

The Lord's Service

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

MAY 17, 2020



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

O Love Of God, How Strong and True

HORATIUS BONAR

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

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

Q76. Which is the ninth commandment?

The ninth commandment is,

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

CALL TO WORSHIP

ISAIAH 40:6, 8; 1 PETER 1:24-25A

All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers, and the flower falls,

but the word of the Lord remains forever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We behold your glory, O God, in the love shown by your Son, lifted up on the cross and exalted on high. Be glorified anew in the love we have for one another as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

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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, the risen Lord. Amen.



THE KYRIE ELEISON

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

God of life, your Spirit raised Jesus from the dead. Your Spirit inspired the prophets and writers of Scripture. Send your Spirit now to give us light, encouragement, faith, and hope through the proclamation of the everlasting gospel. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 40:1-8

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 PETER 1:22-2:3

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GOSPEL READING

MARK 3:31-35

RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

SERMON

Gospel Growth

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I believe in 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 men 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 sits on 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 I 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 I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

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

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

LESBIA SCOTT

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PIANIST: Diane Pedrosa



Gospel Growth

1 Peter 1:22-2:3

Peter had a v_____ focus.

He shifts to h_____.

The pattern: indicative (b_____g), then imperative (d_____).

Indicatives are about the _____.

Imperatives are about g_____ in the gospel.

We are p_____ by embracing the gospel.

The gospel is called “the _____ of _____.”

We have been purified for s_____ l_____.

“Love for each other” is Ph_____.

The church: a bro_____ without bi_____.

Love is an _____ and a set of proper f_____.

We are begotten by the _____ and the S_____ of God.

Isa. 40: Our mo_____ v. the forever a_____ word.

The first imperative: p_____. The second: n_____. All these vices are co_____ destroying evils.

We are born again into a great b_____.

The milk is the Word p_____ & deposited in S_____.

We are to be a_____ to the Bible.

The gospel: source of both c_____ and g_____.

We _____ get beyond the gospel.

The goodness of God is the source of all the ind_____. Preach the _____ to yourself every day.

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Missions Work Highlight

JANE BRINKERHOFF
WITH MISSION TO THE WORLD IN JAPAN

In the Japanese city where I am, there aren't many Coronavirus cases. A different scenario from Tokyo. Most people go to work as usual, although large gatherings are discouraged and social distancing is encouraged.

My downtown weekly Bible study continues to meet in a doctor's office. Bible studies with individuals, small group prayer meetings, and the hymn sings are also continuing. The "mercy ministries" at the Senior Home and handicapped home have halted due to their being closed to visitors. Instead, letters, cards, and copies of sermons are sent.

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!"

O God of Light, Your Word, a Lamp Unfailing

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Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Ps. 119:105

Unison

1. O God of light, your Word, a lamp un - fail - ing,
 2. From days of old, through swift - ly roll - ing a - ges,
 3. Un - dimmed by time, the Word is still re - veal - ing
 4. To all the world the mes - sage you are send - ing,

shines through the dark - ness of our earth - ly way,
 you have re - vealed your will to mor - tal men,
 to sin - ful men your jus - tice and your grace;
 to ev - ery land, to ev - ery race and clan;

o'er fear and doubt, o'er black de - spair pre - vail - ing,
 speak - ing to saints, to proph - ets, kings, and sa - ges,
 and quest - ing hearts that long for peace and heal - ing
 and myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,

guid - ing our steps to your e - ter - nal day.
 who wrote the mes - sage with im - mor - tal pen.
 see - your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.
 ac - claim with joy your won - drous gift to man.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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You are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3:28

Capo 3: Γ (D) (A⁷) (D) 7 (G) (D) (A)

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love:
 2. Be - fore the Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3. We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us in - ward pain;

(A⁷) (D) (A) (D) 7 (G) (D) (G) (D/A) (A⁷) (D) 7

the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

5. This glorious hope revives
 our courage by the way,
 while each in expectation lives,
 and longs to see the day.

6. From sorrow, toil and pain,
 and sin, we shall be free;
 and perfect love and friendship reign
 through all eternity.