



Westminster Presbyterian Church

September 5th, 2021 | 10:00am

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Prayers by Rev. Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Prelude

Steve Johnson

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Shannon Smythe

*Call to Worship

Charlotte Jacobs & congregation

We are from north and south.

We are from tiny apartments and expansive homes.

We are from this city and from others far away.

We are from big families and dinners made for one.

We are from stages of grief and stages of love.

We are from hot summers and cold winters.

We are from kitchens with passed down recipes,
and front porches with old, familiar swings.

We are from the dust of the earth and the stars of the sky.

We are from a lot of places, but today we are here.

Today we are together.

Holy God, gather us in.

*Song of Praise

"Morning Has Broken"

GTG 664

Call to Confession

Charlotte Jacobs

Prayer of Confession | Truth Telling

Charlotte Jacobs & congregation

When people heard that Jesus was from Nazareth,
they asked, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?"

We confess, God of beginnings, that we have asked the same question.

Can anything good come from that side of town?

From a school with poor test scores?

From a criminal history?
From the opposite political party?
From a history of addiction?
From a faith with doubt?
From a church with faults?

**Holy God, forgive us for doubting that you are in all things at all times.
Open our eyes to see your goodness, not as something that resides here or
there, but as the expansive grace that it is.**

Can anything good come from there?
Yes. Always yes. Amen.

Words of forgiveness Charlotte Jacobs & congregation

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So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:
**God is here. God is at work among us.
We are forgiven. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination Charlotte Jacobs

Scripture Reading Genesis 2:4b-15 Charlotte Jacobs

Song of Worship "I Danced in the Morning" vs. 1 GTG 157

Sermon Rev. Dr. Shannon Smythe

***Affirmation of Faith** Charlotte Jacobs & congregation

**We believe that goodness can come from the dirt,
that faith can come from doubt,
that minds can be changed,
that justice can begin with us,
and that something good can come from Nazareth.
We believe all these things, because we believe that God is
more expansive than we have words for—
showing up in the corners of our world so often
ignored and denied.**

We believe that from this place of holy surprise,
God invites us forward—
beckoning hope, bravery, and curiosity from each of us.
“Come and see,” God says.
We believe.
Help our unbelief.
Amen.

Invitation to the Offering	Charlotte Jacobs
Invitation to the Table	Rev. Dr. Shannon Smythe
Prayer of the People Great Prayer of Thanksgiving	Rev. Dr. Shannon Smythe
The Lord’s Prayer	
Communion	
Anthem	choir
*Closing Song	“There is Now a New Creation” vss. 1&4 GTG 774
*Benediction	Rev. Dr. Shannon Smythe
Postlude	Steve Johnson

Thank you to those involved in worship today:

Ushers: Adelle Trout & Lois Ann Rayner

Liturgist: Charlotte Jacobs

Musicians: Steve Johnson & Choir

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Shannon Smythe

Remember in Prayer

Pray for all those touched recently by violence and natural disasters, the healing of national hostility and mistrust, efforts to feed the poor and provide shelter for the homeless in our area, and the following people:

Jay Carlson, Clare MacDonald's son-in-law, and father of 2 young daughters, suffered a blood clot in his head. He has been released from hospital and is slowly recovering with the help of neuro physical therapy.

Ed Carter (102) is under hospice care in the skilled nursing unit at The Moorings. He is comfortable and appreciates our prayers and in-person visits by Covid-vaccinated friends.

Linda Book continues her battle with multiple myeloma cancer.

Chuck Burton, extended family of Lois Rayner, is dealing with issues related to cancer.

Pauline Cottingham is doing well, despite the general decline in her health.

Peter Culin, Sue Culin's brother-in-law, is undergoing chemotherapy.

Carol Geiger, cousin of Charlotte Jacobs and John Still, is struggling to heal and recover mobility following a fall that left her with 100 stitches to her face, a concussion and cracked bones on the left side of her face.

Rob Harkins, son of Bob and Claudene Harkins, is fighting a serious, resistant foot infection. Bob and Claudene have returned to Florida to support him.

Honey Hill, Sue Cullin's step-niece, is awaiting the results of a biopsy.

Bill Hrin fell on August 25th, fracturing his knee cap and suffering cuts and bruises. After a visit to the ER and an overnight in hospital, he is ambulating with difficulty, using a walker.

Lib Macnab is battling bronchitis.

Lacey Meade, Betty Pratt's daughter, completed her last round of chemotherapy.

Betty Pratt is feeling better, though she has some memory issues.

Greg Solt, friend of Karen and Glenn Dixon, is battling pancreatic and liver cancer.

Janet Waugaman, Sally Waugaman's daughter, continues to lose mobility due to Multiple System Atrophy.

John Witmer is recovering at home following heart surgery, and is working to regain his strength and energy.

Our church has a prayer chain of members who will pray for any person you ask. Contact Leslie Marsh by phone at 302-542-9927 or email at cmarshjr@verizon.net