rejoice as a community of faith and trust;
- To seek opportunities for expression of faith by sharing talents and resources with our church, community and world;
- To celebrate the power of God’s call and God’s Love.

Participants in the Service

Pastor	The Rev Andrea CastroLang
Liturgist	Mary Rupert
Musician	Janet Hubbard
Choir Director	Verne Windham
Deacons of the Service	n / a
Hospitality	n / a

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“If you see something, say something!” Speak to any of the Deacons listed in this bulletin, or any Deacon present.

To stay informed:

Please pay close attention to your emails from the office administrator, **Andréa Reese Hekemian**; your Church Moderator, **Mary Rupert**; and myself.

If you don’t want to keep me, please take me back to the narthex or a Deacon, for recycling.