



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March 26, 2023

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

**As you enter, begin to worship quietly. Please silence your phone.**

FOR REFLECTION: "According to our faith will be the degree of our peace, our hope, our joy, our decision in Christ's service, our boldness in confession, our strength in work, our patience in trial, our resignation in trouble, our sensible comfort in prayer. All, all will hinge on the proportion of our faith" (J. C. Ryle).

PRELUDE

*Suite Gothique*

L. Boëllmann

*I. Introduction-Choral II. Menuet III. Prière*

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (Hymn 247)

arr. J. Brahms

(March Hymn of the Month)

Frank Dodd, Organ

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Walker

CALL TO WORSHIP: \* *Doxology* (Hymn 731)

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER/INVOCATION

(8:00) Dr. York, (11:00) Dr. Light

## Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus! #176

- Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King! Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring. Hail, thou agonizing Savior, bearer of our sin and shame! By thy merits we find favor; life is given through thy name.**

2. Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid; by almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made. All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood; opened is the gate of heaven; peace is made 'twixt man and God.
3. Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory, there forever to abide; all the heav'nly hosts adore thee; seated at thy Father's side. There for sinners thou art pleading; there thou dost our place prepare; ever for us interceding till in glory we appear.
4. Worship, honor, pow'r and blessing thou art worthy to receive; loudest praise, without ceasing, meet it is for us to give. Help, ye bright angelic spirits, bring your sweetest, noblest lays; help to sing our Savior's merits, help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

CONFESSION OF SIN: \* Responsive Reading from Psalm 32

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**People: Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Leader: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**People: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Leader: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

**People: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Leader: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

**People: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: \* Micah 7:18–19

Pastor: This is the grace of God for our salvation.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

CONFESSION OF FAITH: \* *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*The word catholic means universal*

SONG OF PRAISE \* *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, Hymn 32, Stanza 3

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see: all I have needed thy hand hath provided—Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

ANTHEM (11:00)

*O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done*

H. Helvey

Sanctuary Choir

INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY (8:00)                      *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (Hymn 32)                      arr. D. Forrest  
Cedarville University Concert Chorale

OFFERTORY (11:00)                      *My Worth Is Not in What I Own*                      Getty, Kendrick  
Cynthia Taylor, soprano      Patrick Rohal, baritone  
Adeline Rohal, piano      Paul Rogers, guitar

**HYMN (overleaf) \***                      *The Secret Place*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 11:12–14, 20–26 (Pew Bible Pages 847–848)

SERMON                      ***Figs, Faith, and Forgiveness***                      Dr. Chris Walker  
#32 in a Series on Mark—*Take Up Your Cross: Jesus' Sacrifice, Our Calling*

## **Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare #628**

- 1. Come, my soul, thy suit prepare: Jesus loves to answer prayer; he himself has bid thee pray, therefore will not say thee nay; therefore will not say thee nay.**
- 2. Thou art coming to a King, large petitions with thee bring; for his grace and pow'r are such, none can ever ask too much; none can ever ask too much.**
- 3. With my burden I begin: "Lord, remove this load of sin; let thy blood, for sinners spilt, set my conscience free from guilt; set my conscience free from guilt.**
- 4. "Lord, I come to thee for rest, take possession of my breast; there thy blood-bought right maintain, and without a rival reign; and without a rival reign.**

5. “While I am a pilgrim here, let thy love my spirit cheer; as my Guide, my Guard, my Friend, lead me to my journey’s end; lead me to my journey’s end.
6. “Show me what I have to do, ev’ry hour my strength renew: let me live a life of faith, let me die thy people’s death; let me die thy people’s death.”

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE \*

(11:00) *Let the Words of My Mouth*

A. Whitworth

POSTLUDE

*‘Toccata’* from SUITE GOTHIQUE

L. Boëllmann

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\*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

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## **At the Morning Worship Service:**

**Organist:** Frank Dodd

**Choral Director:** Floyd Rawleigh

**We welcome the Cedarville University Concert Chorale** to the 8 AM worship service. The chorale, under the direction of Dr. Lyle Anderson, performed at Westminster last evening as the first stop on their spring choir tour. We thank them for their continued ministry with us this morning!

## **Evening Service: 6 PM**

Dr. Dave Kieffer preaches on Numbers 15, *Living with Israel—The Original Tale of Beauty and the Beast*, #8 in a series on Numbers—*Walking in Wilderness*.

