

Present Lord, how lonely sits the city,
alleyways erode without games or even mischief.
*What was once great among the nations, holding backyard baseball and
neighborhood parties, has become a vassal, a faded photograph.*
She weeps bitterly in the night,
left alone to the distant sound of one more screen door slam.
She has no one to comfort her, knowing another has left for good.
They have become her enemies, through death or desertion.
Judah has gone into exile, along with the words “hope” and “future.”
She finds no resting place, for danger lies with the abandoned.
*Her pursuers have all overtaken her,
symbolized by the tall weeds in her lawn.*
The roads to Zion mourn, sidewalks split and bulge.
The priests groan, churches are boarded up.
Young girls grieve, throwing rocks at abandoned window panes.
Her foes have become the masters, depression and victimhood moved in;
because the Lord made her suffer a badge of punishment she wears in search
of balance. Her children have all gone away,
to a place where someday they will pay the same ransom.
*From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty;
no one turns their heads, much less thinks to listen.*
Like stags that find no pasture, authorities find no subjects.
They fled without strength, waiting to die.
Be present Lord.
Be present Lord. Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn 530 *One Bread, One Body*

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction *Amen*

E. Sollenberger

*Postlude *Postlude*

W. Volckmar



WOODSTOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019 - 11:00 AM
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

*“I was glad when they said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’” Psalm 122:1*

Welcome to all who gather to worship today! We hope you feel warmly welcomed and even “at home,” for all are welcome in God’s house! If you are a guest today, we are honored by your presence with us and hope to see you again! Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register located in the pew. Everyone is invited to stay for our fellowship hour following worship!

WPC Vision & Mission Statement

Growing and Building in
the Love of Christ
Ephesians 4:16

We ENVISION a church
that:

- † Is kind, generous, hospitable and welcoming.
 - † Involves everyone in local and global mission.
 - † Treats everyone as a Child of God.
 - † Shares our time, talents, and treasure.
- Our MISSION is to grow and build in:
- † Faith through worship, prayer, and Bible study.
 - † Fellowship with one another and with guests.
 - † Hospitality shown to our community and world.
 - † Facilities that are exceptional and accessible.

* Congregation is invited to stand.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Communion Cantilene Slumber Song</i>	Th. Salome I. V. Glager G. Bizet
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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *Based on Psalm 85:8, 10–12*
Let us hear what the Lord will speak.
God will speak peace to the people.
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet.
Justice and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the earth.
Justice will look down from the sky.
The Lord will give what is good.
The earth will be filled with abundance.

*Hymn 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*Opening Prayer

Faithful God, we wait in hope for you to speak.
Come to us in Scripture read and proclaimed.
By the power of your Holy Spirit, increase our faith
that we may do all we are commanded to do
according to your glory. *Amen.*



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Invitation to Confession of Sin

Prayer Of Confession

Merciful God, you have called us to live in sincere faith and to suffer for the gospel. We confess that we do not come before you with a clear conscience.

Our faith is clouded by sin and uncertainty.

We shrink from your call to live sacrificially on behalf of others.

Too quickly, we seek our own ease and comfort first.

We confess that in our own lives, and in the church, we rely on our power rather than yours.

Forgive us, we pray, for we are fractured and fearful disciples. Take away from us a spirit of cowardice, and restore to us the spirit of power rightly used, of love unconditionally offered, and of self-discipline gracefully lived.

In new mercy, forgive us and increase our faith, that we may be faithful servants at your table.

(silent prayers)

In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Anthem *In Remembrance of Me* Albrecht/Althouse

Scripture Reading Lamentations 1:1-6

Sermon "What is Lost?" Rev. Kate Rascoe

***Hymn 209** *My Song Is Love Unknown*

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! Amen!

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.

Doxology

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.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** Nicene Creed page 34 of Hymnal

***Gloria Patri (words at left)**

Offering

Offertory *Does Jesus Care?* J. Lincoln Hall

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***Hymn 525** *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Embracing God...We come together at this table to remember this sacrament.

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.

Creator God...your people cry out:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...Hear us as we now declare the mystery that is our faith;

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