

MORNING WORSHIP
After These Things

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"Hope germinates wherever and whenever love goes to work." —Norman Wirzba

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Susan Jennings
As we prepare for worship, we are invited to be attentive to God's presence in our midst.

Introit

"Al Shlosa D'Varim" Allan E. Naplan (b. 1972)

Translation from Hebrew:

The world is sustained by three things, by truth, by justice, and by peace.

"Rejoice in the Lord" Jane Lindner (1940-2015)

Rejoice in the Lord, again I will say: rejoice!

Be gentle to all, the Lord is near.

Be thankful and pray, and God will give you peace.

Chapel Choir

++Call to Worship (Adapted from Paschal Homily of St. John Chrysostom) John Nienhuis

O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory?

Christ is risen, and you are overthrown!

Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen!

Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice!

Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ is become the first fruits of those who've fallen asleep.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

++Hymn 251

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

Mfurahini, haleluya

(stanzas 1, 2, & 5)

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the old ways that lead to death. Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves.

Silent Confession

Kyrie

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Kyrie Eleison



Assurance of God's Grace

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the power of sin has been defeated. God's love is stronger still.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

++ Stand in body or in spirit

Bold text is spoken by the congregation

++Response Hymn 246

"Christ Is Alive!"

(stanza 5)

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Truro

++Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

We invite you to come forward to receive the communion elements and partake of them immediately as you receive them. Please take your used cups with you as you return to your seats and place them in the cupholders in the back of your pew. If you would like the elements brought to you, please raise your hand and a server will bring them to you. All bread is gluten-free. Children are welcome to participate in this sacrament.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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 thanks and praise.

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 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.

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Music

"Venetian Boat-Songs" from Songs Without Words

Op. 19 and 30

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Prayer of Response

Here at this table we celebrate resurrection as you feed us with bread and wine. Though we might prefer to stay here in this protected place, you send us back to our work—though it is no longer the same work. We know you are with us and in us, making us to be your witnesses in the world. Nourished in body, mind, and spirit, may all that we say and do give you glory. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Hymn 248

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

Hymn to Joy

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"Ciacona in D major"

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

CONGREGATIONAL CHARGE

Go into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold on to all that is good. Return no one evil for evil. Do justice. Walk with those who are fainthearted. Help those who suffer. Honor all people. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

++Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Ministry of Music

"I know that my Redeemer liveth"

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Kathleen Pool, Soprano

Blessings with Younger Disciples

Nancy Greidanus

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

Congregation: As you worship together, may God be with you.

Children: And also with you.

Congregation: Go in peace!

THE WORD

Scripture

John 21:1-19

New Testament p. 115

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"After These Things"

Rev. Kyle Nolan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

++Hymn 726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

Kelvingrove

(stanzas 1, 4, & 5)

++Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond our understanding.

We call God powerful, wise, and good.

But in Jesus Christ, God reveals love by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people.

The power of God's love in Christ transforms the world, and discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of this love.

Offering Our Lives

Please take a moment to sign and pass the red friendship pad located in the pew, and take note of those worshiping next to you. We invite you to fill out any of the pew cards and place them in the offering plate.

Offertory

"This Joyful Eastertide"

Dutch folk song
arr. Jeremy J. Bankson (b. 1975)

The text of this anthem can be found in the hymnal, hymn 244.

Sanctuary Choir

AHEAD IN WORSHIP

May 11

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
Music Celebration Sunday**

Rev. Lynette Sparks
Sanctuary Choir & Instrumental Ensemble

May 18


**Fifth Sunday of Easter
Confirmation Sunday**

Rev. Lynette Sparks
Acts 11:1-18
Sanctuary Choir & Guests, Bell Choir, Youth Strings

Ahead in Adult Faith Formation:

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH TOGETHER: May 4, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

A unique invitation for adults to engage in conversation on indigenous perspectives with high schoolers attending the trip to Washington state this summer. We had a wonderful meeting about culture and values last week. Join us this Sunday for another combined meeting, this time focusing on theological questions. We will eat lunch again from Parsley Mediterranean.



**WE ARE A
MATTHEW 25 Church**

Matthew 25:31-46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. Convicted by this passage, the Presbyterian Church (USA) decided to act boldly and compassionately to see our neighbors through Jesus' eyes and serve those who are marginalized or in need, by building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty.

YOU ARE INVITED TO WEAR A NAMETAG!

We encourage you to wear a nametag every Sunday to help us learn to know one another better and extend our welcome. If you would like a reusable nametag, please email Crystal at crystalh@wpcgr.org.

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher.....Rev. Kyle Nolan
 LiturgistsSusan Jennings, Minister for Pastoral Care & Mission
John Nienhuis
Nancy Greidanus, Minister with Children & Families
 Musicians.....Robert Ragoonanan, Minister of Music
Janlee Richter, Music Ministry Associate
Kathleen Pool, Soprano
Janet Carter, Flute
Chapel Singers
Sanctuary Choir
 Ushers.....Bernie Smith, Kathy Smith, John Boerman
Stephen Marshall, Sherrill Vore, Marian Vanderwall
Tom DeVries, Ralph Hammond, Ben Boerkoel
 AV TeamDan Cisler, Ian Dengerink-Van Til, Ricky Rivard

Welcome to Westminster

MEMBERSHIP

If you have questions about the life of the church or becoming a member, please email Crystal Hovey at crystalh@wpcgr.org. More information about worship and updates from the church can be found at westminstergr.org. You are welcome and celebrated here!

ACCESSIBILITY

If you'd like a large-print bulletin, please ask one of the ushers at a Sanctuary entrance. For T-loop hearing assistance, set your hearing aid to T.

We have accessible, all-gender, companion bathrooms available off of the Dining Room.

CHILDREN

Parents of three-year-olds to fifth graders, come to the children's check-in tables in the Gathering Place before the service to sign in. Ask an usher if you'd like special worship bags, folders, or children's bulletins to help your kids engage in worship. The nursery (babies through two-year-olds) is available during the service. Children (ages 3 through 2nd grade) will begin worship in the Sanctuary and be invited to continue worship in the interactive settings of our worship centers. Leaders will shepherd them to their centers, but parents are welcome to lead them as well. Children will wait for you at the end of the service in the Children's Ministry hallway off the Gathering Place.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

For more information about youth or young adult ministry, please contact our Minister with Youth and Young Adults Kat Hand at kath@wpcgr.org.



Resurrection of Christ and Descent into Hell Icon, Russia, 19th Century

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 4, 2025

10:00 A.M.