

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Nacogdoches, Texas

## The Service for the Lord's Day



### Psalm 131

- 1 "My heart is not proud, LORD,  
my eyes are not haughty;  
I do not concern myself with great  
matters  
or things too wonderful for me.
- 2 But I have calmed and quieted myself,  
I am like a weaned child with its  
mother;  
like a weaned child I am content.
- 3 Israel, put your hope in the LORD  
both now and forevermore."

**May 24, 2020 11:00 a.m.**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**ASSEMBLING IN SPIRIT VIA INTERNET**  
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PRELUDE

Dr. James Pitts, organist

WORDS OF WELCOME and CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: If we are suffering now, be glad and take heart.

**All: We will shout for joy when Christ's glory is revealed.**

Leader: Cast your cares upon the Lord, who cares for you.

**All: The God of all grace will support and sustain us.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

## HYMN

## In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

## Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) (Em)  
F Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) (D)  
C7 F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)  
F7 B<sup>b</sup> Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)  
B<sup>b</sup> Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."  
Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

TEXT and MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1986  
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PROMISE  
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## 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 have heard glorious Good News and it breaks our hearts in such good ways, to come closer to you. Though we hear your truth, we still trust in worldly truths. You offer us eternal life; still we cling to temporary things. Forgive us again, Lord! Help us to listen, learn, and turn to you. Renew the promise of our baptism and remind us of 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

## DOXOLOGY

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

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## HEARING GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON      Proverbs 31:10-31

PSALTER LESSON                      Psalm 131  
(Sermon Text)

SOLO                                      *At the River*                                      arr. Aaron Copland  
Greg Garcia, baritone

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON    I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

SERMON                              “Like the Soul of a Weaned Child”      Rev. Howard Reed

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      Apostles' Creed                              (*Ecumenical version*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.**

## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

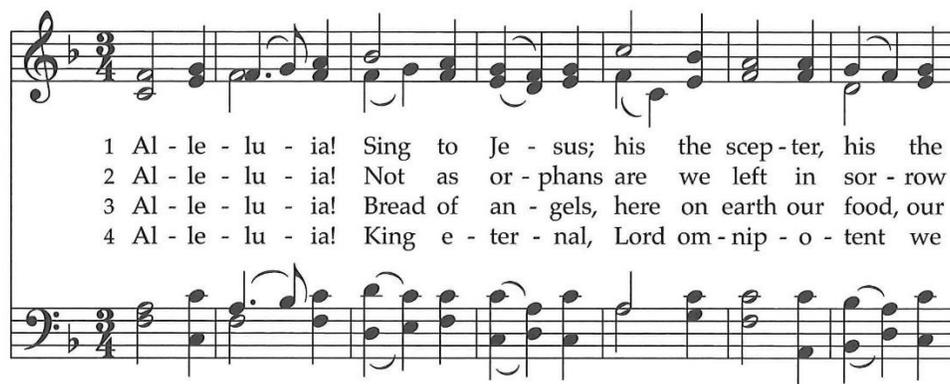
**Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

