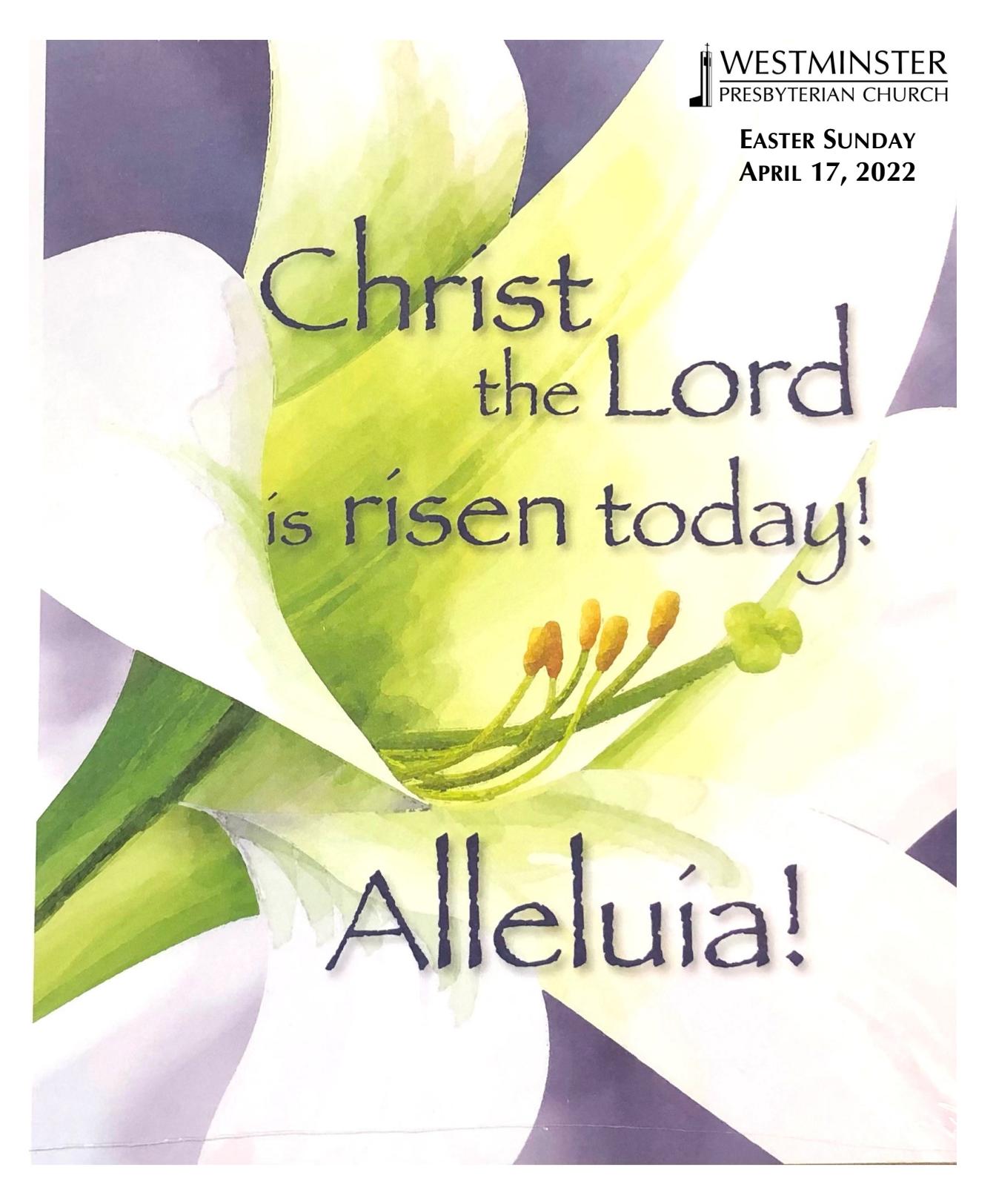


EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 17, 2022



Christ  
the Lord  
is risen today!

Alleluia!

## WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: Christ is Risen!

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## PRELUDE

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*, arr. M. Burkhardt<sup>1</sup>

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice and be glad:

**People: This is the day that the Lord has made!**

Leader: Rejoice and be glad:

**People: Heaven and earth will never be the same!**

Leader: Rejoice and be glad:

**People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

### \*HYMN 232

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*, Easter Hymn<sup>2</sup>

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured. Alleluia! Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia! Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Living Lord, when we stand before the empty tomb we don't always feel the joy of resurrection. We feel fear, doubt, and distrust. We feel empty. Forgive the fear that**

**paralyzes us at the brink of new life. Forgive our doubt of your love. Forgive our distrust of your surprising, joyous plan. Fill our emptiness with your glorious light. Raise us to abundant new life for the glory of your name** (continue with silent confession...) **Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**Leader:** When Christ comes to reign, he will put an end to every ruler, every power, every authority; he will put every enemy under his feet. And the last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**People:** **As we await that great and glorious day, we rejoice in the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

