



westminster congregational
united church of christ

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Stay Home. Social Distance. Wash Your Hands.
Check on the Elderly. Live Stream Worship.
Give electronically. Support each other.
Love God. Flatten the curve. Pray Daily.
So we can all enjoy this life.

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OPENING THE HOUSE

Matthew 15:10-28

AUGUST 16, 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!').

NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, OR WHERE YOU ARE ON YOUR FAITH JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!



ORDER OF WORSHIP



August 16, 2020

As We Gather on our Devices –

Welcome and Virtual Sharing of the Peace of Christ: (smile and raise your hands in welcome, say “Peace of Christ”!)

Centering Prayer with Francie Light

Music to Center and Still Us *Etude in a minor* **Stephen Heller**

*** Opening Hymn** *A Place Called Home* **Refugee Hymnal**
(You can hum or sing along to the hymns at home, whatever feels best to you!)

*** Call to Worship** (from the prophet Isaiah)
People’s Response: *“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”*

*** Prayer for Turning our Hearts**

Musical Message *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child* **Traditional**

A Chance to say a Digital H/to our Young People

Scripture **Matthew 15:10-28** **NRSV**

Sermon **Opening Up the House** **Pastor Andy CastroLang**

*** Hymn of Response** **No. 175** *O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come*
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Prayers of the People (please remember to send prayer requests ahead of time, to me at: pastorandy@westminsterucc.org, or you can use the “chat” function on Zoom)

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**. You can also send checks to: **411 S. Washington St. Spokane WA 99204**

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

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Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old

Joy F. Patterson,
Sydney Carter

Testimony by Kathryn Garras

* Closing Hymn

Westminster Song

Karen Wilson-Bell

* The Life of the Church / Announcements

* Benediction

* Congregational Song at Parting (Let's make a joyful noise all together!)

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.

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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	Kyle Lehman
Musician	Janet Hubbard
Choir Director	Verne Windham
Singer	Stephanie Kuffel

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COVID19 office hours: **WED, THUR 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**
Email is monitored afternoons, Tuesday - Friday

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Westminster's ZOOM Schedule... (click / tap title)

- [Westminster Worship](#) - Sundays at 10:30 am
- [Westminster Youth Group](#) - Sundays at 1:00 pm
- [Adult Forum](#) - Sundays at 3:00 pm
- [Westminster Happy Hour](#) - Wednesdays at 5:00 pm
- [Deacons](#) - 4th Sunday at 12:30 pm
- [Serving Our Neighbors](#) - 1st Wednesday at 6:30 pm
- [Book Club](#) - 3rd Monday at 1:00 pm
- [Trustees](#) - 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 pm
- [Church Council](#) - 4th Thursday at 5 pm