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WESTMINSTER CHURCH OF DETROIT



*"Let the
little children
come to me"*

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Sunday, October 6, 2024
10:00AM
World Communion Sunday

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Gift of Finest Wheat

arr. Jeffrey Honoré

Welcome to all – especially to our guests.

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad, located in each of the pews.

Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)

Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Glory to God in the highest heavens and on earth,
peace and goodwill towards all people.

**Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God, the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.**

Lord, we praise you. We worship you. We join the chorus of all
the angels and all of creation in praising your wonderful works to all things.

**Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God, the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.**

Lord, your mercy is forever and your love towards all things is
deeper than any abyss and higher than any height. Truly, nothing
can separate us from your love.

**Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God, the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.**

Holy God, who made all things and loves all things, you promise
that when two or three gather in your name you will be present.

Lord, you are present among us this morning.

Quiet our minds. Calm our bodies. Soothe our souls and soften
our hearts to meet you.

Gospel Praise

God Has Smiled on Me

Gospel Choir

Call to Confession

Lord, have mercy on us and heal us. We are prone to forget that you made us and that we are yours and you always love us. We try to secure our own value through things and how we compare with others. These things can never satisfy us or bring us the peace that you give us so freely. Lord, guide our feet back to your path of peace. From this moment forward, help us to flee from sin and whatever makes us forget your love. From now on, teach us to rest and dwell in your grace and promises. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Declaration of God's Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")

*Response

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 8

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Mark 10: 13-16

Message

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through whom all things were made.

Who for us and for our salvation,
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and for life in the world to come. Amen.**

-Nicene Creed, 325 A.D.

***Hymn GTG #12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

INVITATION

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give your thanks and praise.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.**

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

CLOSING PRAYER

Call to Offering

If you would like to make an offering online, scan the QR code located in the Westminster News section of today's bulletin.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Anthem

O Jesus, Blessed Lord
Chancel Choir

John Helgen

***Doxology GTG #606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn AAHH #143

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in A minor

Johannes Brahms

The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshiping.

Worship Leaders:

The Rev. Dakota Whitaker, Pastor/Head of Staff
Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist
Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director
Gwen Matthews, Liturgist

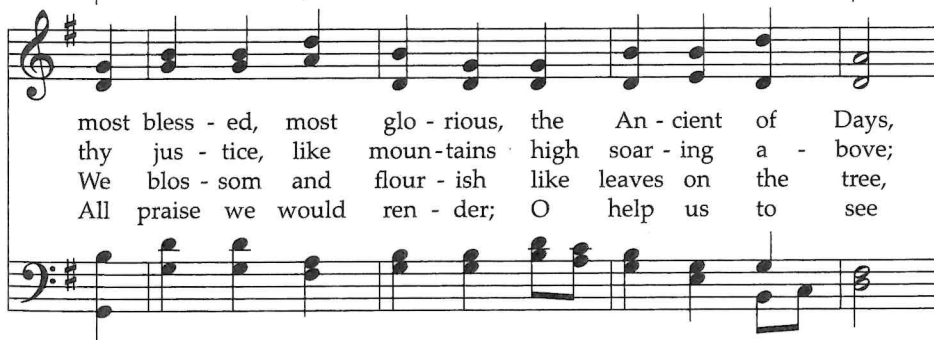
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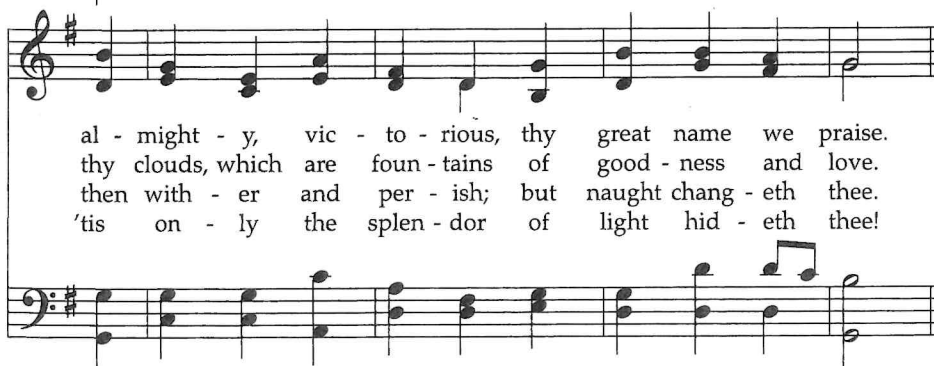
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

143 HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW

Look at the birds... they neither sow nor reap, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?
Matthew 6:26

1. Why should I feel dis-cour-aged, Why should the shad-ows
 2. "Let not your heart be trou-bled," His ten-der word I
 3. When ev-er I am tempt-ed, When ev-er clouds a-

come, Why should my heart be lone-ly, And
 hear, And rest-ing on His good-ness, I
 rise, When songs give place to sigh-ing When

long for heav'n and home; When Je-sus is my
 lose my doubts and fears; Though by the path He
 hope with-in me dies, I draw the clos-er

por-tion? My con-stant Friend is He:
 lead-eth, But one step I may see; His
 to Him, From care He sets me free;

eye is on the spar - row, And I know He watch - es

me; His eye is on the spar - row, and I

know He watch - es me. I sing be - cause I'm

hap - py, I sing be - cause I'm free; For His

eye is on the spar - row, And I know He watch - es me.