



**WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**May 28, 2023**

**Worship Service**

**8 AM & 11 AM**

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

FOR REFLECTION: "To sit idly waiting for Christ, and not to attend to the business of our respective positions is not Christianity but fanaticism. Let us only remember in all our daily pursuits that we serve a Master who is coming again....I am sure there never was a time when it was more important to call believers to stop trusting in men, to be on guard, and to build all their hopes on the second coming of the Lord" (J. C. Ryle).

PRELUDE *Brethren, We Have Met* (Hymn 381) arr. Hayes, Gaspard  
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (Hymn 53) arr. M. Kim  
*Amazing Grace!* (Hymn 460) arr. A. C. Whitworth  
Jessica Sheetz, piano Frank Dodd, organ

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH (8:00) Dr. Walker, (11:00) Dr. Walker & Dr. John Mwaura

CALL TO WORSHIP: \* Psalm 63:1-3

(8:00) UNISON, (11:00) Read by assistants in Swahili, Burmese & English

**Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!**

INVOCATION/OPENING PRAYER

(8:00) Dr. Light  
(11:00) Wisoba Swedi, John Mwaura, translator

**How Great Thou Art #44**

- 1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see  
the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy pow'r  
thro'out the universe displayed.**

***Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my  
soul, my Savior God, to thee; how great thou art, how  
great thou art!***

- 2. When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander and  
hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, when I look  
down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the  
brook and feel the gentle breeze; (*refrain*)**
- 3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent  
him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross,  
my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take  
away my sin. (*refrain*)**
- 4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I  
shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim,  
my God, how great thou art. (*refrain*)**

CONFESSON OF SIN \* (Led by Pastor)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: \* John 3:16

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

**(8:00) People: Thanks be to God!**

**(11:00) People: Amen!**

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: \* *Amazing Grace!*, Hymn 460, stanza 1

**Amazing Grace! —how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

ANTHEM (11:00)

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)

*It Is Well with My Soul* (Hymn 691)

arr. P Keveren

Mandy Sheetz, *cello*    Jessica Sheetz, *piano*

OFFERTORY (11:00)

*Except Grace* (sung in Burmese)

You gave your life for me. You carried my sin in place of me. You are the one who dispersed my faults. Righteousness giver, you took the sign of mercifulness, you gave the meaning to my whole life. Everlasting God, You are the greatest God. Redeeming me from the grave is solely all for you, Jesus Christ. You alone are glorified forever and more. Through ups and downs, whatever I may face, Lord your presence with me is eternity. In this life, there is no other thing, as great as grace, I have for me...

Hungh Pum, *vocals*    Lian Za Khai, *vocals & guitar*    Frank Dodd, *piano*

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus #629

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! what a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer.
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—take it to the Lord in prayer!
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer! Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 13:32–37 (Pew Bible Page 850)

SERMON

***Stay Awake!***

Dr. Chris Walker

#40 in a Series on Mark—*Take Up Your Cross: Jesus' Sacrifice, Our Calling*

## Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me #499

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed, be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2. Not the labor of my hands, can fulfil thy law's demands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.
3. Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling; naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.
4. While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgement throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE \*

Swahili Congregation

POSTLUDE     *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (Hymn 164)     arr. Hayes, Gaspard  
    Jessica Sheetz, piano     Frank Dodd, organ

\*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

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

**Organist:** Frank Dodd

**Drums (11 AM):** Kumbi Moni

**Assistants (11 AM):** Dr. Dave Kieffer, Wisoba Swedi, and Hunguh Pum

**Translator (11 AM):** Dr. John Mwaura

**Note: There will be no evening service tonight due to the holiday.**

## 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 memory of Pvt. 1st Class Robert J. Borchardt, killed near Saint Lo, France, on July 14, 1944, in World War II, presented by his niece, Betsy Graver; and by Cheryl Spittle in loving memory of her husband, Fred, whose birthday was June 1 and who died April 4, 2021, and also for her son, Collin, who died May 29, 2008.

## Child of the Covenant

**The rosebud announces** our newest Child of the Covenant:

**Liesel Alice Cawood**, daughter of Abbie & Nate Cawood, born May 23, 2023.

Provide a meal at [www.takethemameal.com](http://www.takethemameal.com). Last name: Cawood, Password: Cawood4



# Ministry Highlights

- **For those attending the 11 AM service**, the sermon will be shortened for the sake of translation. If you would like to hear a longer exposition of today's passage, the 8 AM sermon will be recorded and available on the website and podcast.
- **The summer Sunday school elective sheet** is available at the information counter, on the website at [westpca.com/adults](http://westpca.com/adults), and on the WPC app under events. Please register by **TODAY**.
- **Registration for Music Camp closes this Thursday, June 1**. Music Camp is for Westminster youth (K-12) and takes place June 20–23, 9 AM–12 PM, with a Sunday presentation at the 11 AM worship service on June 25. See [westpca.com/music](http://westpca.com/music) for more info, or contact Nancy Kuch ([kuch@westpca.com](mailto:kuch@westpca.com)) with questions.
- **Nursery Coordinator Position:** Cynthia Mante will be stepping down as our Nursery Coordinator later this summer. We are grateful for Cynthia's faithful service to this ministry! We seek to fill this position, which is 15 hours/week. Find the job description at [westpca.com/job-opportunities](http://westpca.com/job-opportunities). Those interested should send inquires and a resume to Tucker York ([york@westpca.com](mailto:york@westpca.com)) **by June 11**.
- **Please note the current church office summer hours:**
  - Monday–Thursday, 8 AM–4 PM
  - Friday, 8 AM–noon

## Online Photo Directory

It's time to update photos in our online congregational directory. Sally Krueger, WPC member and professional photographer, will offer directory photo sessions at the church during the month of June. Both outdoor and studio options are available (morning timeslots are studio portrait only). Help church staff, new members, and fellow congregants connect names and faces. Go to the events page on our website to sign up for a timeslot ([westpca.com](http://westpca.com)).

**Church leaders:** *During your picture session, Sally will take an individual picture of you for our website/leader guide. Please make every effort to schedule a photo session.*

The online church directory is a tool to make a large church feel smaller. If you are not able to take advantage of the photo sessions being held in June, please consider uploading a recent picture of you and your family to the directory. If you need assistance accessing the online directory, email Kerri Rogers ([kerri@westpca.com](mailto:kerri@westpca.com)).