

The People of God Gathered to Worship As  
**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WEST SALEM**

**October 24, 2021**

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Prayer Requests**

**The Call to Worship**

Leader: Magnify the LORD, exalt God's name together!

People: **We shall bless the LORD at all times, and praise our God forever!**

Leader: Look to God and be Radiant, so we can never be ashamed!

People: **We sought God, and God answered us, delivering us from all our fears.**

Leader: Taste and see that the LORD is good, happy are those who love God!

People: **The LORD redeems and sustains us, and is worthy of great praise.**

Leader: So let us worship the God who leads us!

People: **Yes! Let us Worship the LORD!**

**\*Opening Hymn**

# 476 Presbyterian Hymnal

***O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!***

***(Verses 1, 3, and 5)***

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, we come before you as sinners.**

**We have not done all that you would have us do,**

**And there is much we have left undone.**

**We do not always remember to honor you with all of our hearts, minds, and strength, and we do not always love our neighbors as ourselves. We want to be first in the Kingdom, and by seeking to exalt ourselves, become last.**

**Lord, we believe, help our unbelief, and listen as we offer up our prayers before you.**

**Moment of Silent Confession**

**\*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, Amen.**

**Passing of the Peace** *(please remain in your seats)*

Let us greet one another as forgiven sinners

With the peace of Christ:

*"The peace of the Lord be with you.*

***And also, with you."***

**A Moment with the Children**

*Your Place in the Line*

**Scripture Reading**

*Mark 10:35-45*

<sup>35</sup> James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

<sup>36</sup> And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?"

<sup>37</sup> And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."

<sup>38</sup> But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

<sup>39</sup> They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;

<sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

<sup>41</sup> When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.

<sup>42</sup> So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.

<sup>43</sup> But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,  
<sup>44</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.  
<sup>45</sup> For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

## **Prayer of Illumination**

### **Sermon**

*The Great Contradiction*

Pastor Dan McCurdy

### **Affirmation of Faith**

*The Apostles Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic church,  
The communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
The Resurrection of the Body, and the Life Everlasting. Amen.**

### **Presentation of Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts**

The Salvation of Jesus Christ is not for sale.  
When we give, we do not do so to earn our salvation, as that has already been freely given. Instead, we offer our gifts in gratitude for all that has been given to us.  
So let us worship the LORD with our giving.

### **Offertory**

### **\*Doxology**

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

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Gracious God, accept now the gifts of your people.  
Bless them so that they may grow and go forth,  
Doing your work in your world. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People and 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.**

### **\*Closing Hymn**

# 391 Presbyterian Hymnal  
***Take My Life***

### **\*Benediction**

### **\*Song of Sending**

# 438 Presbyterian Hymnal  
***Blest Be the Tie That Binds (verse 4)***

**From sorrow, toil and pain  
And sin we shall be free  
And perfect love and friendship reign  
Through all eternity.**

**Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.**

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### **\*The Postlude**

## Updated protocols for Covid-19

Session has considered guidance from the CDC on the wearing of masks by vaccinated individuals.

The CDC does leave it up to local jurisdictions, businesses, and venues to set their own rules for COVID protections.

The following guidelines will be followed to ensure a safe experience for in-person worship:

- **Due to the rise in COVID cases, masks are required for all worshipers, regardless of vaccination status.**
- Seating has returned to normal, pre-Covid capacity.
- There are live song leaders and special music. Worshipers are invited to sing along.
- Children are invited to the front of the sanctuary during the Children's Message. There are seating marks to maintain social distance.
- The offering will be collected by the ushers.
- **Nursery services are not currently available.**  
**The church nursery is available for use by parents.**

### October 24, 2021 Worship Team:

<b>Acolytes</b>	Brynn Loging Lily Oldenburg
<b>Liturgist</b>	Avis Evenson
<b>Musicians</b>	Julie Baker Greg Meeuwsen Sara Oldenburg
<b>Sound Room</b>	Dane Bohnsack
<b>Usher</b>	Charles Engel

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### Tithes and Offerings

Donations can be mailed to:

**Presbyterian Church of West Salem**

**PO Box 861**

**West Salem, WI 54669**

### Deacon Meeting

*Following worship today.*

### Pumpkin Painting

**Join us after worship today!**

Masks are required and we are asking all to social distance.

Pumpkins and supplies will be provided.

*Come and have fun!*

### Community Dinner

**This Wednesday, October 27 at 5:00 p.m.**

Please drive up and meals will be placed in your vehicle.

### Tabitha Circle

**Bring your crafts and join us!**

*The first and third Monday each month at 1:00 p.m.*

### Handbell Choir

Rehearsal next Sunday, October 31 at 8:45 a.m.

*Come join us!*

### Sunday School Teachers and Helpers Needed!

*See Becca Bohnsack or Sara Oldenburg if you can help.*

### Fall Stewardship Campaign

Pledge cards have been mailed

and are available in the back of the sanctuary.

*Through our giving, we continue to be a light of Christ in our church, our community, and the world.*

### All Saints' Day Worship Service

**Sunday, November 7, 2021**

*If you have lost a loved one since October 2020,*

*please notify the church office by October 31 at:*

*preschurchws@gmail.com*

### Fall Festival

**Saturday, November 13 at 11:00 a.m.**

Raffle tickets are available for purchase:

\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00!

*All funds from the Fall Festival will be donated to missions.*