

The Lord's Service

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JUNE 30, 2024



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*That Easter Day with Joy was Bright
Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

GEORGE LACKENAUER
SETTING BY EDWIN T. CHILDS

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

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-23

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.



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, help 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

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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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

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

JEAN TASSERAND / FR. CAROL

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.**

☒ 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.*

*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."*

*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.*

*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

The Sands of Time Are Sinking

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☒ CHARGE AND BEDICTION

☒ POSTLUDE

Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia

SETTING BY HEALEY WILLIAN

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

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

The Hope of Israel Part 3

ACTS 26:1-8

No millennium of righteousness _____ the resurrection. On trial for the _____ of the resurrection of the _____.

1. The Fathers

Paul lived as a P_____ in his J_____.

The promise refers to the A_____ covenant.

This is also the hope of the t_____ t_____ of Israel.

Their perpetual w_____ is aimed at this hope.

2. The Hope

The promises to Abraham are e_____ in nature.

He was looking forward to the h_____ city of God.

The patriarchs were s_____ and e_____ on the earth.

They desire a _____ country, that is, a heavenly one.

“The God of Abraham” is a promise of r_____.

Calvin: The covenant was to direct attention to h_____.

Paul strives to _____ to the resurrection.

Why is it thought i_____ that God raises the dead?

The phrase is p_____: “The resurrection of the dead _____.”

All our hope is grounded in J_____ resurrection.

Christ’s resurrection and the c_____ resurrection are one.

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

Westminster will be hosting our annual Vacation Bible School, "Camp Firelight VBS 2024: A Summer Camp Adventure With God!", July 22nd-July 26th from 9am-12pm each day. Our VBS is open to ages 4 to 12. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please see Brenda Grammer (thegrammers@yahoo.com).

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	10:30 AM
Sunday School	12:00 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).

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Rev. Justin Chiarot

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