

WESTMINSTER  PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

**Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 21, 2021**

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Pastorale on Rockingham
When I survey the wondrous cross

Norman Gilbert

Love Unknown

Matthew Corl

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God.

(Those who are able may stand.)

Be still and know that God is.

God was, also, in the beginning.

And when all human striving has ceased, God will still be.

**From everlasting to everlasting, God is God,
and alone is worthy to be worshipped.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

God of life,

in your hand we find our lives.

Be present with us in this time together.

Let your Spirit mold us,

shape us, and remake us

this morning and every day

until we conform to the shape

that you call us to take;

the shape of love known and shown

in Jesus the Christ. Amen.

***HYMN 264**

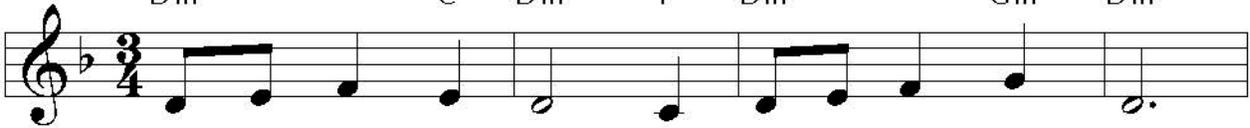
At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

Capo 5: (Am)
Dm

(G) (Am) (C) (Am)
C Dm F Dm

(Dm) (Am)
Gm Dm



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
2 Hum-bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
3 Bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
4 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

(C) (G) (Am) (C) (Dm)
F C Dm F Gm



ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;

(G) (Em) (Am) (G) (D) (G)
C Am Dm C G C



'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast,
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

(Am) (G) (Em) (Dm) (C) (G) (Am)
Dm C Am Gm F C Dm



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us pray for the cleansing of our hearts,
confessing our sins to the One whose mercy is everlasting.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Redeeming God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart,
and have not loved our neighbors as we ought;
we have strayed from your commandments.
Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities,
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

(Silent confession)

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

The musical score for the Kyrie consists of four staves of music in 3/4 time. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy." The first staff is for the Choir, the second for the Congregation, the third for the Choir, and the fourth for the Congregation and Choir. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a focus on the text.

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.")

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

(Sung responsively after each scripture reading.)

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Renew a right spirit within me.

Renew a right spirit within me.

Psalms 119:9-16

Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes;
and I shall keep it unto the end.

John 12:20-33

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

(A moment for meditation)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God’s image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.**

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

**Ignoring God’s commandments,
we violate the image of God
in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet
entrusted to our care.**

We deserve God’s condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

**In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah
chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ
of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

(From A Brief Statement of Faith)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem What Wondrous Love is This Paul Christiansen

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul, What wondrous love is this,
that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**We make our offerings, small and large,
with the hope and confidence
that all we do, all we offer, all we say,
all we think, and all we hope
will take root in this world**

**and be the source of new expressions
of God's love, of God's justice,
of God's character, of God's mission,
and of God's reign.**

**May God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven
through us, alongside us, despite us, and for us. Amen.**

***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.**

SENDING

***HYMN 51** To Abraham and Sarah
[see page 8 for hymn]

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***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Renew a right spirit within me.
Renew a right spirit within me.

POSTLUDE

Toccat: Aberystwyth
Savior, when in dust to you

David Bednall

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

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To Abraham and Sarah

I Will Be Your God

1 To A - bra - ham and Sa - rah the call of God was clear:
 2 From A - bra - ham and Sa - rah a - rose a pil - grim race,
 3 We of this gen - er - a - tion on whom God's hand is laid

"Go forth and I will show you a coun - try rich and fair.
 de - pen - dent for their jour - ney on God's a - bun - dant grace;
 can jour - ney to the fu - ture se - cure and un - a - fraid,

You need not fear the jour - ney, for I have pledged my word
 and in their heart was writ - ten by God this sav - ing word,
 re - joic - ing in God's good - ness and trust - ing in this word,

that you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."
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SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS: Liturgist: Sophie Maness, Executive Director of Family Ministries.

MUSICIANS: Emily Harrison, Susan Kelly, Ally Hard, Hannah Sims, Colby White, Garrett Doo, Alec Koukol, soloists; John W. Semingson, Director of Music Ministries; Polly Brecht, Organist.

