

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

## THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 12 July 2020

### **Meditation: Preparing our Hearts for Worship**

*For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.*

*For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,*

*"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."*

*Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. I Corinthians 1:17-25*

### **Welcome + Announcements**

### **God Calls Us to Worship Him**

Psalm 51:6-10

Leader: Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being,  
and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

People: Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that You have broken rejoice.

Leader: Hide Your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.

Unison: Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

## Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

### Hymns of Praise + Adoration:

#### Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree  
And wither and perish - but naught changeth Thee

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee

#### We Will Feast in the House of Zion

*We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored.  
He has done great things,  
we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the Lord our God  
We are not consumed by the flood  
Upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn  
My soul, be not afraid  
For the promised morning O how long  
O God of Jacob be my strength

Every now we've broken and betrayed  
You are the faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together bring shalom!

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## God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

### Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *As it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... (Romans 3:10 & 23) Therefore, let us confess our sins saying...*

**People: O blessed Jesus, You know the impurity of our affection, the narrowness of our sympathy, and the coldness of our love; take possession of our souls and fill our minds with an understanding of You, break the stubbornness of our selfish wills and mold us in the likeness of Your unchanging love, O You who alone can do this; our Savior, our Lord, and our God.**

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:1)*

**People: Amen!**

## Hymn of Renewal:

### Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah  
pilgrim through this barren land  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty  
hold me with Thy powerful hand  
Bread of heaven  
feed me now and evermore  
Bread of heaven  
feed me now and evermore

Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing waters flow  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through  
Strong Deliverer  
be Thou still my Strength and Shield  
Strong Deliverer  
be Thou still my Strength and Shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan  
bid my anxious fears subside  
Death of death, and hell's destruction  
land me safe on Canaan's side  
Songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee  
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Land me safe on Canaan's side  
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears  
Land me safe on Canaan's side  
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears goodbye

## God Calls Us to Make Offerings

### Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Council Mills

Missionaries: William and Katherine Bondurant ~ RUF @ Texas A & M University

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:

#### Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature  
Son of God and Son of Man  
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing

## Morning Lesson

*Living Wisely*

Proverbs 3:1-12

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## Hymn of Response:

### Fairest Lord Jesus

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight  
And all the twinkling, starry host  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heav'n can boast

Beautiful Saviour! Lord of the nations  
Son of God and Son of Man  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration  
Now and for evermore be thine

## Confession of Faith

### Heidelberg Catechism #1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Unison: That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil...

...that He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation.

Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for 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:**

### **I Will Glory in My Redeemer**

I will glory in my Redeemer  
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails  
And hung Him on that judgment tree  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who crushed the power of sin and death  
My only Savior before the holy Judge  
The Lamb Who is my righteousness  
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I will glory in my Redeemer  
My life He bought my love He owns  
I have no longings for another  
I'm satisfied in Him alone  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
His faithfulness my standing place  
Though foes are mighty and rush up on me  
My feet are firm held by His grace  
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I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who carries me on eagle's wings  
He crowns my life with loving kindness  
His triumph song I'll ever sing  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who waits for me at gates of gold  
And when He calls me it will be paradise  
His face forever to behold  
His face forever to behold

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## **Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14**

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**People: AMEN**

## Benediction

May the peace of God our heav-'nly Father,  
and the grace of Christ the risen Son,  
and the fellowship of God the Spirit  
keep our hearts and minds within His love.

And to Him be praise for His glorious reign,  
from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain:  
Christ eternal, the King of kings!

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## 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."