

WEST BERLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1876

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Proper 22 World Communion Sunday

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GATHERING TIME (10:15 – 10:30 AM) Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6145951009>

Dial 929 436 2866 or 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 614 595 1009

Elements of our service today come from “Worship Resource for World Communion” PC(USA) 2026.

WELCOME & PRELUDE God is Good. **All the time.** & All the time. **God is good.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: What does the Holy One require of us?

P: To do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with God.

L: Let us worship God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Whatever good we may have done is nothing compared to the righteousness of Christ. Whatever wrong we may have done is nothing compared to the grace of God. With faith in Christ's righteousness and confidence in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, through Jesus Christ you taught us, “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Yet we continue to put our faith in earthly treasures, hoarding up possessions that moth and rust will destroy, clinging to power and privilege whenever we can. Set us free from greed and fear. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Teach us to trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ, our true redeemer.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Our salvation does not depend on anything we have done, but comes from the grace of God alone through faith in Jesus Christ. This is the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

No. 9

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7 The Song of the Unfruitful Vineyard

¹ I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

YOUTH MESSAGE Grapes Produced

SPECIAL MUSIC

SECOND READING Matthew 21:33-46 The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?” ⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON “What Will We Give Back?”

HYMN “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” No. 472 (See attached)

ANNOUNCEMENTS - JOYS & CONCERNS – PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – 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.

CALL TO OFFERING –DOXOLOGY-PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heav’nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory” No. 756 (See attached)

CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Grant you joy, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor.

Lift your eyes and see his face, feel his grace forever.

May the Lord mighty God bless and keep you forever.

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

472

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him. Psalm 37:5

1. Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, For - give our fool - ish
 2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, Be - side the Syr - ian
 3. Drop Thy still dews of qui - et - ness Till all our striv - ings
 4. Breathe thro' the heats of our de - sire Thy cool - ness and Thy

ways! Re - clothe us in our right - ful minds; In pur - er
 sea, The gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, Let us, like
 cease. Take from our souls the strain and stress, And let our
 balm. Let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; Speak thro' the

lives Thy ser - vice find; In deep - er rev - 'rence, praise.
 them, with - out a word, Rise up and fol - low Thee.
 or - dered lives con - fess The beau - ty of Thy peace.
 earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still small voice of calm!

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 MUSIC: Frederick C. Maker, 1887

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Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

The Lord reigns...the earth sees and trembles...and all the peoples see his glory.
Psalm 97:1, 4, 6



1. Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord.
2. I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hun-dred cir-cling camps;
3. He has sound-ed forth the trum-pet that shall nev - er call re-treat;
4. In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a-cross the sea,



He is tram-pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are
They have build - ed Him an al - tar in the eve - ning dews and
He is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore the judg - ment
With a glo - ry in His bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and



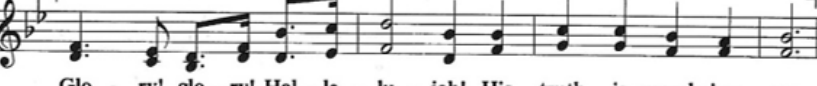
stored; He hath loosed the fate - ful light - ning of His
damps. I can read His righ - teous sen - tence by the
seat. O be swift, my soul, to an - swer Him! be
me. As He died to make men ho - ly, let us



ter - ri - ble, swift sword. His truth is march - ing on.
dim and flar - ing lamps. His day is march - ing on.
ju - bi - lant, my feet! Our God is march - ing on.
live to make men free, While God is march - ing on.



Refrain
Glo - ry! glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry! glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry! glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

