

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

April 23, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us paralyzed but whose presence is overwhelming: Breathe on us with your abundant life, that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. To you belong honor and glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

People: Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

Leader: How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me?

People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

Leader: I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

People: In the courts of the house of the LORD—in your midst, O Jerusalem.

All: Praise the LORD. Psalm 116:1-2, 13-14, 18-19

*Hymn: The Day of Resurrection! #233

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Do not harden our hearts, O God, to the sound of your voice. We confess we don't listen to the word that you send. You give us Jesus, the Word of Life in our midst. We confess our delay in obeying the direction he brings. You promise the Holy Spirit, a source of counsel and power. We confess ignoring such guidance, since we do not respond. Forgive us our sin, and help us through Christ to enter the rest you have promised.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: Have Mercy, God, upon My Life #421 verses 1 and 4 only

Have mercy, God, upon my life, and make me clean within: pour out your ever-faithful love and wash away my sin.

Create in me a faithful heart, a spirit right and new. Sustain me with your saving love and keep me close to you.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. Psalm 130:3-4

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the Gospel, for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Gloria Patri Glory Be to the Father #581
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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory
*Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #606
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Psalter: Psalm 16:7-11 #810
When in the Night I Meditate

Congregation is asked to respond by singing the verses to the hymn

Leader: I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

People: When in the night I meditate on mercies multiplied, My grateful heart inspires my tongue to bless the Lord, my guide.

Leader: I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

People: Forever in my thought, the Lord before my face shall stand; Secure, unmoved I shall remain, with God at my right hand.

Leader: Therefore, my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure.

People: My inmost being thrills with joy and gladness fills my breast; Because on God my trust is stayed, my flesh in hope shall rest.

Leader: Because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

People: I know that I shall not be left forgotten in the grave, And from corruption, you, O Lord, your holy one will save.

Leader: You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.

People: The path of life you show to me; of joy a boundless store Is ever found at your right hand, and pleasures evermore.

Scripture Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Anthem: Forth He Came at Easter arr. David Williams

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.
In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.
Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Time for Young Disciples

(Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.)

*Hymn: Woman, Weeping in the Garden #241

Scripture: John 21:15-19

Sermon: Feed My Sheep

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer:

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.

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn: Christ Is Alive! #246

*Benediction

*Choral Response: Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks #240

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 23

12:00 noon Children's Choir Practice
 5:30 pm Youth
 6:00 pm Session Meeting

Monday, April 24

5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, April 25

5:30 pm Handbell Practice

Wednesday, April 26

1:00 pm Dragonflies Small Group
 7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, April 27

9:30 am Circle Meeting

Sunday, April 30

9:30 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service
 12:00 noon Children's Choir Practice
 5:30 pm Confirmation Class

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Clarence Bahs Terri Moehring
 Barbara Bahs Fred Niehaus
 Shepherd: Michele Peck
 Liturgist: Judy Taylor
 Reader: Ray Taylor

TODAY'S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by Peggy Wright in loving memory of Tom Wright.

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Westminster Presbyterian Church exists to declare God's love for all through Jesus Christ, to nurture and encourage spiritual growth, to maintain the integrity of divine worship, and to share the love and joy found in Christ by giving ourselves to our community and to the world.

THE SESSION

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MINISTERS:

All the Members of the Congregation

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 Second Sunday of Easter**

15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." 16 Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." 17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. 18 Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." 19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"
 John 21:15-19