



Westwood is a
Reconciling in Christ
(RIC) church.

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY.



Welcome to Summer Worship at Westwood

August 31, 2025 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Westwood is an open, affirming, and inclusive church, welcoming all who seek God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ **OPENING HYMN** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" ELW 733

↑ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to join your work in the world and live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Silence for reflection)

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

↑ **GREETING**

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ,
and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

↑ **PRAYER OF THE DAY: LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)**

ACCLAMATION "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" *(Children invited forward)*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ACCLAMATION "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" *(Children return to their families)*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON I Kings 8:27-30 (NRSV)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 1:15-19 (NRSV)

SERMON Pastor Sarah

MOMENT FOR QUIET REFLECTION

What have you heard about prayer that impacts your life?

↑ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (SUNG)

adapted from Litanies and Prayers from Holden Evening Prayer

ASSISTING MINISTER: *You are invited to come forward to offer your prayers to God by placing them in the baskets at the front of the Sanctuary. Offering our prayers in this way opens us up to receive the healing works God and more closely experience God's abiding presence in our life. Let us pray...*

↑ SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST *(Children return to worship)*

OFFERING "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" William Bradbury

↑ OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful God, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, our selves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

↑ LORD'S PRAYER (alternate version: Yolanda M. Norton's Beyonce Mass)

↑ BENEDICTION

↑ SENDING HYMN "Lead Me, Guide Me" EW 738

↑ BLESSING OF MINISTRY OF GAVIN BERG

↑ PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

O God, **you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

↑ DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love all and honor God. **Thanks be to God**