

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 03 January 2021

**Meditation: Preparing our Hearts for Worship**

*Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless His holy name!*  
*Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all His benefits,  
Who forgives all your iniquity,  
Who heals all your diseases,  
Who redeems your life from the pit,  
Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
Who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*  
*The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all who are oppressed. Psalm 103:1-6*

**Welcome + Announcements**

**God Calls Us to Worship Him**

**Psalm 103:17-19, 22**

**Leader:** But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him,  
and His righteousness to children's children,

**People:** to those who keep His covenant  
and remember to do His commandments.

**Leader:** The LORD has established His throne in the heavens,  
and His kingdom rules over all.

**All:** Bless the LORD, all His works,  
in all places of His dominion.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

## Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

### Hymns of Praise + Adoration: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' Name  
Let angels prostrate fall  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown him Lord of all

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God  
Who from his altar call  
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod  
And crown him Lord of all

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race  
Ye ransomed of the fall  
Hail him who saves you by his grace  
And crown him Lord of all

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall  
Go spread your trophies at his feet  
And crown him Lord of all

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
On this terrestrial ball  
To him all majesty ascribe  
And crown him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at his feet may fall  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown him Lord of all

## Praise the Father Praise the Son

O sov'reign God O matchless King  
The saints adore the angels sing  
And fall before the throne of grace  
To You belongs the highest praise

These sufferings this passing tide  
Under Your wings I will abide  
And ev'ry enemy shall flee  
You are my hope and victory

*Praise the Father praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit Three in One  
Clothed in power and in grace  
The name above all other names*

To the valley for my soul  
Thy great descent has made me whole  
Your word my heart has welcomed home  
Now peace like water ever flows

*Yours is the kingdom Yours is the power  
Yours is the glory forever  
Yours is the kingdom Yours is the power  
Yours is the glory forever*

Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash © 2008 sixsteps Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing), Vamos Publishing (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing),  
worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing), Wondrously Made Songs (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.) CCLI License # 1148879

## God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

### Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. (Psalm 85: 9-11)* Therefore, let us confess our sins saying...

People: Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much You love us. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves. Lord, You know when we are indifferent to Your Word, the Bible; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship; and yet we turn to You when we are in trouble. Lord, You know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. You know how hard it is for us to forgive. Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey Your call to take up Your cross and follow You. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *Comfort, comfort my people, says Your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. (Isaiah 40: 1-2)*

People: Amen!

## Hymn of Renewal:

Dear refuge of my weary soul  
On Thee when sorrows rise  
On Thee when waves of trouble roll  
My fainting hope relies  
To Thee I tell each rising grief  
For Thou alone canst heal  
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief  
For every pain I feel

But oh when gloomy doubts prevail  
I fear to call Thee mine  
The springs of comfort seem to fail  
And all my hopes decline  
Yet gracious God where shall I flee  
Thou art my only trust  
And still my soul would cleave to Thee  
Though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face  
And shall I seek in vain  
And can the ear of sovereign grace  
Be deaf when I complain  
No still the ear of sovereign grace  
Attends the mourner's prayer  
Oh may I ever find access  
To breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still  
Here let my soul retreat  
With humble hope attend Thy will  
And wait beneath Thy feet  
Thy mercy seat is open still  
Here let my soul retreat  
With humble hope attend Thy will  
And wait beneath Thy feet

# God Calls Us to Make Offerings

## Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Wade Coleman  
Missionaries: Scott and Kathy Craig ~ Ciudad Juarez, Mexico  
Gideons International

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.*

If you would like to participate with your giving in real time, visit our website to give online, [under the Giving + Membership tab](#). Or, set up text giving: text the number of an amount to 979-200-4600 and then enter your credit card information. Thank you for supporting the work and ministry of Westminster during this time.

## Hymn of Preparation:

### My Jesus, I Love Thee, verse 1-2

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now

## Morning Lesson

*Our Citizenship!*

Philippians 3:17-4:1

REV. WADE COLEMAN

**Hymn of Response:**  
**My Jesus, I Love Thee, verse 3-4**

I'll love Thee in life, and I'll love Thee in death  
I'll praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath  
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now

In mansions of glory and endless delight  
I'll ever adore Thee in Heaven so bright  
And sing with the glittering crown on my brow  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now

**☞ 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 11:23-26**

**Invitation + Warning**



## **Prayer + Setting Apart the Bread and Wine 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**

### **Communion Element: Taking Together: The Bread**

## In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Keith Getty | Stuart Townend; © 2001 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing); CCLI License # 1148879

## Taking Together: The Cup

### 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!**

### Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

### 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."