

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 11 April 2021

MORNING SERVICE 10:25AM

Meditation: Preparing our Hearts for Worship

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. For

*“Whoever desires to love life
and see good days,
let him keep his tongue from evil
and his lips from speaking deceit;
let him turn away from evil and do good;
let him seek peace and pursue it.
For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayer.
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”*

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect... I Peter 3:8-15

Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Psalm 18:1-3

Leader: I love you, O LORD, my strength.

People: The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,

Leader: my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

All: I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.

Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

Hymns of Praise + Adoration

A Mighty Fortress

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper he amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and power are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side
The Man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be
Christ Jesus it is he
Lord Sabaoth his name
From age to age the same
And he must win the battle

And though this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo! his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

That Word above all earthly powers
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

Mighty to Save

Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

*Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave*

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender

*Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King, Jesus!
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King*

God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*
(Romans 3:23) Let us, then, confess our sins saying ...

People: O God, You have shown us the way of life
Through Your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess with shame our
slowness to learn of Him, Our failure to follow Him, and our
reluctance to bear the cross. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive
us. We confess the poverty of our worship,
Our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace,
Our hesitating witness for Christ,
Our evasion of responsibilities in our service,
Our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts.
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness,
but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration
and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly
through Jesus Christ our Savior, (Titus 3:5-6)*

People: Amen

Hymn of Renewal:

I Asked the Lord

I asked the Lord that I might grow
In faith and love and every grace
Might more of His salvation know
And seek more earnestly His face

Tw'as He who taught me thus to pray
And He I trust has answered prayer
But it has been in such a way
As almost drove me to despair

I hoped that in some favored hour
At once He'd answer my request
And by His love's constraining power
Subdue my sins and give me rest

Instead of this He made me feel
The hidden evils of my heart
And let the angry powers of Hell
Assault my soul in every part

Yea more with His own hand He seemed
Intent to aggravate my woe
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed,
Cast out my feelings, laid me low

Lord why is this, I trembling cried
Wilt Thou pursue thy worm to death?
"Tis in this way" The Lord replied
"I answer prayer for grace and faith"

"These inward trials I employ
From self and pride to set thee free
And break thy schemes of earthly joy
That thou mayest seek thy all in me,
That thou mayest seek thy all in me."

Reception of New Members:

Kaelyn Boe, Gracelyn King, James McKissick, Robert Randall, Zach Seider, Gustavo Silva

Sacrament of Baptism:

Gracelyn King
Rev. William Bondurant

God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings: Andrew Triolo

The Offering of the Prayers of the People:
Missionaries:

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:

All for Jesus!

All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
All my being's ransomed pow'rs
All my thoughts and words and doings
All my days and all my hours

Let my hands perform his bidding
Let my feet run in his ways
Let my eyes see Jesus only
Let my lips speak forth his praise

Morning Lesson

Politics and Providence

Acts 25:1-12

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Hymn of Response:

All for Jesus!

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus
I've lost sight of all beside
So enchained my spirit's vision
Looking at the Crucified

O what wonder! how amazing!
Jesus, glorious King of kings
Deigns to call me his beloved
Lets me rest beneath His wings

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

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*

Communion Element: 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!**

Benediction Song (verse 1)

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."