

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 28 February 2021

## Meditation: Preparing our Hearts for Worship

*And calling the crowd to Him with His disciples, He said to them, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? Mark 8:34-37*

## Welcome + Announcements

### God Calls Us to Worship Him

Psalm 98:1-4

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song,  
for He has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and His holy arm  
have worked salvation for Him.

People: The LORD has made known His salvation;  
He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Leader: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.

All: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

## Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

## Hymns of Praise + Adoration

### Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne  
your saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is your arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting you are God,  
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight  
are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood,  
with all their lives and cares,  
are carried downward by your flood,  
and lost in foll'wing years.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all its sons away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come:  
O be our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.

# All Around the World

All around the world the Kingdom cry resounds  
From mountain town to desert plain  
From city to the shore  
Truth will not be bound by walls upon the earth  
From ev'ry nation tribe and tongue  
God calls His people forth

*All praise to the King of the new Jerusalem  
Where all of the saints with one voice  
Will worship the Lamb  
Will forever worship the Lamb*

Restless is the world unchanging is His Word  
Unshaken is our confidence in Christ the Risen Lord  
All who bear His name unite to breathe as one  
We share the joys and pains we face  
And pray His Kingdom come  
Boldly we proclaim the power of the cross

In ev'ry language art and deed  
We tell the wonder of grace  
Then when Christ returns  
His church will rise adorned  
With treasure brought from ev'ry land  
To glorify the Lord

# God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

## Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." But you were unwilling... (Isaiah 30:15)*

Let us then confess our sins saying ...

People: Lord God, our lives are filled with sin.  
We forget our neighbor's needs  
And do not love You above all else.  
We need a Savior.  
Help us to be ready for Jesus in our own hearts.  
O come, O come, Savior of the world, we pray...

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. (Isaiah 1:18)*

People: Amen!

## Hymn of Renewal:

### Jesus' Precious Blood

What sacred fountain yonder springs  
Up from the throne of God  
And all new covenant blessings brings?  
'Tis Jesus' precious blood

What mighty sum paid all my debt  
When I a bondman stood  
And has my soul at freedom set?  
'Tis Jesus' precious blood

*What stream can sweep away  
My sins just like a flood  
Nor lets one guilty blemish stay?  
'Tis Jesus' precious blood*

What voice is that which speaks for me  
In heaven's court for good  
And from the curse has set me free?  
'Tis Jesus' precious blood

What theme, my soul shall best employ  
Thy harp before thy God  
And make all heaven to ring with joy?  
'Tis Jesus' precious blood

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# God Calls Us to Make Offerings

## Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Council Mills

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Head Hearts Hands

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

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**

*Our Rescue Story*

Ephesians 2:1-10

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## Hymn of Response:

### May the Mind of Christ My Savior

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 11:23-26**

**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

## Taking Together: The Cup

### 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  
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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  
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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

# 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.

## Benediction: Revelation 1:4

*John to the seven churches that are in Asia:*

*Grace to you and peace from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before His throne...*

People: **AMEN!**

## Benediction: (vs 2)

May this peace which passes understanding,  
and this grace which makes us what we are,  
and this fellowship of His communion  
make us one in spirit and in heart.

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!

## 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."