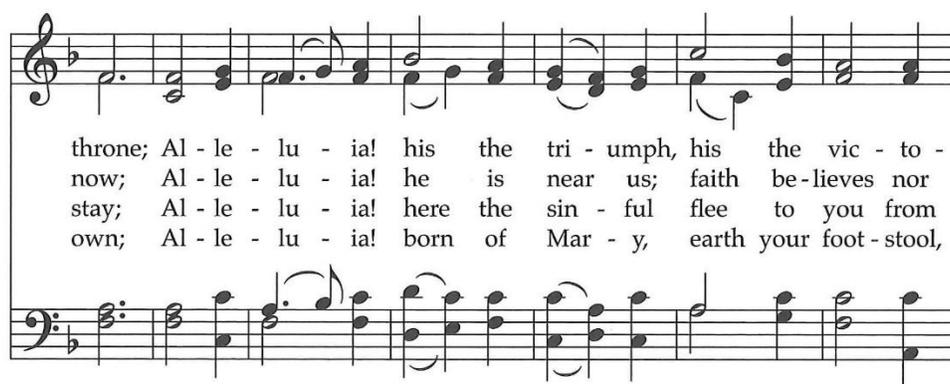
\*HYMN

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

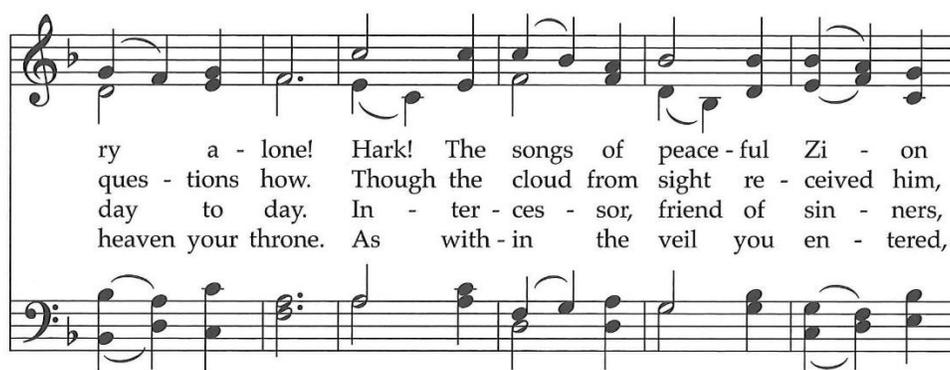
### 260 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we

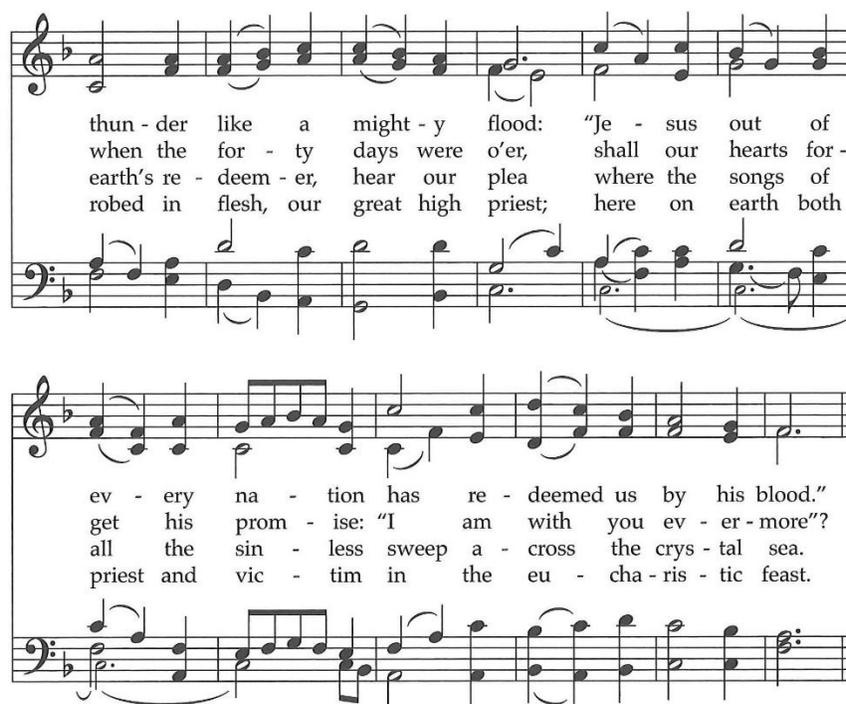


throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to -  
 now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lies nor  
 stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from  
 own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool,



ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on  
 ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,  
 day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,  
 heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,

The author regarded this text as a communion hymn, a theme that seems eclipsed by the attention to Christ's exaltation, but a helpful reminder that such hymns are not always quiet and meek. This text is sung to various tunes, but this rousing Welsh one is a favorite choice.



thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
 when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -  
 earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of  
 robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both

ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

## 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

<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>
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Bennie Kitchens	Charles Gavin	Tony Thompson
Terry Kline	Kevin Helmer	Stephanie Petti
Terri Moehring	Michele Peck	Bruce McNellie
Barbara Stump	Lynnae Perdue	Robin Moore

### MINISTERS:

All the Members of the Congregation

### CHURCH STAFF

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Director of Christian Education	Whitney Frazier
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