



Westwood is a
Reconciling in Christ
(RIC) church.

LEADERSHIP IN A CULTURE OF GRACE



Welcome to 11 am Sunday Worship at Westwood

May 10, 2026 – 6th Sunday in Easter

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

GATHERING MUSIC “No One” Elevation Worship
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR QUIET PREPARATION

*Name an experience that changed your understanding of your leadership.
(Pause for 1 minute)*

(Congregation)

I bear the image of God.

I have agency and capacity to seek the thriving of the world God loves.

(Pause for a deep inhale and exhale)

We bear the image of God.

We have agency and capacity to seek the thriving of the world God loves.

↑ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

In whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.** *(Silence for reflection)*

God of covenant promises, come to the help of your people, turning us from our guilt and shame to join your culture of grace. 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.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are broken and flawed people.

We are infected by sin and act in ways that fail to reflect your goodness in this world.

We are paralyzed by fears of not being good enough and our insecurities keep us from being faithful to your call.

Have mercy on us. Forgive us. Lead us, guide us, and grant us courage to live boldly as your hands and feet in the world.

Friends, hear this good news. God, who is rich in mercy, chose us, loves us, and appointed us to go and bear fruit. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

↑ SONG “Holy Angels” Sara Thomsen

↑ 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 continue to claim us and draw us into your culture of grace.**

By your Spirit may we accept your call to lead and live our lives with humble courage, truthful curiosity, and unconditional love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BAPTISM Clare Elsie Sawatzke, child of Meagan and Thomas Sawatzke
Nora Ellen Garrison, child of Alexa and Timothy Garrison

ACCLAMATION "Celtic Alleluia" (*Children invited forward*)

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:18-27 (NRSV)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ACCLAMATION "Celtic Alleluia" (*Children depart*)

SERMON Pastor Jason

MOMENT FOR QUIET REFLECTION & CONVERSATION

Name an experience that changed your understanding of your leadership.

(Pause for 1 minute)

HYMN OF THE SEASON "God Has Chosen Me" Bernadette Ferrell

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

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

OFFERING "Your Love is Alive" Housefires

↑ **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**

↑ **BENEDICTION**

↑ **SENDING SONG** "Hold Us Together" Matt Maher

↑ **PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE**

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

↑ **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to lead, love, and live in God's culture of grace.

Thanks be to God!