

The Lord's Service

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JUNE 23, 2024



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*In Death's Strong Grasp, The Savior Lay
Herzlich thut mich verlangen*

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

JOHANNES BRAHMS

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

ROMANS 8:23-25

We who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,
groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons,
the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope, we were saved.

Now hope that is seen is not hope.

For who hopes for what he sees?

But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of grace, ever faithful to your promises, the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts to receive him when he comes, for he is Lord forever and ever. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

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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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

☒ RESPONSIVE READING FROM COLOSSIANS 3

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.

But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices **and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.**

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, **bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.**

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

☒ THE PEACE

☒ 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 I

FLOR PEETERS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises by living in faith and obedience; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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| OLD TESTAMENT READING | ISAIAH 25:6-9 | <i>p. 696</i> |
| NEW TESTAMENT READING | ACTS 24:10-21 | <i>p. 1109</i> |
| ⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 84 | <i>O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely</i> | 371 |
| ⌘ GOSPEL READING | JOHN 5:19-29 | <i>p. 1058</i> |
| ⌘ RESPONSE | | |
| | The Word of the Lord. | |
| | Praise be to God. | |
| SERMON | <i>The Hope of Israel Part 2</i> | |
| ⌘ THE APOSTLES' CREED | | |
| | I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. | |
| | I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. | |
| | I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen. | |
| PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE | | |
| OFFERTORY | <i>Meditation II</i> | FLOR PEETERS |
| ⌘ DOXOLOGY | | 731 |
| | <i>Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen, amen.</i> | |
| ⌘ 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

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

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*Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
come into the daylight's splendor,
there with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
this amazing banquet founded;
he, though heavenly, high and holy,
deigns to dwell with you most lowly.*

*Now in faith I humbly ponder
over this surpassing wonder
that the bread of life is boundless,
though the souls it feeds are countless;
with the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
pledge and seal of my salvation.*

*Hasten as a bride to meet him,
eagerly and gladly greet him.
There he stands already knocking;
quickly, now, your gate unlocking,
open wide the fast-closed portal,
saying to the Lord immortal:
"Come, and leave your loved one never;
dwell within my heart forever."*

*Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
truest friend and dearest treasure,
peace beyond all understanding,
joy into all life expanding:
humbly now, I bow before you,
love incarnate, I adore you;
worthily let me receive you,
and, so favored, never leave you.*

☒ HYMN OF DEPARTURE

Jerusalem the Golden

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☒ CHARGE AND BLESSING

☒ POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso

JOHN E. WEST

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Robert David

ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson, D.M.A.

The Hope of Israel Part 2

ACTS 24:10-21

The Risen Jesus is the f_____ of the harvest.

Seeing the face of Jesus in glory is ____ h_____ of the church.

1. The God of our Fathers

On the resurrection, Paul agrees with the _____.

The Christian community's favored self-designation: The _____.

Paul w_____ the God of our _____.

He believes _____ in the _____ and the P_____.

2. Hope in God

Summary of the OT Law and prophets is a _____ in God.

That there will be a _____ of the just & the unjust.

For this hope, Paul is on _____.

The resurrection of Jesus points to the day of _____.

This hope is en_____ in the ancient c_____.

3. A Clear Conscience

Hope in the right place f_____ our c_____.

The resurrection in_____ back into my e_____ life.

Paul s_____ for a clear conscience.

The coming resurrection dr_____ Paul back to J_____.

The _____ of the future resurrection purifies him in the present.

If our hopes are e_____ our consciences will be malformed.

Missions Work Highlight

JANE BRINKERHOFF

Mission to the World

Jane Brinkerhoff with Mission to the World (MTW), the mission sending agency of the Presbyterian Church of America, serves in the Nagoya Church Planting Team in the city of Nagoya, which is strategically located in central Japan between the major cities of Tokyo, Kyoto, and Osaka. Using evangelistic Bible studies, small groups, and mercy ministries, Jane has helped spread the gospel and start churches in unchurched towns in the greater Nagoya area. Although some of these churches are now self-supporting and under Japanese leadership, there are many other needy areas. Jane wants to minister in such areas with the goal of starting more churches in Japan that is still considered unreached. As you pray for Jane, pray also for more workers willing to serve in building Christ's kingdom in Japan, not only as missionaries, but also from within the Japanese church as well.

Announcements

There will be no Fellowship Luncheon in July, but there will be Coffee Time following the service as a time for fellowship.

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

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| 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

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| Worship | 10:30 AM |
| Sunday School | 12:00 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).

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