

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 02 May 2021

EVENING SERVICE 5:00PM

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

*At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored Him who lives forever,*

*for His dominion is an everlasting dominion,  
and His kingdom endures from generation to generation;  
all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,  
and He does according to His will among the host of heaven  
and among the inhabitants of the earth;  
and none can stay His hand  
or say to Him, "What have You done?"*

– Daniel 4:34-35

## **Welcome + Announcements**

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

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

**People: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!  
May your hearts live forever!**

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before you.

**Unison: For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations. Psalm 22:25-28**

## Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

### Hymns of Praise + Adoration:

#### Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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### God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

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)*

Therefore, let us confess our sins saying ...

People: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:1-2)*

People: Amen!

### Hymn of Renewal:

#### How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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# God Calls Us to Make Offerings

## Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Chris Peterson

Missionaries: Cody and Katy Janicek ~Prague, Czech Republic

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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## Song of Preparation:

### On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

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# God Gives Us His Word

## Evening Lesson

*Unhindered: Rome!*

Acts 28:1-27

REV. WADE COLEMAN

# 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

### Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

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### Communion Element: Taking together the Cup

## God Blesses Us and Sends Us Forth

### **Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26**

Leader: *The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.*

People: **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."