



Westwood is a
Reconciling in Christ
(RIC) church.

LEADERSHIP

IN A CULTURE OF GRACE



Welcome to 11a Sunday Worship at Westwood

May 18, 2025– 4th Sunday in Easter

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

GATHERING MUSIC “Come Now is the Time to Worship”

OUR YOUTH SING “Down By the Riverside” setting by Robert T. Gibson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR QUIET PREPARATION (*Pause for a deep inhale and exhale*)

↑ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
**you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God’s children through faith.
In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

OUR YOUTH SING “Love Is” Abbie Betinis

↑ 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 SEASON

Loving God, **you gather us in and claim us as your own. By your Spirit may we be rooted in hope
as we live into a culture of grace, love our neighbors, and proclaim your love in Jesus’ name.
Amen.**

OUR CHILDREN SING “Carol of Creation” Shirley McRae

TIME WITH CHILDREN

OUR CHILDREN SING "Oh! How Good is Christ the Lord" setting by Vicki Hancock Wright
(Children leave for The Message)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Lamentations 3:21-24

GOSPEL LESSON John 21:9-17

SERMON Pastor Jason

SONG "Live Christ" Cathy Whitler

↑ **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

OFFERING

↑ **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.**

↑ **HOLY COMMUNION**

↑ **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

↑ **LORD'S PRAYER**

↑ **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC** "The Bread Has Been Broken" Jeff Deyo

↑ **BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

↑ **SENDING SONG** "We Are" Kari Jobe

↑ **PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE**

○ 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** Christ is Risen. **He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**