



WELCOME TO WEST SIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

Communion Sunday • October 5, 2025



10:30 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE

Alla Marcia from African Suite

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

WELCOME/*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus came among us with words of freedom and release.

In Him, the Spirit's promise is alive.

He taught us to love God with all that we are, and our neighbors as ourselves.

In that love, we find our home.

We gather at Christ's table, one people in many places.

Here we are welcomed, nourished, and made whole.

*OPENING HYMN (*See attached*)

Far and Wide the Gospel Travels

RODLAND-TIMMONS

OPENING PRAYER

God of steadfast love, You spoke through the prophets, promising justice, mercy, and peace.

In Jesus Christ your promise is fulfilled—love made visible, love poured out, love welcoming the world.

Open our hearts to Your Spirit, that our worship may reflect Your compassion

and our lives proclaim Your love, through Christ, the bread of life. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and mercy, You call us to walk in Your ways of compassion,
yet we turn instead to paths of convenience and comfort.

We know the way of Jesus is love made visible, yet we cling to fear, pride, and division.

Forgive us, O God. Open our eyes to see where we have fallen short,

our hearts to receive Your mercy, and our hands to serve with courage and joy.

Renew us by Your Spirit, that we may live as witnesses to Your promise of love for all.

KYRIE (*Glory to God #575*)

Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

KYRIE ELEISON (Pardini)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI (*Glory to God #583*)

GLORIA (*Taizé*)

Glory to God, glory to God,

glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God,

alleluia, alleluia! (*sung twice*)

**Please stand*

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

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:16-24

ANTHEM

Bonse Aba

Traditional Zambian Folk Song
arr. Victor Johnson

Translation: All people who accept God's authority are called His children; children in the power of God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:36–40

SERMON

Jesus: The Loving Fulfillment of the Prophets

Rev. Liz Junod

RESPONSE OF FAITH

HYMN #692

Spirit, Open My Heart

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

OFFERING

Please place your gift in the offering plates in the back of the sanctuary, scan the QR code on the bulletin or text GIVE to 551-227-2131. Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

American Folk Hymn
arr. Steven Seigart

Lynne Schreur, clarinet

***DOXOLOGY** (*Glory to God #607*)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

THE INVITATION

***THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are You, O Lord our God: **From age to age You have raised up prophets to speak truth and show mercy, to call Your people back to covenant love.** Therefore we praise You, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

SANCTUS (*Glory to God #572*)

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts! Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior: **He stood in the line of prophets, speaking truth, healing the broken, weeping over Jerusalem, and proclaiming Your kingdom of love.** Remembering Your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to You with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (*Glory to God #573*)

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. **By Your Spirit at work within us, keep us faithful to the gospel, proclaiming the message of Your love to all.** Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

AGNUS DEI (*Glory to God #604*)

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: grant us Your peace.

RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN #514

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

May the God of Hope Go With Us

Argentine Folk Melody

POSTLUDE

Jesus Is All the World to Me

arr. Craig Curry

Please join us for fellowship in the Narthex following the service.

Far and Wide the Gospel Travels

RODLAND-TIMMONS 8.7.8.7 with Alleluias

Brian Wren, 1993

Deborah Holden-Holloway, 1978

1. Far and wide the gos - pel trav - els, heal - ing wounds and
2. Reach - ing deep, the Spi - rit, search ing, tends, in ev - 'ry
3. Though our hearts may limp and stum - ble, bruised by ter - ror,

right - ing wrongs. Fear and hate its touch un - rav - els; praise u -
faith and place, hopes of one new world e - merging, free - ing
greed and loss, faith has seen their em - pires crum ble, mocked and

nites ten thou - sand tongues:
all the hu - man race: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
can - celled by the cross:

4. Joined by Grace, in Christ communing,
freed and fed by bread and wine,
thousands meet, their vision tuning
to the Spirit's grand design:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. Raise your voices, clear your vision,
turn your longing into song.
Praise can change our heart's condition;
let our praise be full and strong:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The text for the this hymn was commissioned by the West Side Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood, New Jersey
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