

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** (this is an open table. All are welcome to participate in this sacred meal)

**Invitation to the Table**

Christ invites us all to this Holy feast. As we gather this day, we remember our sisters and brothers from above and below the equator, from the North and the South, from every time zone around the globe.

As today's sunlight inches across the land and sea, Christians gather to celebrate their place in God's family. All are invited and all are welcome!

**Communion Prayer**

**One:** Healing God, we come before you broken, yet seeking wholeness, isolated, yet seeking community, overwhelmed, yet seeking simplicity, shamed yet seeking grace;

**All: God, we yearn for the healing you promise.**

**One:** God of justice, we come before you selfish, yet seeking a generous heart, arrogant, yet seeking humility, responsible for injustices, yet seeking forgiveness:

**All: God we yearn for the justice you promise.**

**One:** God of peace, we come before you afraid, yet seeking assurance, agitated, yet seeking a forgiveness

**All: God we yearn for the peace you promise.**

**One:** Knowing that through Christ all things are made new, we come to this communion table to be recreated through the bread and cup and to be renewed in our faith and commitment. God, we submit ourselves to renewal through you. This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup**

As Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples to share in remembrance, we pray to be more closely connected with our neighbors near and far. Bless this bread, we pray. As Jesus poured the cup to remind his disciples of the gift of forgiveness we pray to remember our inter-connectedness with people around the world. Bless this bread, we pray. May this simple meal bring us into union with you, O God. your people and your world united in the One Body of Christ. Amen.

**PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are Yours now and forever. Amen.**

† Hymn # 508

*"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"*

† BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*"A Closing Prayer"*

**The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place; guide us and protect us and lead us in thy grace. Wherever life may take us as we go our separate ways, help us share with others the things we've shared today. May the peace of God the Father, and the love of Christ, God's Son, guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us, each one. May the blessings of the Spirit fill us from within; God bless us and return us to this fellowship once again.**

POSTLUDE

*Katie Thompson  
John Thuringer*

# Westminster Presbyterian Church



October 1 & 2, 2011

"World Communion Sunday"

"If we show the Lord's death at Communion, we must show the Lord's life in the world.  
If it is a Holy Communion on Sunday, it must prove on Monday that it was also a Sacrament."

*Maltbie Davenport Babcock*

**Prelude**(5:00 p.m.)

(9:30 a.m.)

(9:30 a.m.)

*Hanna Patzer*

*Katie Thompson*

*John Thuringer*

† **INTROIT** *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

**Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flower before Thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the gloom of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** ( *Please sign the registration pad and list any new information* )

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: From north and south, from east and west, we come:

**All: God's people called to the Table where simple grace nourishes us.**

One: From down the street to across town, from single households to apartment dwellers:

**All: God's people are called to community, where we live and serve one another.**

One: From every race, every status; from little one with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts:

**All: God's people are called to witness to God's hope, to offer peace to a shattered world.**

† **HYMN # 507** *"I Come With Joy"*

† **CALL TO CONFESSION**

**CANTOR:** *O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.*

† **TIME OF SILENCE & SELF REFLECTION**

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: Gracious God, we humbly acknowledge our need for your life-giving love. for anger, impatience, and quickness to misunderstand - forgive us. For thoughtlessness, indifference, and self-centeredness - forgive us. For the lack of kindness and acceptance of others - forgive us. For all the times we have not lived in ways that reflect your love for all people. Forgive us, heal us, and transform us anew into your servant people. Amen.**

† **CONFESSION RESPONSE**

**All: O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

† **GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

† **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of the our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

**COMMUNION INVITATION** *"We Come to Your Feast"* ( *The congregation sings the refrain* )

**Refrain:** *We come to Your feast, we come to Your feast: the young and the old;  
The frightened, the bold, the greatest and the least.  
We come to Your feast, we come to Your feast, with the fruit of our lands  
and the work of our hands, we come to Your feast.*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON (9:30am)**

*Linda Dunleavy*

*\*\* ( Children are then dismissed for Children's Church )*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Matthew 25:1-13**

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

**SERMON**

*Pastor Val Putnam*

**OFFERTORY**

† **DOXOLOGY** ( *Please stand when music begins* )

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

† **DEDICATION**

† **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was  
buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into  
heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, he will come to judge the living and  
the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**