

Westminster Presbyterian Church
THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 24 May 2020

Meditation: Preparing our Hearts for Worship

*For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.*

*“Assemble yourselves and come;
draw near together,
you survivors of the nations!
They have no knowledge
who carry about their wooden idols,
and keep on praying to a god
that cannot save.
Declare and present your case;
let them take counsel together!
Who told this long ago?
Who declared it of old?
Was it not I, the LORD?
And there is no other god besides me,
a righteous God and a Savior;
there is none besides me.
“Turn to me and be saved,
all the ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other. Isaiah 45:4-6, 20-22*

Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Psalm 56:10-13

Leader: In God, whose word I praise,
in the LORD, whose word I praise,

People: in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can man do to me?

Leader: I must perform my vows to You, O God;
I will render thank offerings to You.

Unison: For You have delivered my soul from death,
yes, my feet from falling,
that I may walk before God
in the light of life.

Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

Hymns of Praise + Adoration:

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.

He speaks and list'ning to His voice,
new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,
your loosened tongues employ;
you blind, behold your Savior come;
and leap, you lame, for joy!

Lord Most High

From the ends of the earth (ECHO)
From the depths of the sea (ECHO)
From the heights of the heavens (ECHO)
Your name be praised

From the hearts of the weak (ECHO)
From the shouts of the strong (ECHO)
From the lips of all people (ECHO)
This song we raise Lord

*Throughout the endless ages
You will be crowned with praises
Lord Most High
Exalted in every nation
Sovereign of all creation
Lord Most High be magnified*

God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil" So when the woman saw that the tree, was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked (Genesis 3: 4-7b). Therefore, let us confess our sins saying ...*

People: Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to You and to one another that time after time we have entered Your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to Your grace. We have lifted our hands to You in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed Your commandments but have refused to see Your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, Lord, that You forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from Your presence and the cleansing of Your all-powerful Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Silent Confession & Reflection

The Words of the Gospel for those who repent and believe:

Leader: *If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. (Romans 5: 17-18).*

People: Amen!

Hymn of Renewal:

Merciful God

Merciful God O abounding in love
Faithful to all who draw near You
Hearing the cries of the humble in heart
Showing the cross they may cling to
Helpless I come broken in sin
Found at the feet of Your mercy
Father forgive
May my sin be remembered no more

Merciful God O abounding in love
Faithful through times we have failed You
Selfish in thought and uncaring in deed
Foolish in word and ungrateful
Spirit of God conquer our hearts
With love that flows from forgiveness
Cause us to yield
And return to the mercy of God

Merciful God O abounding in love
Faithful to keep us from falling
Guiding our ways with Your fatherly heart
Growing our faith with each testing
God speed the day struggles will end
Faultless we'll gaze on Your glory
Then we will stand
Overwhelmed by the mercy of God

God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Mike McDonald
Missionaries: Scott and Kathy Craig ~ Ciudad Juarez

People: 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.

The Collection of our Tithes + Offerings

Although we won't be passing the offering plate today, we invite you to take this time to reflect on what you give to the Lord. Romans 12:1: *I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

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Hymn of Preparation:

May the Mind of Christ My Savior (1-3)

May the mind of Christ, my Savior
Live in me from day to day
By His love and power controlling
All I do and say

May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour
So that all may see I triumph
Only through His power

May the peace of Christ my Savior
Rule my life in everything
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing

Morning Lesson

Unhindered: The First Presbytery

Acts 15:1-21

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Hymn of Response:

May the Mind of Christ My Savior (4-6)

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing
This is victory

May I run the race before me
Strong and brave to face the foe
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go

May His beauty rest upon me
As I seek the lost to win
And may they forget the channel
Seeing only Him

∞ God Feeds Us His Covenant Meal ∞

The Lord's Supper:

A Word about Communion at Westminster

This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion (also called the Lord's Supper or The Eucharist, which means 'thanksgiving') is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink wine. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to an evangelical church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ refrain from partaking until doing so.

Preparation for Communion

Words of Institution: I Corinthians 11:23-29

Invitation + Warning

Holy Communion

Westminster uses wine and grape juice in serving the Lord's Supper. You will find pre-sealed cups with bread and grape juice or bread and wine on the communion table. Each person may take the element according to his or her conscience.

We offer an alternate bread wafer for those with gluten and dairy allergies (also soy and egg free).

Prayers for Those Not Communing:

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that You promise. Amen. **Prayer of Searching for Truth**

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive You as my savior. Amen. **Prayer of Believing on Jesus**

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in You the fulfillment of all my needs and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me and run with perseverance the race that You have set before me, looking only to You, the pioneer and champion of my faith. Amen. **Prayer of Struggling Against Sin**

Distribution of the Elements:

Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame

*He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has brought us nigh to God*

Let us love the Lord who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes

*He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He presents our souls to God*

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord our strong salvation
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown

*He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
Soon will bring us home to God*

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more

*He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
Has secured our way to God*

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky

*Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou art worthy Lamb of God*

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Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

*The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

People: AMEN!

Gloria Patri

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.

Passing of the Peace

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH A SIGN OF FRIENDSHIP SUCH AS:
"THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU" & "AND ALSO WITH YOU."