

## upcoming events

### *New Member Orientation*

**Sunday, October 10, 11:30 am**

Interested in learning more about membership at Westminster? This orientation will provide details about our church community and get your questions answered. RSVP to Bethany at [bethany@wpctiburon.org](mailto:bethany@wpctiburon.org).

### *Panel Discussion:*

#### *Golden Gate Village in Marin City*

**Wednesday, October 13, 7:00 pm**

Sponsored by the Marin Interfaith Council, this "Standing for Housing Justice" Zoom panel discussion will feature current and former residents of Golden Gate Village as they share their vision for the future of this community. Pre-register to receive the Zoom link.

### *God and the Coronavirus*

**Wednesdays, October 13 - 20, 9:30 am**

How might Christians respond to the suffering that we have experienced during this pandemic? How do we respond to suffering in general? What is God's role in the midst of suffering? Dr. Greg Love, a professor at San Francisco Theological Seminary, offers various responses to these questions in a special video series. We will view a brief video each week and then examine and discuss the response Dr. Love has offered. Facilitated by Rob, Bethany, and Brook.

### *Congregational Meeting*

**Sunday, October 17, 10:00 am**

We will have a brief Congregational meeting during the 10:00 worship service on the 17th in order to elect a Nominating Committee to serve in the coming year.

### *Opportunities to Sing*

**October 17 & 24**

RuthE. has a piece for women's voices planned for the Oct 17 anthem. Picture the Andrews Sisters singing in gospel style.

RuthE. also is looking for men to sing a rousing gospel quartet arrangement on Oct. 24. Just two rehearsals with practice recording available ahead of time. If you'd like to participate, please contact RuthE. for details. [music.at.wpc240@gmail.com](mailto:music.at.wpc240@gmail.com)

### *WPC Hikers*

**2nd and 4th Fridays, 9:30 am**

Easy to moderate hikes allow you to get to know your fellow members at WPC and meet new folks from the Community. The hike dates are **Oct. 22**, Nov. 5, Nov. 19, and Dec. 10.

Come be part of the Beloved Community and enjoy the beauty and nature of Marin.

### *Pancake Breakfast*

**Sunday, October 24, 11:00 am**

It's back! Join the high school youth group for some delicious food at their annual Pancake Breakfast. The breakfast is free, but your donations will help us make a significant lasting impact in San Diego during our annual mission trip there. Parents, please have your high schoolers here at 9:00 am to set up and cook!

### *Spiritual Life Book Group*

**Monday, October 25, 7:00 pm**

Please join us for another interesting, thought-provoking, and enlightening book group series. We meet via Zoom on the 4th Monday of the month. Our Fall book selection is Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul: Celtic Wisdom for Reawakening to What our Souls Know and Healing the World by John Philip Newell.

Contact Coral Kissberth [coralkisseb@yahoo.com](mailto:coralkisseb@yahoo.com) or Steffen Bartschat [sbartschat@comcast.net](mailto:sbartschat@comcast.net) with any questions and for the Zoom link.



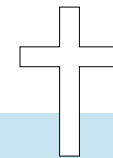
*October 10, 2021*

*10:00 am Worship*

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I now wonder if a sincere person can even have a healthy and wholly/holy personal relationship with God if that God does not also connect them to the universal.

*~ Richard Rohr*



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# order of worship

**Prelude** ..... Gymnopedie No.1 ..... Satie  
**Sharing of Peace** ..... Robert McClellan  
**\* Call to Worship** ..... Steffen Bartschat

One: In the beginning was the divine Word.  
**Many: Christ is bound by neither time nor space.**  
One: Let us open ourselves to the divine reality in our midst.  
**Many: Let us learn to recognize this presence with each new day.**

**\* Opening Hymn** ..... God, You Spin the Whirling Planets ..... No.23  
**Welcome and Community Prayer** ..... Bethany Nelson

**Timeless God, we yearn to glimpse your presence and yet often we fail to see you at work in the world and in ourselves. We have been taught that you are bound by institutions or present only in some, and yet your presence defies the limitations of our own minds, prejudices, and preferences. Broaden our understanding. Increase our awareness. Expand our consciousness that we might participate in your activity here and now. Amen.**

**Silent Prayers and Assurance**  
**Joys & Concerns and The Lord's Prayer** (page 35 in the hymnal) ..... Bethany Nelson  
**Anthem** ..... The Swan ..... Saint-Saens  
**Time of Discovery** ..... Bethany Nelson

**Go now in peace; go now in peace.**  
**May the love of God surround you**  
**Everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

**First Scripture Reading** ..... John 8:48-59, pg 871 ..... Steffen Bartschat  
**Second Scripture Reading** ..... 2 Corinthians 13:5-10, pg 944 ..... Robert McClellan  
**Sermon** ..... Test Yourself ..... Robert McClellan  
**Silent Reflection**

**Offertory** ..... Woodland Sketches No.3 ..... MacDowell  
**\* Doxology** ..... No.606

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.**  
**Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

**\* Prayer of Dedication** ..... Steffen Bartschat  
**Moment for Stewardship** ..... Bev Alexander  
**Life of the Beloved Community** ..... Robert McClellan  
**\* Closing Hymn** ..... Jesus, Light of Joy ..... No.673  
**\* Benediction, Grace and Peace** ..... Robert McClellan  
**Postlude** ..... Carillon Toccata ..... Wagner

*\*Please rise, in body or spirit*

*Printed copies of the SERMON are available from the ushers if you would like to follow along.*

Westminster is a vibrant faith community. We strive to grow spiritually, to nurture friendships, and to better the world. Our congregation is grounded in Christianity and we value our interfaith relationships. We affirm the importance of diversity and welcome all gender identities, sexual orientations, races, ethnicities, classes, and backgrounds. We treasure our beliefs and are open-minded. We are traditional and evolving. We are reverent and joyful. God calls us to serve those in need, to understand and address the causes of suffering, and to work collaboratively with others to build a more just and compassionate world.

## *Program Staff:*

The Rev. Dr. Robert McClellan, Pastor  
The Rev. Dr. Bethany Nelson, Associate Pastor  
Jeff Shankle, Director of Youth Ministry  
RuthE. Wells, Music Director  
Patty Sempell, Worship Accompanist  
Mary Roberts, Guest Musician