# The Secret Place

Words by R.C. SPROUL  
Music by JEFF LIPPENCOTT

1. Who dwells with - in His — most se - cret place is nev - er  
2. Fear not the ter - ror — that comes at night Nor flam - ing  
3. A thou - sand fall now — at ev - 'ry side; Ten thou - sand  
4. Ref - uge and fort - ress — for all who trust. No saf - er

far from His bless - ed grace. 'Neath His great sha - dow — all will be  
ar - rows by morn - ing light. His truth is alw - ays — our sword and  
more may — have yet to die. Yet plague and sword can — ne'er kill the  
pas - ture — for men of dust. 'Neath wings and fea - thers of Ho - ly

*Refrain*

well; No bet - ter place now — for us to dwell.  
shield; A - gainst His pow - er — all foes must yield. The se - cret  
soul; His an - gels guard us — now safe and whole.  
Lord; No great - er com - fort — can He af - ford.

place — of God most high; The sha - dow of — our migh - ty King; — The dwell - ing

place — where an - gels cry Is where our praise will — for - ev - er ring.

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## Visitors

**Welcome visitors:** Please complete the Connect Card in the pew and drop it in the offering plate. You will receive an informational, one-time mailing.

**Connections class** is held the first and second Sunday of each month. This monthly, two-week informal session is offered for visitors and those who desire an informative introduction to the life and ministry of Westminster Church—without obligation. *Connections* is located in the library (located across the Gathering Space), 9:30–10:30 AM.

## Everyone

**Help us minister to you;** complete a Connect Card each week you worship with us.

**Hearing devices** to use in the Sanctuary are available from the ushers.

**Sanctuary flowers** are contributed in loving memory of Gary Varner by his wife, Marlene, and daughters Sharon Winters and Lynn Shenk; by Grant and Jennifer Martzall in loving memory of their daughter, Paisley Faith, who was born still on March 30, 2018; and in celebration of the 70th wedding anniversary of Ann and Lew Martin.

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# Holy Week

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**Holy Thursday Communion service** is Thursday, April 6, at 7 PM. Dr. Chris Walker will be preaching on Psalm 22.

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service:** April 7, 7 PM. Our Sanctuary Choir, instrumentalists, and readers will lead us through this moving account of the Passion of Christ.

### **Easter Sunday, April 9:**

**6:30 AM Sunrise Service** in the cemetery (indoors if bad weather; Dr. York)

**8 AM & 11 AM** Worship Services (Dr. Walker)

**This year's Easter breakfast** is at 7 AM, as supplies last, in the gym, immediately following our Sunrise Service. Donation is \$5/adult and \$2/child (3–10 years old), max. \$15/family. No registration necessary.

**Session has designated this year's Easter offering** be split equally between Sacred Road Ministries' general fund and Bruce and Anne McDowell's one-time transition expenses to the Dominican Republic. Sacred Road (PCA) in Washington state is a church planting ministry serving among our "first neighbors" on the Yakama and Warm Springs reservations. Bruce McDowell is president of Santiago Theological Seminary in the Dominican Republic, where he and his family will relocate this summer.

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# Ministry Highlights

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- **This week's Wednesday dinner entrée is taco salad bar.** Dinner is available 5–6:30 PM. Tell us on your Connect Card or RSVP online by noon on Monday ([westpca.com/wednesday](http://westpca.com/wednesday)) if you plan to attend. Cost is \$5 per person, age 6 and older, maximum \$15 per household.
  - **Join us for the final Lenten worship service** this Wednesday, March 29, 6:45–7:30 PM. Look for a flyer at the Information Desk, in the kiosks, online at [westpca.com/lent](http://westpca.com/lent) or on the WPC App.
  - **Westminster's Music Ministry looks to hire** one college student to serve as a part-time summer intern. This 16-hour per week position runs for 10–12 weeks during the summer, ideally late May through early August. One major component of the internship is to assist with our June Music Camp. To obtain an application, or if you have questions, please contact Frank Dodd ([dodd@westpca.com](mailto:dodd@westpca.com)). The application deadline for this position has been extended to **THIS SATURDAY, April 1.**
  - **WPC college students!** If you love kids, love Jesus, and want a rewarding ministry experience, then the VBS internship may be for you! This position is part time and averages 10–12 hours a week from mid-May through July. Applications are available in the Children's Ministry office or on the church website and **are due by Sunday, April 16.** Contact Mary Jo Rizzo ([rizzo@westpca.com](mailto:rizzo@westpca.com)) to apply or go to [westpca.com/children](http://westpca.com/children).
  - **Session will begin** to approach men to serve as elders and deacons and women to serve as deaconesses beginning in 2024. We desire and take seriously any nominations that come from the congregation. Use the officer recommendation form found online at [westpca.com/about/officers](http://westpca.com/about/officers) to submit names for consideration by **Sunday, April 16.**
- This year, please consider partnering with the youth ministry** by committing to pray for one
- of our young people, that they would grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18). Sign up at [westpca.com/youth](http://westpca.com/youth) or pick a partner at the table in the Gathering Space this Sunday.



Worship: 8 AM & 11 AM, 6 PM Sunday School: 9:30 AM

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Church Office Hours:

Monday–Friday, 8 AM–4 PM

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