

The Lord’s Day

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 5, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Lord of life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross, you draw all people to you. By being raised from the dead, you restore to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: **All Glory, Laud and Honor** arr. Kevin McChesney
Westminster Handbell Choir

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to our cries; give ear to our prayers.

People: **I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.**

Leader: Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

People: **As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.** Psalm 17

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: **The Lord’s name be praised!**

*Hymn: **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus** #260

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: **O Lord, Have Mercy** #578

**O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy;
O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.
O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy;
O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: May we live lives worthy of the Lord;

People: **For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.** Colossians 1:10-14

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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: **The Strife is O’er** arr. Kevin McChesney
Westminster Handbell Choir

*Doxology: **All Creatures of Our God and King** #15

**All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and let us sing. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Almighty God, we give thanks that your word is eternal – your truths do not change and you are ever faithful. May we hear your word, respond to it, and allow it to lead us in your ways. By your Holy Spirit, help us to remember what you would tell us this day, and understanding your laws, may we be saved from living careless lives. For we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 100**
Tune: #606 Old Hundredth; **Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Leader: Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing.

People: **Let ev’ry voice on earth resound,
And joyful hearts hold God adored;
In gladness may God’s courts abound
With songs of praise unto the Lord.**

Leader: Know that the LORD, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

People: **Thou art the Lord, by Thy design
All we in nature claim our place;
Thy flock, we bind our lives to Thine,
And rest secure beneath Thy grace.**

Leader: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.

People: **Before the Lord bring thanks and praise,
Unfathomed mercies wait in store;
God’s goodness blesses all our days,
God’s truth endures for evermore!**

Scripture Reading: **Deuteronomy 7:6-11**

Anthem: **Awake, My Tongue** arr. Duane Blakley

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: **Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me** #438
verses 1, 2, 3

Scripture Reading: **Philippians 4:21-23**

Sermon: **Grace**

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.

Solo: **Here’s One** arr. William Grant Still
Nathan Ponder, tenor

Baptism: Nicole Lee Clifton

*Affirmation of Faith: 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: **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** #475

*Benediction

*Choral Response: **Go to the World!** #295

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Nacogdoches, Texas



May 5, 2019
Third Sunday of Easter

²¹ Greet all God's people in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters who are with me send greetings. ²² All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household.

²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

~ Philippians 4:21-23

Westminster Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

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 INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP at Westminster Church is always open to persons who wish to join us in witness and service to Jesus Christ. If you are interested in church membership or desire more information about this congregation, please indicate on the Friendship Pad or speak to the pastor, or one of the elders following the service.

THE SESSION

Class of 2019

Bruce McNellie
Robin Moore
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Class of 2020

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Bennie Kitchens
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ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: David Sanderson Diana Walker
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Liturgist: Debbie Dalton
Reader: Fred Niehaus

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 5

5:00 pm Youth

Monday, May 6

9:00 am Prayer Group
5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, May 7

5:30 pm Handbell practice
7:00 pm Theology on Tap

Wednesday, May 8

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, May 12

Happy Mothers Day!

Youth Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:00 noon Graduates Reception

TODAY'S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by Ron and Bobbie Ann Anderson in loving memory of their parents, Orville and Bobbie Todd and Allen and Mildred Anderson.