

The Lord's Service

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

MAY 12, 2019



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

Worship

G.H. Richolson

Richolson Chorale Prelude on "St. Crispin"

George Blake

Please use the prelude as a time of silent preparation for the worship of the Triune God.

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CALL TO WORSHIP

JOHN 10:14,27

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.

I know my own and my own know me.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,

I know them and they follow me.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

O Worship the King

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We fail to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, we ignore your call to discipleship. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn. Forgive us, God of mercy! Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant, given in Jesus Christ, our risen prophet, priest and king. Amen.



STANDING IF COMFORTABLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: spoken, sung

THE KYRIE ELEISON

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

☒ THE PEACE

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

CLAIRE, AARON, AND
KATHERINE FELTS

ADMINISTRATION OF MEMBERSHIP VOWS

CLAIRE FELTS

☒ GLORIA PATRI

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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.

INTERLUDE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God,
by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear,
and show us what we ought to do,
to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ESTHER 8:1-17

NEW TESTAMENT READING

HEBREWS 10:19-25

☒ HYMN OF PREPARATION

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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☒ GOSPEL READING

JOHN 10:7-18

☒ RESPONSE

**The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.**

⊗ THE APOSTLES' CREED 845

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* Wm Kirkpatrick, arr. Lorie Line

⊗ DOXOLOGY 731

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.

⊗ SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

⊗ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING



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.



HYMN OF DEPARTURE *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Exaltation Finale in B flat*

R. W. Martin

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Mike Bonagura

ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

PIANIST: Clare Clason

Announcements

Greeters

This Week: Jane & Dave Reiss

Next Week: The Grammer Family

Nursery Workers

This Week: R. Bonagura

Next Week: L. Spagnola / E. Felts

Service Assistants

This Week: E. Weber, E. Timberger,
S. David, J. Grammer

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S. David, J. Schlegel

Deacon of the Month

J. Grammer

The following men have been approved by the Session to stand for election to office at our 6/12 annual congregational meeting:

Ruling Elder: Dave Reiss (1 yr. term)

Ruling Elder: Ron Bonagura (3 yr. term)

Deacon: Sabi David (1 yr. term)

Deacon: Matt Kniffin (3 yr. term)

Deacon: Tim Elmendorf (3 yr. term)

Deacon: Joe Schlegel (3 yr. term)

It is our joy to baptize Claire, Aaron, and Katherine Felts today and to welcome Claire into communicant membership.

Pastor Chiarot's sermons may be heard on Redeemer Broadcasting at 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM every Sunday. These frequencies are 90.3 FM and 102.5 FM.

If you would like to meet with Pastor Chiarot, please connect with him in person or contact the church office.

Weekly Sunday Morning Prayer: 9:20 AM in the library. Join us to pray for the worship and work of WPC.

Those wishing to serve on the Fellowship team by serving snacks at coffee time, cleaning up following coffee time and helping serve and clean up fellowship meals should speak to JoAnn Maucher or Jo-Anne Weber.

Today- Mother's Day - No Sunday School or Evening Service. Join us after worship for a special refreshment time to honor the ladies at Westminster. Upon exiting the sanctuary, all ladies may choose a carnation in the narthex.

6/12- Congregational Meeting. Reports for annual report are due by 6/7.

BRIAN & RUTH CLARK
WITH SERVING IN MISSIONS- USA

Brian and Ruth have a long association with Westminster. Brian is a CPA and Ruth a nurse with lay counseling training. Brian serves in the SIM International office as Deputy Director of Finance. He interacts with SIM's financial offices around the world to ensure a high level of accountability for funds entrusted to SIM is maintained. Ruth serves as a "Member Care Coordinator", part of a team responsible for the care of 800 long-term US missionaries. *Pray for God's renewal for each one, and for wisdom and guidance for all 18 members of the Care Team.*

REVERSING THE IRREVERSIBLE

ESTHER 8:1-17

Haman is dead, but his lethal _____ lives on.
 The _____ is the root of the problem.
 It _____ over, till it's _____.

1. The Exaltation (vv. 1-2)

Haman's e_____ is given to _____.
 Mordecai gets a p_____ and pr_____.

2. The Edict (vv. 3-4)

Esther has not yet s_____ the life of her _____.
 Haman, we are reminded, is an A_____
 Esther's appeals: s____-i_____ and b_____ with her.
 Jews still live in the v_____ of the s_____ of death.
 Xerxes wants to be _____ as the ch_____ of the Jews.
 This is the actual p_____ turning point of the book.
 The decree is framed to d_____ the Jews' enemies.
 It is primarily a d_____ decree.
 Those who _____ the Jews will be c_____.

3. The Exultation (vv. 15-17)

Mordecai: p_____ g_____ & a r_____ crown.
 Jews share the h_____ of the exalted m_____
 Mordecai is a t_____ of _____t.
 He is a p_____, pr_____, and k_____.
 We live after Christ's v_____, before final d_____.
 We live in a time where _____ edicts are in force.
 In the tension we live with c_____ and j_____.
 The edict of the g_____ is our of _____ weapon.

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

Westminster Church is both a place and a people. We gather in this sacred space to worship, to learn, and to serve God as he meets us in Christ. To this end we dedicate our time, our talent, and our resources. Here the Gospel of Christ is freely proclaimed: *We are weaker and more sinful than we ever dared admit, but through Christ we are more loved and accepted than we ever dared hope.* As a community of Christians, we are building a bridge to the future through faith and friendship. To this end, we pray God will give us strength, vision, and wisdom. We are thankful that you could join with us today. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Welcome to Westminster!

Westminster Stated Services

Worship	10:00 AM
Sunday School	11:45 AM
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 PM

Westminster Kingston

Sunday School	10:00 AM
Worship	11:00 AM

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Cover

The Celtic cross reminds us, as Presbyterians, of our historical roots in the British Isles dating back at least to the fifth century. *Post Tenebras Lux* is a Latin slogan from the 16th-century Protestant Reformation meaning *After Darkness, Light*. The cross and the slogan combine to express our desire to be rooted in the ancient faith and to embrace the attainments of the Protestant Reformation.

Westminster was organized in 1854 and is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

Senior Minister

The Reverend Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

Assistant Minister

The Reverend Mark D. Diedrich

Session (Ruling Elders)

Mike Bonagura, Robert David, Steve Flewelling,
Bob Maucher, James Phillips, Robert Van Gent
Elder Emeritus: Neil Fick

Board of Deacons

Sabi David, John Grammar, Joe Schlegel,
Ed Timberger, Ed Weber

Board of Trustees

Robert Van Gent (Chairman)
Robert David (Vice Chairman)

Staff

Administrative Secretary	Jo-Anne Weber
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