

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Where each member is a minister, called in Christ to serve God and Neighbor"



May 4, 2025
3rd Sunday of Easter
Communion Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

** At the asterisk, please stand as you are able.
Congregational responses are printed in **bold**.*

PRELUDE

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Robert Bremmer

WESTMINSTER CHIMES – Striking the Hour

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ asked Peter if he loved him.

Peter affirmed three times his love of the Lord.

Christ asks us if we love him.

We affirm our love of the Lord in our worship.

Christ calls us to demonstrate our love in service.

Lord, help us to witness to your love in the ways in which we care for others.

*HYMN #461

“God Is Here”

ABBOTT'S LEIGH

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Shawn Hyska

All children are invited to come forward to hear a message from the Pastor and, afterwards, are welcome to attend Children's Sunday School.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (read in unison)

Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life: Hear our prayer. There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one

another and from You. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with You. Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Hallelujah, Amen.**

* GLORIA PATRI

Page 579 in Hymnal
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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, Your Word speaks truth into our lives. When we humble ourselves to listen, You mature us with knowledge and strengthened faith. Open us to Your Word read and proclaimed today, so we might hear and embrace the message You intend for us. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 30

Page 478 in pew Bible

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity,
“I shall never be moved.”
By your favor, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried,
and to the Lord I made supplication:
“What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you?

Will it tell of your faithfulness?
Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!”

You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul[c] may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

SECOND LESSON

“John 21: 1-19”

Page 109 in pew Bible

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and

jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When 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.” A 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.” He 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. Very 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.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

These are the words of Holy Scripture for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON:

“Do You Love Me?”

Rev. Shawn Hyska

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Nicene Creed (recited in unison)

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 at 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES

The offering is a time for you to share yourself and what you have with God and with our congregation. You can offer your prayers (on the prayer card), you can offer your time/connection (by filling out a welcome card), or you can offer financial resources (to aid the ministries of the congregation).

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

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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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN #329

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

BREAD OF LIFE

COMMUNION

Invitation To The Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: 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 forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: 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.

Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty... .. dedicated to your service. Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & SHARING OF THE CUP

The ushers will serve all those who are gathered with the communion elements. Please hold on to the elements for the congregation to partake together. The pastor will cue us all when the ushers return up front and all have been served.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

*HYMN #359

“ More Love to Thee, O Christ”

MORE LOVE TO THEE

CHARGE and BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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