

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Nacogdoches, Texas

## The Service for the Lord's Day



"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.

In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

John 14:15-19

May 17, 2020 11:00 a.m.

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

ASSEMBLING IN SPIRIT VIA INTERNET

Facebook.com/westpresnac or www.westpreschurch.com

PRELUDE

Dr. James Pitts, organist

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Some have worshiped unknown gods, in temples made by human hands.

**All: We worship the living God, the maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Some have searched the whole world to find direction in their lives.

**All: We worship the One who is here, revealed to us in Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks**

#240

Tune: Alleluia No. 1

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

**240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks**

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

*Refrain* E C#m F#m B  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

*Fine*  
al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B E  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B  
1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

E C#m F#m B  
He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
Now we shall live for - ev - er.  
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

*to Refrain*

This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Jesus said, “Come to me all you who are weary and are carrying heaven burdens and I will give you rest.” His meaning extended far beyond manual labors. Jesus understands the weight and grief we bear from our sin. His gifts include bearing our sins for us, and therefore, through his love, we may freely confess our sins and find profound grace. In that assurance, let us come to him and confess. Let us pray....

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Living, loving Lord, we confess that we are slow of heart and mind to believe, yet often quick to judge others. Dear Lord, soften our hearts and nourish us in peace so that when you speak, we may listen, learn, and turn to you. You made the heavens and the earth, but we worship our own will. You send your Spirit to guide us, but we seek to work our own ways. Please forgive us and give us new life. Make us new people, renew the promise of our baptism, and make us ready to receive the life that death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord and Savior. Amen.**

*(Continue in silent prayer...)*

## RESPONSE

*Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

Dvořák

**Lord, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the Good News! Christ is alive—we rejoice that our sins are forgiven. And since we are saved by grace, we must be gracious with others and give thanks for God’s mercy in Christ forever. Amen.

**All: Praise be to God for the mercy and eternal life we receive in Jesus Christ. We give God thanks, and will live as free people. Alleluia! Amen.**

## GLORIA PATRI

*Glory Be to the Father*

**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.**

## OFFERING REFLECTIONS

## ORGAN INTERLUDE

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION



## WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*HYMN

JESUS CHRIST, RESURRECTION

### Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1995  
 MUSIC: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778  
 Text © 1975, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company

TRURO  
LM

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*As always, we are grateful to James Pitts, Michele Peck, Kevin Helmer, Whitney Frazier for faithfully sharing worship with many others via the internet.*



**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.

## **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 SESSION

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All the Members of the Congregation

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