

Fruit that will last

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. — John 15:1

Sentences of Scripture

Rev. Jen Porter

Opening Voluntary

(A musical prayer offered on behalf of the people of God.)

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” arr. Helen Hofmeister  
Chapel Ringers

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Chandler Stokes

Call to Worship (seated)

Victoria Kratt

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: This is our ancient story.

All: This is our ancient story.

One: In him was life and the life was the light of all people.

All: Praise be to God.

One: No one has greater love than this.

All: No one has greater love than this.

One: God goes with us, and she is with us now.

All: Let the amen sound from the people again.

++ Hymn 35

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Lobe Den Herren

Call to Confession

Susan Jennings.

(Trusting that God is love, we express our lament, our brokenness, and our failings to God.)

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, you invite us to be one with you, just as you were one with Christ. And you show us the way. Still, we come with weight on our shoulders, trying to solve our problems and the problems of the world. Our anxiety and pain separate us from one another and from you. Help us to let go of our attempts to solve and fix and heal. These separate lives just don't satisfy. Our desire is for Christ to bring us fully into one shared life with you. God who was, and God who is, and God who always will be, hear our prayer...

Silent Confession

Kyrie - Unison

“Lord, Have Mercy”

John Weaver



The Assurance of God's Grace

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Therefore, no failure lies beyond the healing of God's grace; no pattern of living beyond the reach of change.

All: God's love is perfect, and it is the power of new life.

One: God has the power to change us, to transform us into who we were called to be.

All: In the power of God's love we are forgiven, we are accepted, and everything is made new. Amen.

++Response Hymn 232 (stanza 4)

Sing we to our God above—Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love—Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host—Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost—Alleluia!

Easter Hymn

Recognition of Heritage Members

++The Summary of the Law and the Passing of the Peace

(A sign of forgiveness and reconciliation.)

One: Our Lord Jesus said:

All: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

One: This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it:

All: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.”

One: And to empower you in this way, may the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Ministry of Music

“My Lord, What a Morning”

arr. Sue Ellen Page

Kirk Singers Seniors

Blessings with Younger Disciples

(Children three years old through second grade may finish their time of worship in the Worship Centers. Children's worship leaders will shepherd them from the Sanctuary to their rooms. Parents may pick them up in their worship rooms following the service.)

In the pews: May the Lord be with each of you as you worship together.

Children: And may the Lord be with you as you worship here.

In the pews: Go in peace!

THE WORD

Introduction to the Scripture

Prayer for Illumination

Steve Marshall

(We pray that the words of Scripture may be encountered as God's Word.)

Scripture Reading

John 15:9-17

New Testament p. 109-110

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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Rev. Jen Porter

RESPONDING TO THE WORD  
THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People - (The cup contains grape juice and the bread is gluten free.) Communion will be served by intinction. Please come forward row by row starting in the front. On the pulpit side, use the aisles on the left of your section to come to the front and return by the aisle to your right. On the lectern side, use the aisles on the right of your section to come to the front and return by the aisle to your left. If you prefer to remain seated, an elder will come to you with the elements. Take the bread and dip it in the chalice. It is appropriate to respond by saying “Amen” upon receiving the sacrament.

Closing Prayer

THE OFFERING

Receiving the Offering - Signing of the Friendship Register

(Please sign the friendship pad and pass it down the pew. Thank you!)

Offertory

“Behold, God the Lord”

Felix Mendelssohn

from Elijah

Behold, God the Lord passed by! And a mighty wind rent the mountains around, break in pieces the rocks, break them before the Lord. But yet the Lord was not in the tempest. Behold, God the Lord passed by! And the sea was upheaved, and the earth was shaken. But yet the Lord was not in the earthquake.

And after the earthquake there came a fire. But yet the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came a still, small voice: And in that still voice onward came the Lord. (1 Kings XIX:11-12)

Sanctuary Choir

++Doxology (means “words of glory”—they are a traditional expression of praise to God.)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!

++Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Risen Christ, you have intertwined your life with our human history. You have become love enfleshed and you are now enfleshed in us. Transformed by your Word and at your Table, we choose to follow you, the one who was wounded and yet whole. We dedicate our lives to your way of love, from this day and unto death. We go, remembering well the future you have called us to receive. May it be so. Amen and Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Hymn 536

“Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”

Surge Ecclesia

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary (A musical prayer offered on behalf of the people of God.)

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” arr. John Leavitt

The Charge

Go into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold on to all that 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.

## AHEAD IN WORSHIP

8:30a & 11:00a

### EASTERTIDE WORSHIP

May 13—The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
*Can These Bones Live?*

Rev. Jeremy Bork preaching  
Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Music: Helen Hofmeister, Harpsichord at 8:30a  
Sanctuary Choir and Harpsichord at 11:00a

May 20—Pentecost Sunday

8:30a—Theological Questions Take the Center/Rev. Stokes  
Scripture: I Peter 3:15

Music: Barb Corbato, Viola

11:00a—The Mendelssohn Elijah

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

Music: Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

### COMING UP IN ADULT FAITH FORMATION

#### OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 13, 9:40 -10:40 A.M.

#### IN THE CHAPEL: *The Systems that Perpetuate Whiteness* -

**Prof. Stacia Hoeksema, CORR**

In this session, participants will learn about how systems of criminal justice, housing, immigration, health care, and education perpetuate and maintain inequality for people based upon the social construct of race.

