

WESTMINSTER  PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

Holy Communion

Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

GATHERING

(Silence during the Prelude is requested in preparation for worship.)

PRELUDE	Two Settings of Gelobt sie Gott	Flor Peeters
	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing</i>	John Leavitt

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Beloved, we are God's children now;

When Christ is revealed, we will be like him.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The time has come to worship our God.

**The time has come to lift our voices in praise
and our hearts in thanksgiving.**

We give thanks for the life-giving and nurturing love of God.

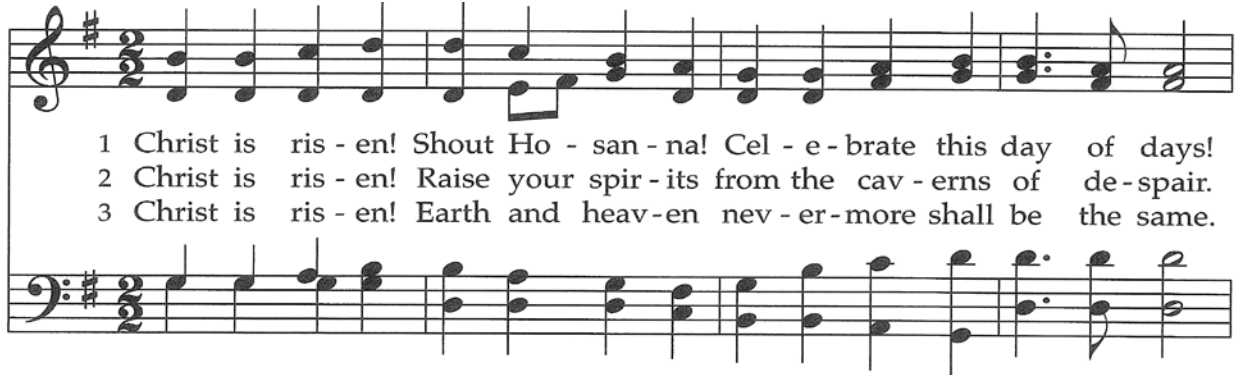
**We give thanks for God, who loves us unconditionally,
who loves us beyond our imagining.**

Let us come and worship,
giving thanks to the God, who calls us to be disciples.

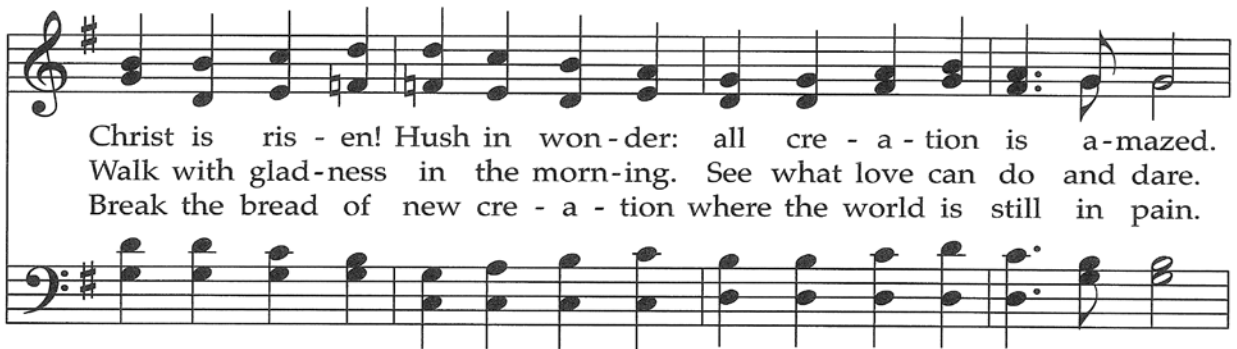
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 248

HYMN TO JOY

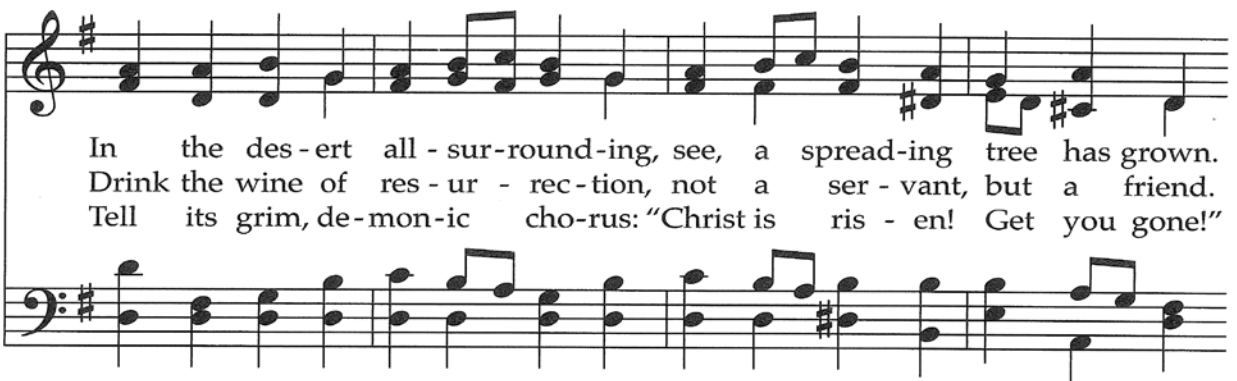
Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!



