



# WELCOME TO WEST SIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

January 16, 2022

## 11:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME/\*CALL TO WORSHIP/OPENING PRAYER

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. **God's steadfast love endures forever.**  
Choose this day whom you will serve. **We will love and serve the Lord.**

Let us pray:

**Ever-living God, You inscribe our names in Your book of life so that we may share in the firstfruits of salvation. Grant us grace to acknowledge Christ as our Redeemer and, trusting in Him, be confident that none of Your own are lost or forgotten. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

### \*OPENING HYMN #434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our Redeemer, we confess that we fail in our love for You, forgetting Your gracious acts.  
We fail in our love for one another, forsaking our neighbors in need.**

**Forgive us, God of grace. Let us be no longer bound by sin, but released, restored, set free to worship  
and serve You in freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### KYRIE

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*GLORIA PATRI

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

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

### SCRIPTURE READING

Excerpts from Proverbs

### ANTHEM

When a Prophet Speaks of Justice

setting, John Ferguson

When a prophet sings of justice like broad rivers flowing free,  
let me clearly see the vision of an earth that might yet be:  
God's intention, human dreams, righteousness like mighty streams,  
waters teeming with salvation to wash clean the whole creation.

When a gospel speaks of hunger for the Word and for the bread,  
let me hear how with each feeding of the hungry, Christ is fed:  
How, as we attend their cry, loaves and fishes multiply  
in a eucharist of sharing, in a sacred meal of caring.

*Continued.*

*\*Please stand*

WEST SIDE IS A WELCOMING CHURCH, ROOTED DEEPLY IN CHRIST, INVITING ALL TO CONNECT, GROW AND SERVE.

When an old song can remind us of how simple gifts can be,  
God, You let us come together, from our selfish selves set free,  
freed from pomp and circumstance, free to join in Christ's own dance,  
turned 'round right, and in the turning, Your own will for us discerning.

As You grant us better insight with the vision Your grace gives,  
help us make the wiser choices, simplest of alternatives;  
stripped of empty act and talk we may take a humbler walk,  
justice, kindness, no abstractions, but made real in words and actions.

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 5:18-24

#### SERMON

How Should a Christian View Communism (and Capitalism)?  
Excerpts from a sermon by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Rev. Marc Oehler

#### RESPONSE OF FAITH

Excerpt from the Belhar Confession

**We believe that God has revealed Himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people. We believe that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged.**

**We believe that God calls the church to follow Him in this;  
for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry.  
We believe that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind.**

**We believe that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger,  
helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly.  
We believe that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering.**

**We believe that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right.  
We believe that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need,  
which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice,  
so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

**We believe that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.**

**\*HYMN** (*see attached*)

Let Streams of Living Justice

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#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Please place your gift in one of the offering plates in the back of the Sanctuary at the conclusion of the service, or Text GIVE to 551-227-2131. Thank you for your gift!

#### \*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

#### \*CLOSING HYMN #412

The Church of Christ in Every Age

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING

#### POSTLUDE

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*Please join us for fellowship following the service.*

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