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united church of christ

**BE THE CHURCH**  UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

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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**Westminster Congregational United Church of Christ**

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**Church Staff**

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| Verne Windham, Choir Director                          | Janet Hubbard, Musician                |
| Nicolette (Nikki) Rode, Sr. Activity Room Caregiver    | Heather Buzby, Activity Room Caregiver |
| John Larson, Caretaker                                 |  |
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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](http://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!



*we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us. No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No program accomplishes the church's mission. This is what we are about: We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise... we cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own. 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](http://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.

## Music During our Offering of Gifts

*Sonatina*

Jiri Antonin Benda

## \*Closing Hymn

No. 423

*Great Is Your Faithfulness*

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## \* 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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## Music for Going Out into the World

*River*

Julian Pattison

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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**

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|----------------|---------------------------|
| Pastor         | The Rev Andrea CastroLang |
| Liturgist      | Dallas Lyle               |
| Musician       | Janet Hubbard             |
| Choir Director | Verne Windham             |
| Zoom Moderator | Kelly Cox                 |

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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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## CALL TO MEETING

**to all voting members of  
*Westminster United Church of Christ***

Notice is hereby given that a congregational meeting of Westminster Congregational United Church of Christ will convene immediately after worship service on Sunday,  
**October 4, 2020**

We will vote on our proposed “Covenant with Black People against Racism in America”, which will require two-thirds majority to pass. Copies of this document can be found in our September newsletter, *The Witness*, found on our website at [westminsterucc.org](http://westminsterucc.org).

Your attendance and participation is prayerfully and urgently requested to meet quorum.