

The Lord's Service

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

MAY 02, 2021



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

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 MATTHEW 22:37-40
 Our Lord Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY
 Holy God, you are just in all your ways and your commandments are the greatest of treasures. Give us understanding of your law and direct us according to your will that we may be faithful in serving you for the sake of Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder* 172

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊗ RESPONSIVE READING OF THE LAW

You shall have no other gods before me.
It is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.

You shall not make for yourself a graven image.
God is a spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool... Let what you say be simply Yes or No; anything more than this comes from evil.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath; so the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath.

Honor your father and your mother.
For God commanded, he who speaks evil of father or mother, let him surely die.

You shall not kill.
Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.

You shall not commit adultery.
Everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

You shall not steal.
For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery...theft...These are what defile a man.

You shall not bear false witness.
For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

You shall not covet.
Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Bill and Beth Cooke
(11:00AM Service)

⊗ 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

Meditation

FLOR PEETERS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 JOHN 2:1-6

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 72 *Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God* 11

⊗ GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 5:17-20

⊗ RESPONSE
The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

SERMON *Surpassing Righteousness*

⊗ 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

OFFERING *(not collected, brought up by deacons)*

⊗ 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* 420

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.

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.

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

Mighty victim from the sky,
pow'rs 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 *Jehovah's Perfect Law* 151

⊗ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⊗ POSTLUDE *Postlude in D Minor* RINCK

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Robert David (9:00AM)
Steve Flewelling (11:00AM)

ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

Surpassing Righteousness

MATTHEW 5:17-20

After this text, there are six a_____.

1. Christ and the Law (vv. 17-18)

To abolish would be to s_____ a_____, or to n_____.

Jesus is talking about the w_____ law.

“Law and prophets” is sh_____ for the OT Scriptures.

To fulfill means to bring to com_____.

I am the eschatological cons_____ of the _____.

Jesus makes his _____ the final authority.

This is a b_____ claim for a mere man.

We do not get an e_____ version of the law.

Jesus begins with the word _____n.

The d_____ of the law’s authority is affirmed.

2. Christians and the Law (vv. 19-20)

To “set aside” is a wordplay on a_____.

Following Jesus means following the T_____.

Christian sanctification is o_____ to keep the law.

We are not under the law as a c_____ of w_____.

We are not a_____, nor are we l_____.

We will not be saved w_____ law-keeping.

Simple rule-keeping will ___ do it.

We must g_____ s_____ the Pharisees.

Righteousness here is our _____ to God’s will.

Jesus must w_____ the law into our h_____.

Jesus and the apostles often say: _____ my c_____.

Be _____ as your Heavenly Father is _____.

Missions Work Highlight

JANE BRINKERHOFF

with Mission To the World in Japan

At the beginning of July '20 their church was allowed to return to worshipping together and having weekly Bible study. The new Christians and those beginning to believe seem to have held fast their faith during the "lock-down", despite little spiritual input, save for e-mail exchange and an occasional on-line sermon. PRAISE- Several ladies who were being prevented from attending worship by their husbands have returned, as well as most of the Sunday School children.

A secular neighborhood association requested that their children be allowed to join the S.S.

Christmas! No Christians among them and most likely first time in church.

A city hospital asked us to sing and do a Christmas program for their Hospice Floor, another great opportunity for outreach, even amidst Covid!

PRAISE- In the (temporary) loss of my mother, am experiencing a consolation I wouldn't have thought possible, thanks to your prayers.

MTW requested I stay in the US visiting churches until June, PRAY for stamina, and that I'm an encouragement to those I'm with, being enabled to tell "them how much the Lord has done"!

Announcements

It is our joy to receive Bill and Beth Cooke into membership at Westminster this morning.

The annual congregational meeting will be on Wednesday May 19th at 7PM in the sanctuary.

- Joe Hall will stand for election as deacon (3 year term).
- Adam Kuliszewski (3 year term), Johnson Chang-Fong (3 year term), and Steve Flewelling (1 year term) will stand for election as elders.

Reports for Annual meeting due by May 7th.

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

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*To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ... to him be glory
and power for ever and ever! Rev. 1:5, 6*

1. Let us love and sing and won-der, let us praise the Sav-ior's name!
 2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit-ied us when en-e-mies,
 3. Let us sing, though fierce temp-ta-tion threat-en hard to bear us down!
 4. Let us won-der; grace and jus-tice join and point to mer-cy's store;
 5. Let us praise, and join the cho-rus of the saints en-throned on high;

He has hushed the law's loud thun-der, he has quenched Mount Si-nai's flame:
 called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
 • For the Lord, our strong sal-va-tion, holds in view the con-qu'ror's crown:
 when through grace in Christ our trust is, jus-tice smiles and asks no more:
 here they trust-ed him be-fore us, now their prais-es fill the sky:

he has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.
 he has washed us with his blood, he pre-sents our souls to God.
 • he who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.
 he who washed us with his blood has se-cured our way to God.
 "You have washed us with your blood; you are wor- thy, Lamb of God!"

Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God

Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.
Ps. 72:18

Capo: 1 Γ (A) Unison (G) (D)

1. Now bless - ed be the Lord our God, the
 2. And bless - ed be his glo - rious name to
 3. His wide do - min - ion shall ex - tend from
 4. Yea, all the kings shall bow to him, his

(A) (E) (A) (F#m)

God of Is - ra - el, for he a - lone does
 all e - ter - ni - ty; the whole earth let his
 sea to ut - most sea, and un - to earth's re -
 rule all na - tions hail; he will re - gard the

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won - drous works in glo - ry that ex - cel.
 glo - ry fill. A - men, so let it be.
 mot - est bounds his peace - ful rule shall be.
 poor man's cry when oth - er help - ers fail.

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked. Ps. 1:1

1. Je - ho - vah's per - fect law re - stores the soul a - gain; his
 2. The Lord's com-mands are pure, they light and joy re - store; Je -
 3. They are to be de - sired a - bove the fin - est gold; than
 4. His er - rors who can know? Cleanse me from hid - den stain; keep
 5. When - e'er you search my life, may all my thoughts with - in and

tes - ti - mo - ny sure gives wis - dom un - to men; the
 ho - vah's fear is clean, en - dur - ing ev - er - more; his
 • hon - ey from the comb more sweet - ness far they hold; with
 me from wil - ful sins, nor let them o'er me reign; and
 all the words I speak your full ap - prov - al win. O

pre - cepts of the Lord are right, and fill the heart with great de - light.
 stat - utes, let the world con - fess, are whol - ly truth and righ - teous - ness.
 • warn - ings they your ser - vant guard, in keep - ing them is great re - ward.
 then I up - right shall ap - pear and be from great trans - gres - sions clear.
 Lord, you are a Rock to me, and my Re - deem - er you shall be.



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	9:00 AM, 11:00AM
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.

Assistant Minister

The Reverend Mark D. Diedrich

Session (Ruling Elders, with Class Year)

Robert Van Gent (2022), Ron Bonagura (2022), Robert David (2021), Steve Flewelling (2021), James Phillips (2021), Bob Maucher (2023),
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