

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 24 January 2021

**Meditation: Preparing our Hearts for Worship**

*Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
who created these?  
He who brings out their host by number,  
calling them all by name;  
by the greatness of His might  
and because He is strong in power,  
not one is missing.  
Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
"My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God"?  
Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
His understanding is unsearchable.  
He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might He increases strength.  
Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;  
but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.*

*Isaiah 40:26-31*

**Welcome + Announcements**

## God Calls Us to Worship Him

Psalm 29:1-4

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over many waters.

All: The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

## Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

### Hymns of Praise + Adoration:

#### O for a Thousand Tongue 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 through all the earth abroad,  
The honors of thy 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 reigning sin,  
He sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.

He speaks and, listening to his voice,  
New life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
The humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;  
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

## Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say:

*Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name*

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

*You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name*

# God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

## Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. (1 John 1:6, 8, 10) Let us then confess our sins saying ...*

People: **Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for His sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of Your Holy name.**

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. (Psalm 32:1-2)*

People: **Amen!**

## Hymn of Renewal:

### Upon A Life I Have Not Lived

Upon a Life I have not lived  
Upon a Death I did not die  
Another's Life, Another's Death  
I stake my whole eternity

Not on the tears which I have shed  
Not on the sorrows I have known  
Another's tears, Another's griefs  
On these I rest, on these alone

*O Jesus, Son of God  
I build on what Thy cross has done for me  
There both my life and death I read  
My guilt, and pardon there I see  
There I see*

Lord, I believe; O deal with me  
As one who has Thy Word believed  
I take the gift, Lord, look on me  
As one who has Thy gift received

Here at Thy feast, I take the pledge  
Which life eternal to me seals  
Here in the bread and wine I read  
The grace and peace thy death reveals

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# God Calls Us to Make Offerings

## Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Tree Triolo  
Missionaries: Jim & Carin Frederic ~ New York City  
Redeemer College Station

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:

Special Music: Elizabeth Krajca

# Morning Lesson

*Empowered*

Acts 19:1-20

REV. WADE COLEMAN

## Hymn of Response:

### Take My Life, and Let It Be

Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing,  
Always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;  
Not a mite would I withhold  
Take my intellect, and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee.

## ☞ 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**

### **O My Soul, Arise**

Arise, my soul, arise  
Shake off your guilty fears  
The bleeding sacrifice  
On my behalf appears  
Before the throne my surety stands  
Before the throne my surety stands  
My name is written on His hands

He ever lives above  
For me to intercede  
His all redeeming love  
His precious blood to plead  
His blood atoned for every race  
His blood atoned for every race  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace

*O my soul, arise  
Behold the risen Christ  
Your Great High Priest  
Your spotless sacrifice  
O my soul, arise  
God owns you as His child  
Shake off your guilty fears My soul, arise*

Five bleeding wounds He bears  
Received on Calvary  
They pour effectual prayers  
They strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry  
"Don't let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled  
His pard'ning voice I hear  
He owns me as His child  
I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh  
With confidence I now draw nigh  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry

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## **Taking Together: The Cup**

### **Benediction: Ephesians 3:20-21**

*Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.*

**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."