

Westminster  Presbyterian
Church

Midweek Prayer Service

**Wednesday, November 18, 2020
Sanctuary · 11:45 a.m.**

Prelude Sonata in F: Largo and Allegro G.F. Handel

***Opening Sentences**

Those who trust in the Lord for help
will find their strength renewed. Isa. 40:31
They will rise up on wings like eagles;
they will run and not be weary;
they will walk and not faint.

Prayer of the Day

**New every morning is your love, great God of light,
and all day long you are working for good in the world.
Stir up in us the desire to serve you,
to live peacefully and justly with our neighbors,
and to devote each day to your Son,
our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,
Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Psalm 40

I waited patiently upon you, O Lord;
 you stooped to me and heard my cry.

**You lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of mire and clay;
 you set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**

You put a new song in my mouth,
 a song of praise to our God;
 many shall see, and stand in awe,
 and put their trust in the Lord.

**Happy are they who trust in the Lord!
 They do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.**

Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
 How great your wonders and your plans for us!
 There is none who can be compared with you.

**Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!
But they are more than I can count.**

In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure
(you have given me ears to hear you);

**burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required,
and so I said, “Behold, I come.**

In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:
‘I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.’”

**I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O Lord, you know.**

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

**You are the Lord;
do not withhold your compassion from me;
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever,**

for innumerable troubles have crowded upon me;
my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see;
they are more in number than the hairs of my head,
and my heart fails me.

**Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.**

Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed
who seek after my life to destroy it;
let them draw back and be disgraced
who take pleasure in my misfortune.

**Let those who say “Aha!” and gloat over me be confounded,
because they are ashamed.**

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad;
Let those who love your salvation continually say,
“Great is the Lord!”

**Though I am poor and afflicted,
the Lord will have regard for me.**

**You are my helper and my deliverer;
do not tarry, O my God.**

Psalm Prayer

**O God, none can compare with you,
for your wondrous deeds for our salvation are without number
Make us bold witnesses to your faithfulness
that all the earth may rejoice in your love toward us
in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.**

Scripture Readings

James 3:13-18

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

Silent Meditation

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Satisfy us with your love in the morning,
and we will live this day in joy and praise.

(There will be times for personal spoken or silent prayers.)

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.**

1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can
 2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but
 3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -

reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to
 thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me
 fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -

thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,
 whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness
 way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,

thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.
 from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.
 noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

Blessing

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Bless the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised!

The Peace

Go now in peace, loving God
with all your heart and soul, mind and strength,
and love your neighbor as yourself.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you. Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.

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