

The Lord's Service

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

MAY 14, 2023



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

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 86:

Q. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation, as He is offered to us in the gospel.

⌘ CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 133:1-4

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard,

on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore!

⌘ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you built your church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone. Join us together by their teaching, so that we may be a holy temple in whom your Spirit dwells; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

⌘ HYMN OF PRAISE

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. 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 FROM THE PSALMS

God spoke all these words, saying; I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods before me.

Against thee, thee only, I have sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight.

You shall not make for yourself graven images...you shall not bow down to them or serve them.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. **How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

Honor your father and your mother. **Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions; according to thy steadfast love remember me, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord!**

You shall not kill.

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any wicked way in me.

You shall not commit adultery.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

You shall not steal.

Have mercy on me, O God, blot out my transgressions.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Put false ways far from me; and graciously teach me thy law!

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.

Incline my heart to thy testimonies, and not to gain! Deliver me from all my transgressions.

The Lord is near to all that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

He fulfills the desire of all who fear him, he also hears their cry, and saves them.

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.



THE PEACE



GLORIA PATRI

INTERLUDE

Sanctus
Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.

DOUGLAS E. WAGNER
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Creator Spirit, who hovered over the waters at creation's birth, who descended in the form of a dove at Jesus' baptism, who was poured out under the signs of fire and wind at Pentecost: Come to us, open our hearts and minds, so that we may hear the Word of life and be renewed by your power, for you live and reign with the Father and the Son, now and forever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON DEUTERONOMY 15:7-11 p. 187

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ACTS 2:41-47 p. 1082

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 110 *Unto My Lord Jehovah Said* 313

⊗ GOSPEL READING LUKE 12:22-34 p. 1035

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

SERMON *The Last Days Community*

⊗ THE ATHANASIAN CREED PART 3

It is necessary to everlasting salvation that we also believe rightly in the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the true Faith is, that we believe and confess, that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man; God, of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and Man of the substance of his Mother, born in the world; Perfect God and perfect Man, of a rational soul and human flesh. Equal to the Father as regards his divinity; and less than the Father as regards his humanity;

Who, although he is God and Man, yet he is not two, but one Christ; One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, but by taking of the humanity to himself; One, not by the blending of his essence, but by unity of his person. For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man, so God and Man is one Christ;

He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, he sits at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence he will come to judge the quick and the dead. At whose coming all men will rise again with their bodies and shall give account for their own works. And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting; and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.

This is the catholic Faith, which unless we hold to faithfully, we cannot be saved.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

☒ 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

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

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*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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

The Church's One Foundation

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☒ CHARGE AND BLESSING

☒ POSTLUDE

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

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The Last Days Community

ACTS 2:41-47

1. The Apostles

They are the authorized t_____ authorities.

The Spirit doesn't cause us to d_____ the life of the m_____.

We must keep _____ and S_____ together.

Christianity is an i_____ demanding religion.

This is a l_____, re_____ community.

We now have their teaching in the NT s_____.

Signs confirm the truth of the g_____ & the k_____.

2. The Fellowship

The word is ko_____.

It means c_____ or sh_____.

In the midst of the holy f_____, there was great j_____.

The sharing was v_____, not m_____.

The Spirit created a radical wealth di_____.

This is rooted in Jesus own e_____ and teaching.

They were selling r_____ es_____ and personal g_____.

They did not repudiate the right of p_____ pr_____.

This was a reg_____ process triggered by n_____.

3. The Worship

The breaking of bread may refer to the e_____.

They were devoted to _____ prayers.

They were regularly p_____ God.

4. The Adding

They are added to an ex_____ co_____.

God used the em_____ gospel of the community.

Jesus: u_____ and l_____ make our witness effective.

Missions Work Highlight

RICHARD & ROBYN CRANE

Mission to the World

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

There is no evening or second service today.

Anyone willing to house Presbyters for May 19th should email the office or see Jo-Anne Weber.

Tim and Therese Galage, WPC supported missionaries to South Africa will be presenting their work during the Sunday School hour on 5/28.

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

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

The Safety Team is seeking volunteers. Please see Joe Schlegel.

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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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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