

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing, arr. M. H. Corl¹

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is alive!

People: Let all the people praise him.

Leader: Let all creation sing with joy.

People: Alleluia!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

***HYMN 14**

For the Beauty of the Earth, Dix²

1 For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: [Refrain]

3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: [Refrain]

4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: [Refrain]

5 For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given; for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven: [Refrain]

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation (continue with silent confession...) We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God's promises are trustworthy and true; your sins are forgiven.
Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may you always be known by your love.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*ACCLAMATION HYMN 587

Alleluia!, Celtic Alleluia³

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *After, children may join Children's Time in room 11.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 148⁴

The cantor will sing the verses and the congregation will sing the refrain as indicated.

Refrain:

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

1 Praise the Lord from the heavens; give praise in the heights. Praise the Lord, all angels above; give praise all hosts. Praise the Lord, sun and moon; give praise, shining stars. Praise the Lord, highest heavens, all waters above the heavens. [Refrain]

2 Praise the Lord, you heavens above, for God spoke and you were created. You were established forever; your courses shall not pass away. Praise the Lord from the earth, creatures of the sea and all oceans, Fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy winds that yield to God's command, [Refrain]

3 All mountains and hills, all fruit trees and cedars, Beast and all cattle, reptiles and flying birds, All rulers and peoples, you that govern the nations, Children and older ones, too, join to praise the Lord. [Refrain].

4 Praise the name of the Lord, for God alone is exalted. The splendor of God's name ...

reaches beyond heaven and earth. God gives strength to the people. God be praised by all the saints, By the children of Israel who are near to the Lord. [Refrain].

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane. 'This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

SERMON

Dreaming in Joppa

*HYMN 288

*Spirit of the Living God, Living God*⁵

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns,
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 243

*Be Not Afraid, Taize Ecumenical Community*⁶

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

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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*Allegro, from Symphony in D, W. Boyce*⁷

***DEDICATION HYMN 609** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, Lasst Uns Erfreuen*⁸
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Holy One, we give you thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness. Bless these offerings and transform them into gifts of hospitality for those who need them most. Amen.

*HYMN 610

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, Azmon*⁹

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

2 The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

3 Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive; the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

4 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

5 To God all glory, praise and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Rondeau, H. Purcell*¹⁰

Leaders Today:

Pastor: Rev. Scott Anderson

Liturgist: Linda Kwiatkowski

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr

Ushers: Judy Graham, Bob Weber, Rhea Schultz



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WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS - May 15

The Wonder of Worship Workshop

Have you ever wondered why we do what we do in worship? What makes Presbyterian worship unique from other Christian traditions? Pastor Scott Anderson and Minister of Music Joe Chrisman will lead an interactive two-hour workshop in the Narthex on Saturday, **May 21 from 9:30am-11:30am**. Members of worship committee will be attending, but anyone in the congregation who is interested in learning more about Presbyterian worship is welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Scott@westminstermadison.org

Festival of Hymn Singing on May 29

On Sunday, May 29, worshippers will join in a Festival of Hymn Singing for Ascension Sunday. Joe Chrisman, Minister of Music, will lead the congregation in singing great hymns celebrating Christ's ascension and reign. Be sure to warm up those voices and invite a friend to join you at Westminster on Sunday, May 29.

Graduates!

Please let the church office know by May 27th if you or a member of your family is graduating from high school or college this spring. We would like to recognize all 2022 graduates. Call 608-238-3121 or info@westminstermadison.org.

Summer Sing

The Chancel Choir will next participate in worship on Pentecost Sunday, June 5. If you are interested in singing, please join us in the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. that morning for rehearsal of the piece that will be sung in the worship at 9:45 a.m. If you would like to have the music sooner, it will be on top of the organ console on Sunday, May 15, or request a copy from Joe Chrisman, Minister of Music, westminstermusic@sbcglobal.net.

Prayer Doves for Peace

Please join us in praying for peace in our world. You are invited to stop by the Prayer Doves for Peace table in the narthex and add your prayers for peace. Write or draw your prayer on one of our peace doves and leave it in the basket. These prayers will be used to create a prayerful art installation for Pentecost.

Thoreau PTO Rummage & Bake Sale

The Thoreau PTO Rummage Sale & Bake Sale are back again this year!

WHEN: Saturday, May 21, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

WHERE: Westminster Presbyterian Church

Donate/Drop off items: Sunday, May 15 through Friday, May 20 (by 5pm): at 4209 Manitou Way (Tosha & David's home). Knock or leave things in the driveway if no one is home. OR Friday, May 20, 1pm to 8pm: Fellowship Hall @ Westminster Church.

Accepting gently used clothing, toys, sporting goods, small furniture and housewares. **Not accepting** large furniture, electronics, computers, car seats, strollers, playpens or similar baby items.

Volunteers are also needed! Call or text Tosha at 608-239-6547 or David at 608-210-0951.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

Care List: Gloria Hanson, Margie Knott, Hugh Moss, Patrick Mullin, Bucky Pike

Members & Friends: Ken Kummerow (Lu's nephew), Pat Marshall, Joel Jones & family, the family of Jerry Donnell, the family of Joyce Schultze