

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

April 22, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us paralyzed but whose presence is overwhelming: Breathe on us with your abundant life, that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. To you belong honor and glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: **Hymn for Sarah – Amazing Grace** arr. Ron Anderson
Westminster Handbell Choir

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with thanksgiving!

People: **Know that the Lord is God! It is he that made us, and we are his; We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!

People: **For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.** Psalm 100

All: **Let us worship God!**

*Hymn: **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee** #611

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With lowliness and meekness may we draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and find in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: **Lord, Have Mercy** #551

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
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Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.

People: **The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.** Psalm 34:17-18

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;

People: **They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.**

Lamentations 3:22-23

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **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: **Jubilee!** Arnold B. Sherman
Westminster Handbell Choir

*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:

Lord God, we pray for the same Holy Spirit which inspired Scripture to be written to open our hearts and minds to understand what you would reveal to us today. And knowing your word may we have the courage to obey, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 91** para. Michael Morgan
Tune: *Toulon* #624; *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

**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.**

**Beneath God's hov'ring 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.**

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

**"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 Kings 17:17-24**

Anthem: **Psalm 150** César Franck

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: **Lift Every Voice and Sing** #339

Scripture Reading: **John 21:15-19**

Sermon: **Follow Me** Steve Newton

*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.

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.

*Hymn: **Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus** back panel

*Benediction

*Choral Response: **God Be With You** R. V. Williams

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Chris Kline Sue Atkins
Sue Johnson Gary Atkins

Shepherd: Chris Bray

Liturgist: Norm Markworth

Reader: Sue Atkins

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

George Duffield, 1858

WMS: 7. 6. 7. 6. D.
George J. Webb, 1837

1. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross;
2. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, The trum - pet call o - bey;
3. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Stand in His strength a - lone;
4. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, The strife will not be long;

Lift high His roy - al ban - ner, It must not suf - fer loss:
Forth to the might - y con - flict, In this His glo - rious day:
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own:
This day the noise of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song:

From vic - tory un - to vic - tory His ar - my shall He lead,
Ye that are men now serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the gos - pel ar - mor, Each piece put on with prayer;
To him that o - ver - com - eth A crown of life shall be;

Till ev - ery foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger, And strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls, or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
He with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly. A - MEN.

BOTTLED WATER PLEDGE

- I pledge to avoid use of disposable plastic bottles.
- If I must use a plastic bottle, I will recycle it (behind city library).
- I pledge to drink from reusable containers.
- I pledge to ask my church and/or presbytery to eliminate bottled water from events.
- I pledge to learn more about local and global water concerns.
- (To sign this pledge, please go to the poster in the church library.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 22
2:00 pm Youth
6:00 pm Session Meeting

Monday, April 23
May newsletter deadline
5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, April 24
5:30 pm Handbell Practice

Wednesday, April 25
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, April 26
9:30 am Circle Meeting

Saturday, April 28
2:00 pm Birthday Party for Georgia Marshall

Sunday, April 29
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Children's choir
11:00 am Worship Service
5:00 pm Youth

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

CHURCH STAFF: Pastor Steve Newton
Associate Pastor Jennifer Marshall
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Newsletter Editor Sally Newton
Youth Leader Johnny Brown

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me." ~ John 21:15-19