

The Lord's Service

The Resurrection of the Lord

APRIL 09, 2023



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*From Depths of Woe I Raise to Thee
Fantasie
Voluntary on Old 100th*

ARR. FE. MENDELSSOHN
J.S. BACH/ARR. I. ROSENTHAL
H. PURCELL/TRANS. J. CORLEY

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 81:

Q. What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?

A. The tenth commandment forbids all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbor, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP

SEE LUKE 24:34

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Brightness of God's glory and exact image of God's person, whom death could not conquer, nor the tomb imprison, as you have shared our frailty in human flesh, grant us to share your immortality in the Spirit. Let no shadow of the grave terrify us, and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you. Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days, as the first and the last, the Living One, our immortal Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

The Day of Resurrection

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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

⊗ RESPONSIVE READING OF THE LAW

Hear, O people of God, the law that the Lord speaks in your hearing this day, that you may know his statutes and walk according to his ordinances.

Teach us, O Lord, the grace of your law, and give us life by your Word.

The God who saved us in Jesus Christ gave this law, saying: I am the Lord your God! You shall have no other gods before me.

We will worship the Lord our God and serve only him.

You shall not make yourself an image of anything to worship it.

Living no more in bondage to earthly gods, we will worship the Lord our God in spirit and in truth.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord.

We will use the holy name of God with reverence, praising him in everything we do and say.

You shall observe the Sabbath by keeping it holy, for in six days you shall labor and do all your work.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

You shall honor your father and mother, that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving to you.

As children we will be obedient to our parents in the Lord; as parents we will correct our children and guide them in the training and instruction of the Lord; we will respect the lawful authorities appointed by God.

You shall not murder.

We will be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave us.

You shall not commit adultery.

We will use our bodies in ways that are holy and honorable, and abstain from immorality and impurity.

You shall not steal.

We will do what we can for our neighbor's good, and work faithfully so that we may share with the poor.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

We will speak the truth with our neighbor in love, render judgments that are true and make for peace, and not devise in our hearts any evil against anyone.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

We will be content whatever the circumstances through the strength of Christ within us.

Thus, we must love our neighbor as ourselves.

For the Lord requires of us to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God. Amen!

⊗ THE PEACE

⌘ GLORIA PATRI 735

INTERLUDE *Alleluia! Alleluia!* JOHN JOHNSON

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 25:6-9 *p. 696*

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 CORINTHIANS 15:50-58 *p. 1143*

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 16 *To You, O Lord, I Fly* 692

⌘ GOSPEL READING LUKE 24:1-12 *p. 1051*

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

SERMON *Swallowing Up Death Forever*

⌘ WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM QUESTION 90:

Q. What shall be done to the righteous at the day of judgment?

A. At the day of judgment, the righteous, being caught up to Christ in the clouds, shall be set on His right hand, and there openly acknowledged and acquitted, shall join with Him in the judging of reprobate angels and men, and shall be received into heaven, where they shall be fully and forever freed from all sin and misery; filled with inconceivable joys, made perfectly holy and happy both in body and soul, in the company of innumerable saints and holy angels, but especially in the immediate vision and fruition of God the Father, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, to all eternity. And this is the perfect and full communion, which the members of the invisible church shall enjoy with Christ in glory, at the resurrection and day of judgment.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *Ye Sons and Daughters, Sing Alleluia!* VULPIUS / BENDER

⌘ DOXOLOGY 731

⊗ 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 *Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured* 429

*Let thy blood in mercy poured,
let thy gracious body broken,
be to me, O gracious Lord,
of thy boundless love the token.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

*Thou didst die that I might live;
blessed Lord, thou cam'st to save me;
all that love of God could give
Jesus by his sorrows gave me.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

*By the thorns that crowned thy brow,
by the spear wound and the nailing,
by the pain and death, I now
claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

*Wilt thou own the gift I bring?
All my penitence I give thee;
thou art my exalted King,
of thy matchless love forgive me.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

⊗ HYMN OF DEPARTURE *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* 277

⊗ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⊗ POSTLUDE *Grande Choeur* ARR. DAVID J. BROCKMAN

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot
WORSHIP LEADER: Bob Maucher
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson
BRASS QUINTET: Jake Hoover (trumpet), Peter Van de Water (trumpet),
Megan Decker (horn), Ben Bardenett (trombone), Adam Kuliszewski (tuba)

Swallowing Up Death Forever

ISAIAH 25:6-9

1. Communion (verse 6)

Zion is the l_____ where our text t_____.

In the New Covenant, Zion is a h_____ locale.

This is seen in H_____ chapter _____.

The Lord of hosts is the cons_____.

It is a u_____, gl_____ feast.

Spiritual t_____ b_____ are needed for the feast.

God is our p_____.

2. Conquest (verses 7-8)

_____ is the universal shroud covering the n_____.

The text speaks of the _____ resurrection of dead.

Paul cites our text in 1 _____.

Death is _____ up, so we _____ up the feast.

The conquest comes with the Lord's c_____.

Banquet is co_____ with the destruction of death.

It is the w_____ of the _____.

3. Consummation (verse 9)

What day? The day of death's f_____ destruction.

This is the day of _____ to _____ communion.

Salvation in this age is in the m_____ of w_____.

The praise is the praise of the c_____.

The Zion from above d_____ when _____ descends.

Missions Work Highlight

BEACON OF LIGHT PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTER, INC.

Serving Pregnant Women in Need

We are ever so grateful for God's faithfulness, for our prayer warriors and for all those serving in this ministry. And we are thankful for the wonderful and supportive connection we have with Westminster Church. Beacon of Light could not do what it does without the support of people like yourselves.

Every Friday morning My Choice has a virtual prayer meeting open to all and it is growing. We have seen mothers draw strength from these meetings and change their mind about aborting their child. We also continue to hold those women in prayer who call our office but do not make an appointment or cancel a scheduled one. Our Maternity Home levies no charge on the women living here with their babies. Our prayer for current and past residents is that they encounter the Living God and find salvation in Christ.

Pray with us for two additional nurses for the clinics, new board members, a house manager for the Maternity Home, and new ways to make our ministry better known in our communities.

Announcements

The Fellowship Committee is hosting an Easter Brunch following the worship service. All are invited!

There is no Sunday School or Evening Service today.

Vacation Bible School at WPC— Save The Date: August 7-11, 2023 (9-12pm). If interested in helping, please see Brenda Grammer.

The annual congregational meeting will be held on 5/7 during the Sunday School hour. There will be no Sunday School on that day.

- Mike Bonagura and James Phillips will be standing for election as ruling elders.
- David Babick and Noah Watson will be standing for election as deacons.

We are in need of Nursery Helpers for the months of April, May and June. Please look for the sign-up sheets in the Nursery. We appreciate your help!

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

Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley

Worship	11:00 AM
Sunday School	12:30 PM

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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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Adam Kuliszewski (2024), Robert David (2025)

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