

Preview for Service of Word and Sacrament, June 22, 2025  
Ordinary Time  
Liturgical Color: Green  
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Tiburon, California

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*This weekly study guide seeks to help members, friends, and visitors prepare for the upcoming Sunday service and teaching.*



### Call to Worship

One: Come, Spirit, enter the heart of this space.

Many: **Make us whole in your presence.**

One: Teach us to be led by our love for our neighbor.

Many: **In this way, let us be freed.**

### Community Blessing

Come, Spirit, enter the heart of this space. Make us whole in your presence. Teach us to be led by our love for our neighbor. In this way, let us be freed. Amen.

### Community Prayer

**You have made us to be in community, in relationship, connected not just for necessity but for joy. You have asked us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and yet our neighbors all too often remain unknown, unseen, or unserved. Help us to find our true selves as we find them. Help us to know your love in loving them. Let us love one another as you have loved us in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

### Sermon Focus & Title

Finding Ourselves in Loving Our Neighbor

Robert McClellan

We have likely all heard the teaching to love our neighbor as ourselves and yet still we persist in focusing on ourselves. It is in precisely taking the focus off ourselves that Jesus reveals a better way, a better way to build up the community, to commune with God, and, yes, to finding our true selves. We explore this simple commandment for the ways in which it can lift us all up.

### **Scripture(s)**

#### **First Reading**

Leviticus 19:18b

“...you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.”

#### **Second Reading**

Mark 12:28-31

28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’ 29 Jesus answered, ‘The first is, “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 30 you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” 31 The second is this, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’

#### **Third Reading**

Galatians 5:14

For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

### **Hymns**

Though I May Speak 693

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love 203

### **Quotes, Questions & Prompts for Reflection, Discussion, and Prayer**

“To love another person is to see the face of God.” - Victor Hugo

1. What’s a time when helping someone else revealed something about you?
2. Why is it, do you think, that we can find ourselves in serving others?
3. Watch the film *The Old Oak*. What do you think about it?
4. Are you happy with yourself?
5. Where is God?