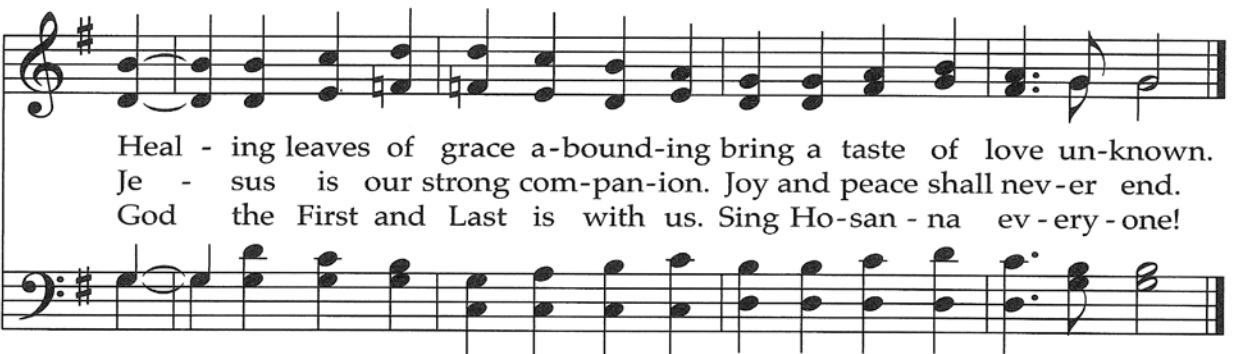
1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us draw near to God with sincerity of heart
and full assurance of faith, our guilty hearts sprinkled clean,
our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all hope and joy, we confess
That we continue to live in fear.
You sent the Lord of life among us
Yet we gave him up to die.
You raised him from the dead
Yet we still do not believe.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Help us to receive with gratitude
The great gift of love you offer,
And live as your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Silent confession)

Kyrie *(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)*

Hal H. Hopson

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(The liturgist pours water, which reminds us of our baptism.)

Believe the Good News: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

***The Peace**

Since God in Christ has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you.")

***ACT OF PRAISE**

(Hymn 513 v. 5) FESTIVAL CANTICLE

This Is the Feast of Victory

(The congregation is invited to sing with the choir.)

**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia! Refrain.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*(Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Register,
which is located on the center aisle end of each pew.)*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

John 3:1-7 *(New Testament, pages 93-94 in your pew Bible)*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 4 *(singing together Hymn 776)*

TALLIS' ORDINAL

Luke 24:36-48 *(New Testament, page 91 in your pew Bible)*

SERMON

“Get real!”

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

776

O God, Be Gracious

(Psalm 4)

1 O God, be gra - cious; hear my prayer, and
 2 How long, O God, will li - ars boast while
 3 When ter - ror wakes me from my dreams and
 4 Some fear that you will not pro - vide; they
 5 Now lay me down to sleep in peace; in

an - swer when I cry. You give me hope in
 I am smeared with shame? Come, set your faith - ful
 shakes me through and through, teach me to pray with
 cry, "Show us your face!" But you have sat - is -
 safe - ty let me rest. O God, with - in your

my dis - tress; you will not pass me by.
 ser - vant free; I call up - on your name!
 con - fi - dence and put my trust in you.
 fied my heart with good - ness, joy, and grace.
 lov - ing care I am for - ev - er blessed.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe that in the death of Jesus on the cross
God achieved and demonstrated once for all
the costly forgiveness of our sins.**

**Jesus Christ is the Reconciler between God and the world.
He acted on behalf of sinners as one of us,
fulfilling the obedience God demands of us,
accepting God's condemnation of our sinfulness.**

**In his lonely agony on the cross...he was acting on behalf of God,
manifesting the Father's love that takes on itself
the loneliness, pain, and death
that result from our waywardness.**

**In Christ, God was reconciling the world to God's self,
not holding our sins against us.**

(From A Declaration of Faith)

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

Be Thou My Vision

Philip Stopford

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be Thou my armor and be Thou my might:
Thou my soul's shelter and Thou my high tow'r,
Raise Thou me heav'nward, O pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, or man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, through all my days:
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven when the battle is done;
Grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heav'n's sun:
Christ of my own heart whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us.
Stay with us, it soon is evening.
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us,
it soon is evening, and night is falling.
Jesus Christ, the world's true light!
Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it!
Stay with us, Lord Jesus; it soon is evening...
Let your light pierce the darkness
and fill your church with its glory.
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us.
Stay with us; it soon is evening.
Stay with us, Lord Jesus; it soon is evening...

