

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

July 14, 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

May none of God's wonderful works keep silence, night or morning. Bright stars, high mountains, the depths of the seas, sources of rushing river: may all these break into song as we sing to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May all the angels in the heavens reply: Amen! Amen! Amen! Power, praise, honor, eternal glory to God, the only God of grace. Amen!

~ An Egyptian Doxology (third century)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Before the throne there was something that looked like a sea of glass, clear like crystal. In the center and around the throne were four living creatures with eyes all over them, in front and in back. Each of these four living creatures had six wings and was covered all over with eyes, inside and out. Day and night they never stop saying:

People: **"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty. He was, he is, and he is coming."**

Leader: These living creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to the One who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever. Then the twenty-four elders bow down before the One who sits on the throne, and they worship him who lives forever and ever. They put their crowns down before the throne and say:

People: **"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, because you made all things."** Revelation 4:6, 8-11

*Hymn: ***Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*** #1

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, You know how easy it is for us to sit here, tethered to our darkness and fear. We get bound up by chains of mistrust. We dare not hope, for so many times before we have been disappointed. So we sit here and wonder where you are. We are not unlike the disciples who wondered also, who feared.

Lord, come to us in our darkness, and give us your light of love and mercy. Open our eyes to the good news of your eternal glory. Give us visions of the place in which love and hope will reign. Forgive our stubborn resistance to your mercy and love, for we ask in Jesus' name.

Time for Personal Confession

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

**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: This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

People: **But if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

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

*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:

Startle us, O God, with your truth, and open our hearts and minds to your Word, that hearing, we might believe, and believing, live in the love you have shown us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 91:1-6; 9-12; 14-16**

People will respond with singing

Tune: *Toulon #624; I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

Leader: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.

People: **Deep in the shelter of the LORD I dwell,
And in the shadow of God's love abide;
No pestilence or snare will me assail,
When God Almighty watches at my side.**

Leader: He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.

People: **Beneath God's hovering wings I rest secure,
With calm assurance that my help is near;
God's loving-kindness my protection sure,
And e'er attends to banish all my fear.**

Leader: If you make the Most High your dwelling--even the LORD, who is my refuge--then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

People: **Since I have made the LORD my dwelling place,
Home of my care and harbor of my praise;
Great hosts of angels, messengers of grace,
God sends to keep me safe in all my ways.**

Leader: "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation."

People: **"For I, the LORD, have bound you safe in love,
You need not fear, I will your rescue be."
Since Thou, O LORD, from danger me remove,
My song shall be Thy praise eternally.**

Scripture Reading: **First John 1:1-7**

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: ***Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*** #314

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 5:13-16**

Sermon: **Salt and Light**

*Affirmation of Faith: from the Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Anthem: ***Come to the Table of the Lord***

Jay Althouse

Invitation

Response:

Christ Be Beside Me

verses 1 and 2

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife;
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, Light of my life.

Institution

Great Thanksgiving:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Response:

Holy, Holy, Holy

#595

Response:

Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

#553

The Lord's Prayer

Receiving the Elements

Closing Prayer:

Leader: We thank you, God, for nurturing our bodies and souls.

People: **Lead us forth now to serve, filled with your power and love.
Amen.**

*Hymn:

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

#377

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: David Sanderson Patricia Thompson
Charlotte Sanderson Tony Thompson

Shepherd: Judy Taylor

Liturgist: Deborah Dalton

Reader: Kristi Hachtel

Preparing Communion: Betsy Tucker

Serving Communion: Tony Thompson Sue Atkins
Patricia Thompson Gary Atkins
Lisa Thompson

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 14

12:00 noon Communion Reception

5:00 pm Youth

Monday, July 15

9:00 am Prayer Group

Thursday, July 18

9:30 am Presbyterian Women Executive Committee

11:30 am PW Dutch Treat Lunch at Clear Springs

Sunday, July 21

11:00 am Worship Service

TODAY'S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by the Westminster members who contribute to the flower fund.

THE SESSION

Class of 2019

Bruce McNellie

Robin Moore

Ray Taylor

Patricia Thompson

Betsy Tucker

Class of 2020

Ken Deppisch

Bennie Kitchens

Terry Kline

Terri Moehring

Barbara Stump

Class of 2021

Deborah Dalton

Charles Gavin

Kevin Helmer

Michele Peck

Lynnae Perdue

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.

MINISTERS:

All the Members of the Congregation

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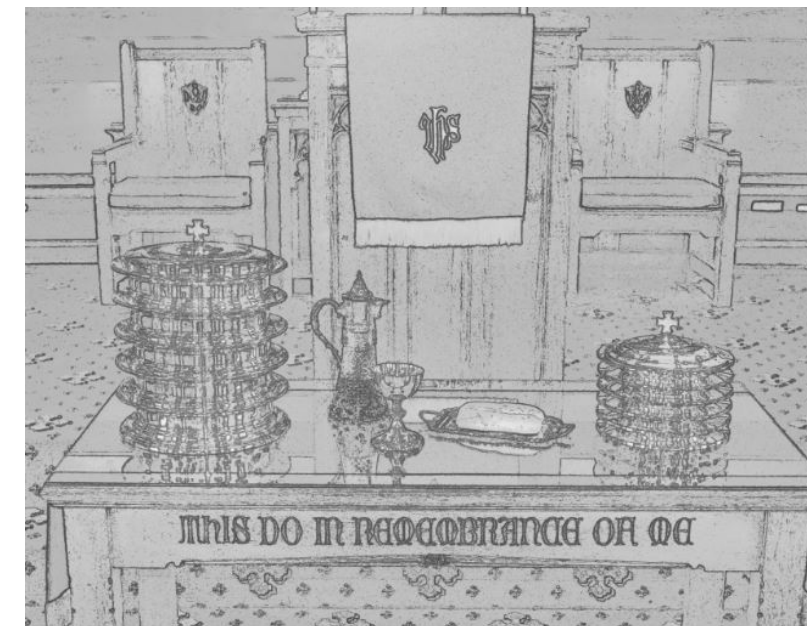
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¹³ "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot."

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

~ Matthew 5:13-16