

Westminster  Presbyterian  
Church

**Midweek Prayer Service**

Wednesday, September 16, 2020  
Sanctuary · 11:45 a.m.

**Prelude**

Larghetto

G. F. Handel

**Call to Worship**

Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,  
**To the rising of this life itself.**  
Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,  
**The hand of God between us and each hand.**  
The pain of Christ between us and each pain,  
**The love of Christ between us and each love.**  
O God, who brought us to the gift of this new day  
**Help us to cherish this day**  
**and bring us to the guiding light of eternity. Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**O Christ, you are within each of us.**  
**It is our own inner being you have renewed.**  
**We are your temple not made with hands.**  
**We are your body.**  
**If every wall should crumble, and every church decay,**  
**we are your habitation.**  
**Nearer are you than breathing,**  
**closer than hands and feet.**  
**Ours are the eyes with which you, in the mystery,**  
**look out with compassion on the world.**  
**Yet we praise you for this community of disciples,**  
**for your directing of us, your redeeming of us,**  
**and your indwelling in us. We are yours. Amen.**

*Refrain*

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all. *Fine*

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,  
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,  
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.  
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky:  
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.  
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well. *to Refrain*

## Psalm 116

- <sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, because he has heard  
my voice and my supplications.
- <sup>2</sup> **Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**
- <sup>3</sup> The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.
- <sup>4</sup> **Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
“O Lord, I pray, save my life!”**
- <sup>5</sup> Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.
- <sup>6</sup> **The Lord protects the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.**
- <sup>7</sup> Return, O my soul, to your rest,  
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.
- <sup>8</sup> **For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling.**
- <sup>9</sup> I walk before the Lord  
in the land of the living.
- <sup>10</sup> I kept my faith, even when I said,  
**“I am greatly afflicted”;**
- <sup>11</sup> I said in my consternation,  
**“Everyone is a liar.”**
- <sup>12</sup> What shall I return to the Lord  
for all his bounty to me?
- <sup>13</sup> **I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord,**
- <sup>14</sup> **I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.**
- <sup>15</sup> Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful ones.
- <sup>16</sup> **O Lord, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.  
You have loosed my bonds.**
- <sup>17</sup> I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice  
and call on the name of the Lord.
- <sup>18</sup> I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people,
- <sup>19</sup> in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
- Praise the Lord!**

## Psalm Prayer

**God our Redeemer,  
you have delivered us from death  
in the resurrection of Jesus Christ  
and brought us to new life by the power of your Spirit.  
Give us grace to keep our promises to praise and serve you all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:25-34

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

<sup>34</sup> “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

## Silent Meditation

### Prayers of the People

The Lord’s unfailing love and mercy never cease,  
**fresh as the morning and sure as the sunrise.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Lam. 3: 22-23

(Corporate prayers of thanksgiving, intercession,  
and supplication follow, with times for silent prayer)

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.**

**O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek so much  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

Attrib. to Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)

### **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.**

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;  
 3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and seek, its and you ev - ery word  
 and seek, its and you ev - ery word  
 but by ev - ery word

al - le - lu - ia,  
 and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.  
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.  
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.  
 al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

**Charge**

(I Cor. 16:13; 2 Tim. 2:1; Eph. 6:10; I Th. 5:13-22; I Ptr. 2:17)

Go out into the world in peace;  
 have courage;  
 hold on to what is good;  
 return no one evil for evil;  
 strengthen the fainthearted;  
 support the weak, and help the suffering;  
 honor all people;  
 love and serve the Lord,  
 rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Blessing**

And may the Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord be kind and gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor  
 and give you peace.

Num. 6: 24-26

**Alleluia! Amen.**

## Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

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