



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

HYMN 176*

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!

IN BABILONE

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.

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OVER

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

O Love divine, what hast Thou done! Th' incarnate God hath died for me! The Father's coeternal Son, bore all my sins upon the tree! The Son of God for me hath died: my Lord, my Love, is crucified. Is crucified for me and you, to bring us rebels near to God; believe, believe the record true, ye all are bought with Jesus' blood; pardon for all flows from his side: my Lord, my Love, is crucified. Behold him, all ye that pass by, the bleeding Prince of life and peace! Come, sinners, see your Savior die, and say, was ever grief like his? Come, feel with me his blood applied: my Lord, my Love, is crucified.

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

My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone, but in the costly wounds of love at the cross. My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame, but in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross. *I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul; I will trust in Him, no other; my soul satisfied in Him alone.* As summer flow'rs we fade and die; fame, youth, and beauty hurry by, but life eternal calls to us at the cross...I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light, but I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross...Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness; my value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross.

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*

HYMN 628 * *Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare* HENDON

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE *

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

POSTLUDE *'Toccata' from SUITE GOTHIQUE* L. Boëllmann

*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

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.

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!

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.

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*.

Holy Week

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.

Ministry Highlights

- **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) 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 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). 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) to apply or go to 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 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 or pick a partner at the table in the Gathering Space this Sunday.

*Get more information on these and other announcements in any of the following ways: our Westminster Announcements sheet, online at westpca.com/bulletin, in the weekly update sent via email, or on the WPC App. **To be added to the email update or to get more information on the WPC App, visit the Information Counter or contact the church office (717.569.2151).***

Pastoral Staff

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Dr. John Light
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Associate Pastor/Youth

Dr. Michael Rogers
Pastor Emeritus



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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