

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Nacogdoches, Texas

The Sacrament of Holy Communion



“When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a deserted place... send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.’ Jesus said to them, ‘They need not go away; you give them something to eat.’”

Matthew 14:15-16

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021 11:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLING IN SPIRIT VIA INTERNET

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PRELUDE

Dr. James Pitts

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: What shall we render to the LORD for all his mercy to us?

All: We shall lift up the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the LORD.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

All: Let us worship God!

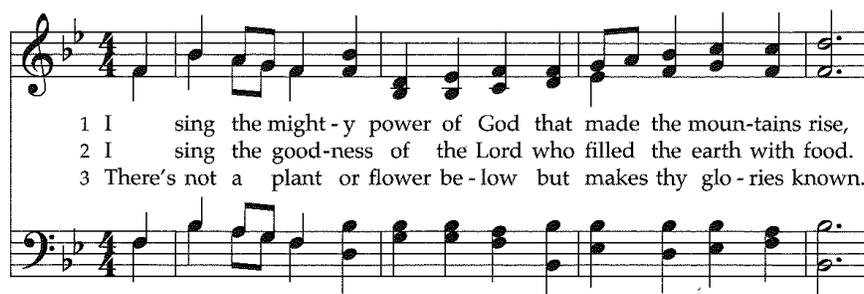
HYMN 41

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

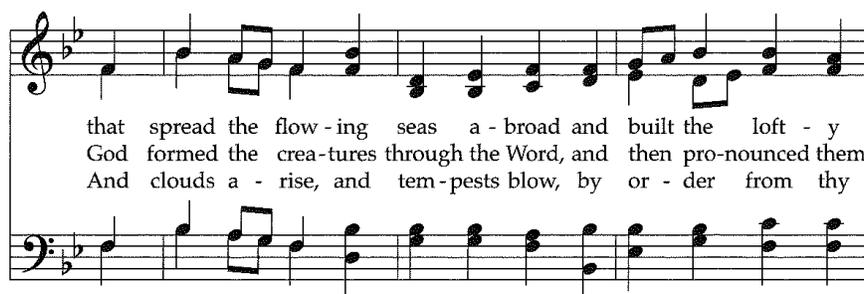
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CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

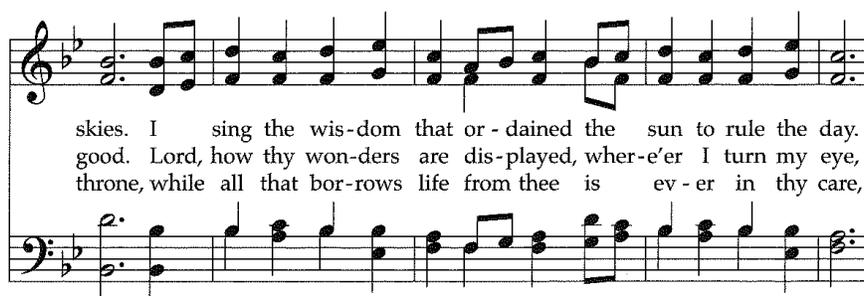
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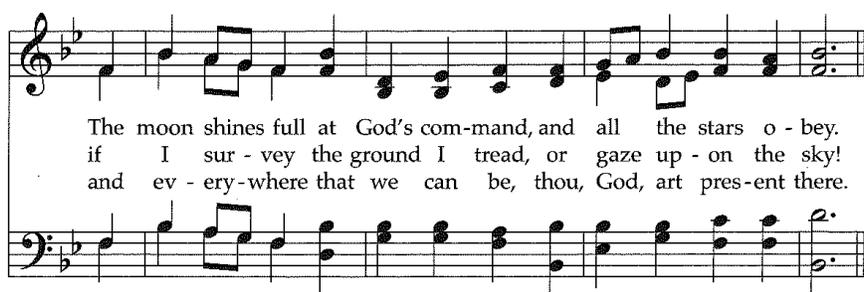
1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1715, alt.

MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784; alt. 1868

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INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to become angry and abounding in steadfast love and mercy. So let us come to God in confidence, trusting in God's justice and love.. Let us open our hearts in prayer...

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, and there is no health in us. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

(Continue in silent prayer...)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the Good News! The mercy of the Lord is wider and deeper than the sin of any of us. In Christ we are forgiven!

All: **In Christ we are forgiven and free, to live and to love and forgive others. We give God thanks for freedom to live. 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 AND 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

Genesis 32:6-12

SOLO

"Assurance"

John Ness Beck

Katie Ferrigan, mezzo-soprano

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Chorus:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blessed.
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON **Matthew 14 Sel. Vss.**

SERMON

Rev. Howard Reed

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed*Ecumenical Version*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father, through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

GIVING THANKS TO GOD*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

Words of Invitation and Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy...who with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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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.

Breaking the Bread, Lifting Up the Cup, and Communion of the People
Prayer Following Communion

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN 819

Be Still, My Soul

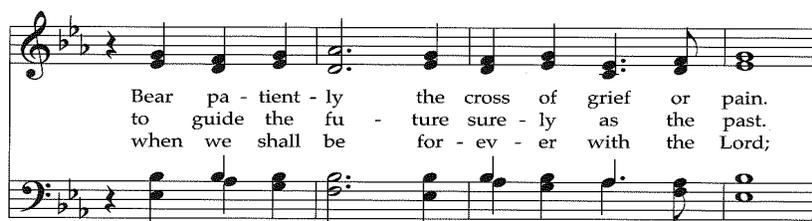
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LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

819 Be Still, My Soul



1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;



Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,
Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.

TEXT: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; trans. Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1855, alt.

MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933, alt.

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Dr. James Pitts



EASTER LILIES

If you would like to purchase an Easter lily to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please fill out the following information. The cost is \$30.00 each. The names will be listed on a bulletin insert, and you can take the flowers following the Easter service.

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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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