



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April 21, 2024

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

As you enter, begin to worship quietly. Please silence your phone.

FOR REFLECTION: "Before those words broke upon my mind, I hated God and was angry with him....But when, by the Spirit of God, I understood those words—'The just shall live by faith! The just shall live by faith!'—then I felt born again like a new man; I entered through the open doors into the very Paradise of God" (Martin Luther).

PRELUDE

Variations on HYFRYDOL (Hymn 498)

arr. A. Travis

I. *Intrada* II. *Arioso* III. *Flutes*

Fanfare & Processional

L. Trapp

Frank Dodd, organ

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Walker

CHORAL INTROIT

(8:00) *O Taste and See*

S. C. Lance

(11:00) *I Will Bless the Lord*

D. S. Bortniansky

SILENT PRAYER/INVOCATION

(8:00) Rev. Collins, (11:00) Rev. Johnston

(April Hymn of the Month)

This Joyful Eastertide #284

- 1. This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow. Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain: but now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen!**
- 2. My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber, till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain: but now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen!**
- 3. Death's flood has lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river; lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver. Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain: but now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen!**

CONFESSION OF SIN * Psalm 51:1–12

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Leader: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

People: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Leader: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

People: Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Leader: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Leader: Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

People: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * Colossians 2:13–15

Pastor: This is the grace of God for our salvation.

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF FAITH: * *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

** The word catholic means universal*

With grateful heart my thanks I bring, before the great your praise I sing; I worship in your holy place and praise you for your truth and grace; for truth and grace together shine in your most holy word divine, in your most holy word divine.

I cried to you, and you did save; your word of grace new courage gave; the kings of earth shall thank you Lord, for they have heard your wondrous word; yea, they shall come with songs of praise, for great and glorious are your ways, for great and glorious are your ways.

O Lord, enthroned in glory bright, you reign above in heav'nly height; the proud in vain your favor seek but you have mercy for the meek; through trouble though my pathway be, you will revive and strengthen me, you will revive and strengthen me.

INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY (8:00)

Lord of the Small
Matins Choir

D. Forrest

OFFERTORY (11:00)

I Have Called You by Name
Sanctuary Choir

S. Pallus

Not What My Hands Have Done #461

- 1. Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul; not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole. Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God; not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.**
- 2. Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin; thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within. Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O lord, to thee, can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.**

3. Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak; thy pow'r alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break. No other work, save thine, no other blood will do; no strength save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.
4. I bless the Christ of God, I rest on love divine; and with unfalt'ring lip and heart, I call this Savior mine. His cross dispels each doubt; I bury in his tomb each thought of unbelief and fear, each ling'ring shade of gloom.
5. I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might; he calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light. 'Tis he who saveth me, and freely pardon gives; I love because he loveth me, I live because he lives.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 3:10–14 (Pew Bible Page 973)

SERMON

The Crux of Our Redemption

Dr. Chris Walker

#9 in a Series on Galatians—*Redeemed by Christ to Walk in the Spirit*

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

1. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King, He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity. In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come; look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.
2. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry: He the perfect Son of Man, in his living, in his suff'ring, never trace nor stain of sin. See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man, Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in Him we stand.
3. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry: Christ the Lord upon the tree; in the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory. See the price of our redemption; see the Father's plan unfold, bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold!

4. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry: slain by death, the God of life; but no grave could e'er restrain him, praise the Lord, he is alive! What a fore-taste of deliv'rance; how unwavering our hope: Christ in power resurrected, as will we be when he comes.

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE *

(8:00) *Go Now in Peace*
(11:00) *Alleluia*

D. Besig
D. S. Bortniansky

POSTLUDE

(8:00) *Sing Joyfully to God, All the Earth*
(11:00) *'Toccata' from Variations on HYFRYDOL*

D. P. Benoit
arr. A. Travis

*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

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At the Morning Worship Service:

Organists: Jonathan Humbert, 8 AM; Frank Dodd, 11 AM

Choral Director: Floyd Rawleigh

Overleaf Pianists: Frank Dodd, 8 AM; Jessica Sheetz, 11 AM

This Joyful Eastertide is our April *Hymn of the Month*. While every Lord's Day is a celebration of Jesus' resurrection, Eastertide is a special 50-day season in the church year that spans from Resurrection Sunday through Pentecost. Highlighting the season of Eastertide, this hymn sets to soaring music the wonderful reality that Jesus did not stay dead but is arisen!

Visitors

Welcome visitors: Please complete the Connect Card in the pew and drop it in the offering plate. You will receive an informational, one-time mailing.

Connections class is held the first and second Sunday of each month. This monthly, two-week informal session is offered for visitors and those who desire an informative introduction to the life and ministry of Westminster Church—without obligation. *Connections* is **located in the lower level, room LL5** (on the right side and past the library), 9:30–10:30 AM.

Everyone

Help us minister to you; complete a Connect Card each week you worship with us.

Hearing devices to use in the Sanctuary are available from the ushers.

Sanctuary flowers are given by Millie Caccamo in loving memory of her husband, Lou; in loving memory of Anthony and Mamie Gattuso; and in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Christine and Larry Ray.

Child of the Covenant

The rosebud announces our newest Child of the Covenant:

Mia James Sposito, daughter of Alyssa & Stephen Sposito, born April 14, 2024.

Evening Service: 6 PM

Rev. Matt Collins preaches on Genesis 17, *God's Covenant of Grace*, #7 in a Series on Genesis—*God's Promises to Israel's Patriarchs: The Lives of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*. There will be a musical offering by The Laus Deo Chorale, a Lancaster choir.

Ministry Highlights

- **This week's Wednesday dinner entrée is chicken fingers and oven french fries.** Dinner is available 5–6:20 PM. RSVP is needed each week if you plan to attend. RSVP by completing your Connect Card or online form (westpca.com/wednesday) by **noon on Monday**. Help us have an accurate count!
- **Thank you for helping us make the transition** in a timely manner to our new electronic giving platform in Breeze. For those who occasionally give online, we ask that you find the Breeze form on our website (westpca.com/stewardship) to facilitate your giving. Please do not use our former platform, Subsplash.
- **The next Men's Breakfast is Saturday, May 4, 8–9:30 AM.** Boys 10 years and older are welcome to attend with a parent or guardian. Rev. Keith Irvine will be speaking. Register at westpca.com/events/mens-breakfast by Wednesday, May 1. Contact Dr. Cureton (cureton@westpca.com) with questions.
- **Westminster Music presents Andrew Peterson live in concert this Saturday, April 27, 7 PM.** This concert is now sold out. For ticket holders, Sanctuary doors open at 6 PM. Questions? Contact Nancy Kuch (kuch@westpca.com).

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Worship: 8 AM & 11 AM, 6 PM Sunday School: 9:30 AM

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Monday–Friday, 8 AM–4 PM

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