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE**

***INVITATION**

***GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy ... and is risen to raise us to new life.

Therefore we praise you, singing with angels and archangels,
and with all the faithful of every time and place,

to the glory of your mighty name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.
God of pow - er and might. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na
in the high - est! Bles - sed is he who comes, he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

(The congregation may be seated.)

You are holy, O God of majesty ... to be a living and holy sacrifice,
dedicated to your service.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit ... and may we rejoice with
indescribable and glorious joy.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever.

ALL:
[organ] A - men, A - men, A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Prayed in unison*)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music during Communion

Easter Hymn

Jim Ferguson

Anthem (*8:30 a.m.*)

The Gift of Love

Scottish Folksong/arr. Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire, And have not love;
my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and strive so my love profess,
But not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, spirit come, our hearts control. Our spirits long to be made whole.
O come, spirit, come, Let inward love, Let love guide ev'ry deed.
By this we worship, we are freed. Amen, amen.

Anthem (*11:00 a.m.*)

See What Love (*St. Paul*)

Felix Mendelssohn

See what love hath the Father bestow'd on us in His goodness,
That we should be called God's own children, God's own children.
See what love hath the Father bestow'd on us, Love in His goodness,
yea, in His goodness, That we should be called God's own children.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN 536

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCLESIA

Capo 2: (Em)

(D)

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Leader

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

(C)

(G)

(Am)

(D)

(Em)

D

A

Bm

E

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Response

and all that is with - in me, bless God's ho - ly name!

(Em)

(D)

(Em)

F#m

E

F#m

Leader

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

(Em)

(C)

(D)

(E)

F#m

D

E

F#

Response

and for - get not all God's ben - e - fits.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Gelobt sei Gott

Brian Solomons

**(Those who are able may stand.)*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Millicent Dair Stone Wilson
by Tom, Julie and Ferrell Wilson.*

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS: Liturgist: Guy Griffith, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Spiritual Nurture; (8:30 a.m.) Lay liturgist: Mary Hande; (11:00 a.m.) Lay liturgist: Brent Stoker.

MUSICIANS: (8:30 a.m.) Laudate Youth Choir; (11:00 a.m.) Westminster Choir; John W. Semingson, Director of Music Ministries; Polly Brecht, Organist.

USHERS: (8:30 a.m.) Ron Stanley, Sylvia Grant, Marc Stanley, Sarah Frances Stanley, Laura Stanley; (11:00 a.m.) Jim Jenkins, Anne Claire Jenkins, Kathryn Jenkins. *Should a congregant need assistance at any time during the service, please contact one of the ushers in the Narthex.*

COMMUNION: The Presbyterian Church (USA) practices “open Communion” without regard to denominational affiliation. All who are truly sorry for their sins and seek to become more faithful to Christ are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Westminster celebrates the “Eucharist,” meaning “thanksgiving,” on the first Sunday of each month, on the first Sunday of each liturgical season, and on every Sunday during the Season of Easter, except Baptism Sundays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. Our love and acceptance of each other affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person, regardless of our differences, and bear witness to the love of God for all people and our commitment to Christ. Any who are interested in joining us in this journey are invited to speak with one of our Greeters, who will be standing by the Baptismal font after each worship service. The Greeters for today are (8:30 a.m.) Sarah Wilkinson and (11:00 a.m.) Anne Carr.

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS AND ASSISTIVE HEARING DEVICES are available from an Usher in the Narthex. **Tune your hearing devices to channel 1.**

PRAYER SERVICE FOR WHOLENESS will be held in the Chapel immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service today. This brief and informal service (roughly 15 minutes) will include a time of centering ourselves in God’s love and light, sharing concerns and joys, and individual and communal prayer. Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler is available to pray with and for members of our community. Bring whatever needs for prayer are on your heart; all ages are welcome.

SPONSOR-A-LAUDATE! Now is the time to sponsor one or more Laudate Youth Choir members with a donation to the “Sponsor-a-Laudate” campaign. Sponsorships are \$25 each and you may sponsor as many youth choir members as you wish. There will be a display in the Parlor that includes each youth’s picture and sponsor’s names will be added under pictures for every \$25 donation. Sponsorships may be made at the display table in the parlor on Sunday mornings or by dropping a check off at the church office. Please make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and memo it for Youth Choir Tour. \$5,000 is the goal for this year’s campaign which means we need 200 sponsor pledges. Please contact Jennie Renwick (615-300-2787) or John Semingson (615-513-2977) if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support of our Laudate Youth Choir.

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*Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light
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“For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness’, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.” (2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

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