

Westmont Presbyterian Church
July 12, 2020

Prelude/Welcome

Call to Worship

We worship the God of all creation.

With joy we praise God's holy name.

God's love for us is steadfast and true.

In gratitude we lift up all our thanksgivings to God.

With wonder and awe, we stand together to listen for God's Word.

God's Word is life. Together let us worship God.

Hymn #398 *There's a Sweet, Sweet, Spirit*

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;

There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

**Refrain: Sweet Holy spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us,
Filling us with your love. And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.**

There are blessings you cannot receive till you know Him in His fullness and believe;

You're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." (Refrain)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of hope, hear us as we turn to you with all our hearts. We know that your grace is freely given, but too often we refuse this gift. We worry about trivial matters and fret about the future. We forget that your love and mercy are sufficient. Help us to rely on your steadfast love to guide us through the complexities of life. Remind us that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and free to live anew. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Response Hymn #591 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Time with Children

Danielle Kendig

Responsive Reading from Psalm 119:105-112

Your word, O God, is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous rulings.

O God, though my suffering is acute, revive me as your word has guaranteed it.

Accept my offerings of praise, O God, and teach me your ordinances.

I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

The wicked have tried to trap me, but I do not stray from your precepts.

Your decrees are my heritage for ever; they are the joy of my heart.

I incline my heart to obey your statutes for ever, to the end. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Word for Today: *A Great Harvest Awaits*

Special Music

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession (concluding with the 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.

Hymn *Bringing in the Sheaves*

**Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.**

**Refrain: Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves,
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.**

**Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,
Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;
By and by the harvest, and the labor ended,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. (Refrain)**

Benediction

**Offering: This morning an offering will be collected at the end of our worship service.
Please look for the young people holding baskets. Thank you.**

Participating in the Service: **Rev. Dr. René Whitaker, Interim Pastor
Mr. Jim Hutchinson, Director of Music
Ms. Danielle Kendig, Christian Educator
Ms. Kristen Kane, Children's Music Director
Mr. Kevin Howell, Technician Guru
Mr. Chip Brill, Soloist**