#### IN THE FOOD PANTRY (DOWNSTAIRS): *LECTIO DIVINA*

We will continue offering the opportunity to experience the practice of *Lectio Divina* through the end of the program year. Now is your chance to join us in the ancient, participatory practice of reading, reflecting, and responding to Holy Scripture, praying as if in a conversation with God.

#### *Please remember in your prayers this week...*

Blessings to our 50-year heritage members! We are grateful for your presence among us and we celebrate you today.

## Welcome to Westminster

*If you are new to Westminster, this information may help you get oriented.*

First of all, if you have any questions, please feel free to talk to any of the ushers or greeters or staff members. It's a pretty big church and not always easy to find your way around.

- Worship bags (younger children) and worship folders (older children) are available on the bookshelf in the narthex, and contain age-appropriate materials to help children engage with what they're seeing and doing.
- LARGE print bulletins—much easier on the eyes.
- Hearing devices are also available, as well as:
- T-loop hearing assistance: set your hearing aid to "T"

- More about **children**: We intend to be welcoming to all children. *Please let us know how we are doing.* Contact Nancy Greidanus—nancyg@wpcgr.org.
  - o All children are welcome to stay throughout the entire worship service. OR:
  - o **Nursery** rooms are located down the hall to the right of the Parlor, which is in the northeast corner of the Gathering Place. Nursery care is available from 8:15a - 12:30p (or 15 minutes after the conclusion of worship).
  - o **Nurturing Centers**: Children ages 3 and 4 may leave the service after the time of Blessings for stories, songs, and free play.
  - o **Worship Centers**: Children 4 years through second grade may also leave at the time of the Blessings to complete their worship in an interactive setting.

- **Coffee Hour**: Absolutely everyone is welcome, even if coffee is not your cup of tea!

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## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher.....Rev. Jen Porter, Assoc. Pastor for Faith Formation & Pastoral Care  
 Liturgists ..... Rev. Chandler Stokes, Senior Pastor Head of Staff  
 ..... Victoria Kratt, Youth Liturgist  
 ..... Susan Jennings, Minister for Pastoral Care and Membership  
 ..... Steve Marshall, Heritage Member (11:00a)  
 ..... Marilyn Lawrence, Heritage Member (8:30a)

Acolytes ..... Dylan Van Skiver and Harper Davis  
 Minister of Music ..... Helen Hofmeister

#### Music for Worship

8:30a - Maria Schoon and Lauren Fuller, Sopranos

11:00a - Chapel Ringers

Kirk Singers Seniors

Sanctuary Choir

Janlee Richter, Accompanist

#### USHERS - Team B

8:30 am: Bernard and Kathy Smith, Rolleen and Bill Westfall

11:00 am: David Abbott, Randy Block, Daryl Fischer and Dan Gleason,  
Larry Hollenbeck, Mary Jane Lamse, Steve Marshall,  
Barry McKey, Wayne Spillane, Rob Wybrecht

#### GREETERS

8:30 am: Atrium.....Lois Waldecker  
Narthex .....Marilyn Dooce

11:00 am: Atrium..... Leza Moerland  
E. Narthex.....Carolyn and Jim Morse  
W. Narthex ..... John and Deb Flietstra

#### NURSERY

8:30 & 11:00 am:..... Staff

11:00 am: Volunteer..... Kate Bylsma

#### WORSHIP CENTER

8:30 am: - *Parable*

Leader..... Jane Hedges

Center 1 - 11:00 am: - (5-year olds & Kndg.) - *Parable*

Leader..... Katie Prince

Greeter..... Lindsey Lunt

Center 2 - 11:00 am: - (1st & 2nd graders) - *Parable*

Leader..... Jen Kotchenruther

Greeter..... Karsten Kotchenruther

#### NURTURING CENTER - 11:00am: - *A New Friend*-Paul

Leader..... Maggie Atwater

Greeter..... Claire Baguley

FLOWERS - The flowers in the chancel today are given by the Westminster Presbyterian Adults in honor of our many Heritage Members.

THE ROSE ON THE COMMUNION TABLE today is in celebration of the birth of Berkleigh Heinonen on April 19, 2018 to parents Jeremy and McKensay Heinonen, little sister to Graison, Xaidon, and Geonna.

**DEVOTION FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 6--JOHN 21:1-19** The exchange between Peter and Jesus in verses 15 to 19 are...confusing. Jesus asks "Do you love me?" As far as we can tell, Peter says, "yep!" only for Jesus to ask him the same question two more times. But there's more going on. The first two times he poses the question, Jesus uses a word with the root "agape"—unconditional, ultimate, self-sacrificing love. And Peter replies with the word phileo—the love between friends or siblings. Peter can't match the love that Jesus has for him. So in the final exchange, Jesus takes a step toward Peter by meeting him as far as he could go. Do you love me with phileo love, Peter? "Yes," Peter says, "I do." And for Jesus, that is enough. We'll start there. "Follow me."

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for your grace—the grace that meets me where I am and works with what I have to offer. Thank you for grace that makes much of even a little. Amen.



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## THE SEASON OF EASTER

THE GREAT STORM IS OVER



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## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER HERITAGE SUNDAY

MAY 6, 2018  
11:00 A.M.