

The Lord's Service

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

APRIL 03, 2022



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*In the Love of Christ Jesus
The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

GREGORIAN CHANT MELODY

GOUNOD / ARR. RITTER

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

⊗ WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 29:

Q. How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by His Holy Spirit.

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP

2 SAMUEL 22:2-3, 32

For who is God, but the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God?

**The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation,
my stronghold, my refuge, and my Savior!**

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are infinite, eternal and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth. Your works everywhere praise you, and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior. Therefore we praise you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

O Come, My Soul, Bless thou the Lord

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.



STANDING IF COMFORTABLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: spoken, sung

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⌘ RESPONSIVE READING OF THE LAW

You shall have no other gods before me.
For from him and through him and to him are all things.

You shall not make for yourself a graven image.

In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.
Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

⌘ THE PEACE

⌘ GLORIA PATRI

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.

You shall not kill.

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

You shall not commit adultery.
You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

You shall not steal.

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor
Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house, or anything that is your neighbor's.
Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

PSALM 102:1-12, 25-28 *p. 593*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

HEBREWS 6:13-20; JAMES 1:16-18 *p. 1190, 1199*

PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 139

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

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GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 5:17-20 *p. 963*

RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

SERMON

No Shadow of Turning

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Chanson Triste

MAURICE RAVEL



⌘ DOXOLOGY

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⌘ 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.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

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At the lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Praise we Christ, whose blood was
shed; paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.

Where the paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.

Mighty victim from the sky,
powers of hell beneath thee lie;
death is conquered in the fight,
thou hast bought us life and light:
hymns of glory and of praise,
risen Lord, to thee we raise;
holy Father praise to thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.

⌘ HYMN OF DEPARTURE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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⌘ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festal Flourish

GORDON JACOB

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Ron Bonagura

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR: Elaine H. Simpson

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No Shadow of Turning

PSALM 102; HEBREWS 6; JAMES 1; MATT. 5

Heraclitus: You can't step your foot in the same _____ twice.

God may seem bigger, but it is ___ who have changed.

Immutability means God _____ change.

A m_____ God could not be p_____.

God is pure ____; he has no p_____.

Immutability does not mean s_____, but f_____ of l_____.

1. Ontological Immutability

This means God is unchanging in his b_____.

In the Father, there is no v_____ or s_____ of change.

God is immutable in _____ to the cr_____ order.

Psalm 102 is cited in _____ chapter ___ of _____.

2. Ethical Immutability

This speaks of God's c_____ f_____.

Hebrews ___ speaks of _____ kinds of immutability.

God doesn't change; therefore we are not _____.

Your s_____ depends on God's immutability.

The s_____ type of immutability depends on the _____.

3. Apparent Change

God repents without r_____.

His p_____ is executed, his p_____ are upheld.

The language is a way of God ac_____ our weakness.

4. Redeeming Change

The immutable God takes on a _____ human nature.

In g_____, we will be immutably free to do the _____ alone.

Missions Work Highlight

RICHARD AND ROBYN CRANE

with Mission to the World in Latin America

After pastoring, church planting, and founding a Christian counseling and training center (PEPP) in Chile, Richard and Robyn moved to Miami to work with Spanish speaking organizations connected to Mission to the World. Today, they conduct leadership training in pastoral psychology using the Internet, printed material, and intensive courses in the country of Cuba.

“We want to thank you for your prayers and generous support. The support for our brothers and sisters in Cuba has made an enormous impact not only on their personal lives, but also on the extension of God’s love and Kingdom in that land. The joy with which they love and serve God and their neighbors in the midst of much hardship is always an encouragement to us, as we hope it is to you. Please continue to pray for God’s regular provision of their “daily bread” and the resilience to continue on in the midst of the day-to-day difficulties that they face”.

Announcements

Westminster is holding Lenten services on Wednesdays at 7:00PM.

There will be no April Fellowship Luncheon next Sunday, but there will be an Easter Sunday brunch on April 17th following the worship service. If you would like to contribute to the brunch, there is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen.

Walk for Housing- Habitat for Humanity 4/24. Registration 12:00PM, walk begins at 1:00PM.

Westminster is starting a Stephen Ministry. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jim Rutigliano at 917.470.5477, or jim153r@gmail.com.

Westminster is seeking to host a free healthcare clinic at the church under the auspices of Christ Health Care Ministries. Please see christhealthcareministry.org for information about this work.

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	10:00AM
Sunday School (<i>Sept–June</i>)	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.

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