

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 16 May 2021

Meditation: Preparing our Hearts for Worship

Then the word of the LORD came to him, "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that He spoke by Elijah. – 1 Kings 17:8-16

Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him

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.

Unison: 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

Holy, Holy, Holy!

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10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

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God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

Leader: *Therefore, He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted. (Hebrews 2:17-18)* Therefore, let us confess our sins saying ...

People: Lord Jesus, help us for we are weak and forgetful. Easily distracted by the joys and sorrows of life. We are capable of great thoughts concerning You one moment, and yet forgetting Your kindness the next. Forgive us for the unbelief that clings to our flesh and clouds our minds with doubt and fear. Help us to take hold of You as You have taken hold of us, according to the riches of Your power and grace.
Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *As for us, we are poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for us. You are our help and our deliverer... (Psalm 40:17)*

People: Amen!

Hymn of Renewal:

His Mercy Is More

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God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Paul McDonald

Missionaries: Ryan and Katie Pekarek

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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:

We Gather Together

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God Gives Us His Word

Morning Lesson

Wisdom: The World of Money

Proverbs 3:9-10, 30:7-9

REV. WADE COLEMAN

Hymn of Response:

We Gather Together

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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

Great Things

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Communion Element: Taking together the Cup

Minister: Let us confess our faith and loyalty to God...

Unison: We believe in our hearts and confess with our lips
that Christ Jesus "being in very nature God,
Did not consider equality with God
Something to be grasped
But made Himself nothing
Taking the very nature of a servant
Being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,
He humbled Himself
And became obedient to death—
Even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place
And gave Him the Name that is above every name,
That at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow
In heaven and on earth and under the earth
And every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord
To the glory of God the Father!

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Forth

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!**

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."