### **\*ACCLAMATION HYMN 587**

*Alleluia!, Celtic Alleluia<sup>3</sup>*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Amy Poland

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Psalm 118: 1-2; 14-24 (Responsive)

*After the cantor sings the verses, the congregation will sing Hymn 587 (above) when indicated with "refrain."*

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever. Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever." The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation. Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly! The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!" I shall not die, but live, And declare the works of the Lord. [REFRAIN]

2 The Lord indeed punished me sorely, But did not hand me over to death. Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord. "This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter." I give thanks to you, for you have answered me, And you have become my salvation. [REFRAIN]

3 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it. [REFRAIN]

4 Hosanna! O Lord, save us! We pray to you, Lord, prosper our days! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God and has given us light. Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar. You are my God, and I will thank you; You are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever. [REFRAIN]

## **ANTHEM**

*The Day of Resurrection, T. Matthews*<sup>4</sup>

## **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

## **SERMON**

*Easter Nonsense*

### **\*HYMN 239**

*Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!, Gelobt Sei Gott*<sup>5</sup>

1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 The Lord of life is risen today! Death's mighty stone is rolled away. Let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

## PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 243

*Be Not Afraid*, Taize Ecumenical Community<sup>6</sup>

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia! Be not afraid; sing out for joy!  
Christ is risen, alleluia!

## CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

### \*HYMN 248

*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*, Hymn to Joy<sup>7</sup>

1 Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed. In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend. Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

3 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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## POSTLUDE

*Hallelujah!*, G.F. Handel<sup>8</sup>

### Leaders Today:

Pastor: Rev. Scott Anderson

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

Dorothy Blotz, Accompanist

Liturgist: Karen Stephens

AV/Tech: John Tarr

The Chancel Choir



## WORSHIP NOTES

Please put friendship forms and offerings in the plates as you leave the sanctuary.

After worship children are invited to join Amy for an Easter egg hunt!

Note: there is no Sunday School this morning but please feel free to join us for coffee hour in the fellowship hall downstairs.

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## WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS April 17

### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

Around the world, millions of people face challenges to obtain food, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. One Great Hour of Sharing is a special collection throughout Lent to help improve the lives of people around the world in challenging situations.

Mathew 25 encourages us to see Christ in those who are hungry, thirsty, and oppressed. This special collection is our opportunity to reach out and assist those in need. Please consider making a contribution today. Checks can be made to Westminster with "OGHS" in the memo,

### **With Gratitude**

Some BIG THANK YOUS to: Roger Fletcher for repairing the Dettloff's steps.

And to Lu Kummerow, Mary Ihlenfeldt, John Tarr, Karen Osborne and Kathy Key for spending an afternoon cleaning and organizing the downstairs kitchen/pantry.

We are very grateful for all of you and your hard work.

## **WPC Rummage Sale**

Mark your calendars—It's back! The fabulous Westminster rummage sale is coming on Saturday, April 23, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m!

We will need help setting up Wednesday afternoon, April 20, and all day Thursday and Friday, April 21-22. We also could use willing hands to clean up 1-3 p.m. on Saturday. We can take donations **ONLY** the week of the sale. Want to volunteer? Contact Beth Sweeden at [ineedmycoffee2@aol.com](mailto:ineedmycoffee2@aol.com) or Sara Pope at [rosegirl1991@yahoo.com](mailto:rosegirl1991@yahoo.com) You can also sign up in the narthex!

Sale profits go to local non-profits, and we often donate unsold items at the end of the sale to local charity groups. Everyone who volunteers is guaranteed a fun time!

## **Worship Help—Please sign up**

As we continue to normalize (hopefully!) we are in need of ushers, greeters and liturgists. Since it's been a while, we want to update our list. If you can help out in any or all of these rolls, please sign up on the coat rack table in the narthex. All info and training are provided, so this is an easy and important way to serve the church and your fellow attendees. Please consider helping!

## **Adult Forum April 24 (In-Person)**

Community organizer and activist Sheray Wallace will update the congregation about issues and advocacy re-garding public health and wellness on April 24th at 11 am. Sheray Wallace created the Meadowood Health Partnership, which focuses on health education at the Meadridge Library.

## **IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...**

**Care List:** Shirley Dieter, Sally & Vern Forsberg, Ann Friedley, Jack Hamann, Gloria Hanson, Jerry Donnell, Joyce Schultz, Judy Braucht

**Members & Friends:** Ken Kummerow (Lu's nephew), Irene Oetzel (Karen Stephen's mom), Pat Marshall, Joel Jones & family, Patricia Miller

## **Giving to Westminster**

For an easy way to give online, just scan this QR code with your phone. (It will take you to our direct website.)



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