LENT: The word “Lent” is derived from the Old English word *lencten*, meaning “Spring,” which in turn derives from the Old High German *lenzin*, referring to “the lengthening of days.” The season we know as Spring was originally called Lent. Lent gradually adhered strictly to church practice, and Spring came to designate the season following Winter.

Lent lasts for forty weekdays plus Sundays, a number richly grounded in Biblical tradition. In the Bible there are 120 references to the number forty, among them: the days of Noah’s deluge; the days that Moses spent on the mountain; the years Israel wandered in the wilderness; the days of Elijah’s journey to the cave of the “still, small voice;” and Jesus’ forty-day wilderness sojourn in which he was tempted by Satan.

Lent has traditionally been a time in which Christians have engaged in self-reflection, fasting, prayer, confession, and repentance in anticipation of the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ. At Westminster, in order to emphasize the meaning of Lent, we adopt a more penitential posture in worship. There are no flowers; no festive choir processional; no *Act of Praise* following the *Confession and Assurance of Pardon*; and at several points in the service we incorporate the ancient and plaintive supplication from Psalm 51: “Create in me a clean heart, O God.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: In-person worship services in the Sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. continue today, March 21, 2021. Indoor Service protocols (<https://bit.ly/39K0gOX>) will be maintained. Reservations must be made in advance.

If you are interested in attending a worship service, please reserve your spot below, and let us know how many people will be in your party. You will be able to see immediately if space is still available. Attendance is capped at 63 people. In the reservation comment section, you will be able to address any needs you may have during the service.

Please [click here](#) to make a reservation for the **8:30 am service**.

Please [click here](#) for **childcare reservations** for the 8:30 am service.

Please [click here](#) to make a reservation for the **11:00 am service**.

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If you miss the service, you can watch it later in the day or week. Go to nashvillewpc.org and in the Quick Links box, click on WPC Live Stream Services. The newest service may not yet be dated.

WELCOME: Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. If you are interested in learning about membership, please contact Melissa Threatt (864.506.0267; melissa.threatt@gmail.com) or Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler (615.292.5526; hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org).

THE RED ROSE IN THE CHANCEL this morning gives glory and thanksgiving to God for the birth of a daughter, Caroline Elizabeth, born on March 16, 2021 to Jorie and Chip Reeves. Big brother Charlie is so happy!

LENTEN MID-DAY PRAYER EVERY WEDNESDAY THROUGH LENT: Westminster's staff will be leading Lenten Mid-Day Prayer in the Sanctuary every Wednesday from 11:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m. to March 31st. Go to nashvillewpc.org and in the Quick Links box, click on WPC Live Stream Services.

EASTER LILIES: This year, our Easter worship services may be different, but we will continue with our treasured tradition of gracing our Sanctuary with lilies on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021. [Click here](#) to order a lily (\$10 each) in honor of or in memory of a loved one or email your order to Terri Eckert at teckert@nashvillewpc.org. *The deadline for submitting names to be included in the Easter bulletin is today, March 21, 2021.*

WPC MONTHLY FINANCIAL OPERATING SUMMARY: Each month the Finance Committee provides a summary of the church operating income and expenses. If any members wish to have more information about church finances, please contact: Jo Ann McFarlin, jmcfarlin@nashvillewpc.org or 615-292-5526x 231, Mike Koban, Finance Committee Chair at mkoban@prodigy.net, or Suzanne McLemore, Treasurer at suzannegm58@gmail.com.

February 28, 2021

	<u>February</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income:	\$249,146	\$863,504
Expense:	<u>\$205,443</u>	<u>\$484,659</u>
Net Income (loss):	<u>\$ 43,703</u>	<u>\$378,845</u>

DIAL-A-SERVICE: If you or someone you know has difficulty connecting to our online streaming services, we have a new and easy alternative for you: Dial-A-Service! Every Sunday, the 8:30 a.m. worship service will be available for playback over your phone after 10:30 a.m. *All you need to do is dial 629-206-1073 and wait for the sermon to start.* After Easter, we will have new options that will allow you to listen to the Whole Service or the Sermon Only, as well as the ability to listen LIVE. Please spread the word about this new service to those without computers so they can hear the Word! If you have any questions, please contact [Joel Rayburn](#).

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Purpose Statement

*Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light
found in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

“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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