

Westminster Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, March 22, 2020



WPC exists to develop in ourselves and others a passion for the glory of God and the preeminence of Christ in all of life and in all the world, as revealed in the infallible, inerrant Word of God alone.

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March 22, 2020 10:15 a.m.

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP (READ ALOUD)

“The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.”

(Psalm 145:18)

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O Lord our God, you are infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in your being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth. You are from everlasting to everlasting, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. You are the Creator and Sustainer of all things and in you we live and move and have our being. You are the fountain of truth and the source of all that is holy, righteous, and good. We bow before you, our Lord and our King, in humble adoration of your power and majesty.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we have gathered together in this small assembly today to rejoice in your steadfast covenant keeping love and to worship you in the splendor of holiness. We pray for the help and ministry of the Holy Spirit among us. O Spirit of Christ, kindle of flame of sacred love within our hearts. Quicken our spirits to call upon the name of the Lord and make our worship acceptable and pleasing in your sight. O God, bend your ear to our prayer and speak to us through your life-giving, life-transforming word. For you have the words of eternal life. In the strong name of Christ we pray, Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #38

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most bless-ed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Un-resting, un-hasting and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
‘Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

READING OF SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 14:1-22

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O merciful Father, we bow before you with our faces to the ground. We acknowledge that we are wicked sinners and we deserve your just judgment for our sins. We are full of iniquity, our eyes are full of lust, our hearts are full of pride, our mouths are full of lies, our hands are full of greed, and we are corrupt all the way through. We confess that we have not loved you as we ought. We have run after false gods that will never satisfy us. Even in our worship of you our minds are often elsewhere. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have been impatient with others and bitter towards those who have hurt us. Anger and jealousy swell in our hearts.

O God, forgive us for Jesus' sake. Hear our cry for mercy and pardon all our sins on account of his blood and righteousness. And turn our hearts again to you. May we walk in newness of life by the power and help of your Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (READ ALOUD)

“The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.”

(Psalm 103:8-12)

*SONG

“His Mercy Is More”

What love could remember no wrongs we have done,
Omniscient all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more! Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam,
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest the poor,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Chorus

What riches of kindness He lavished on us,
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Chorus (x2)

* CONFSSION OF FAITH

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM Q. 107

Pastor: What doth the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

All: The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer, which is, *For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen*, teacheth us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only, and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to him; and, in testimony of our desire, and assurance to be heard, we say, *Amen*.

HYMN OF CONFIDENCE #128 “*God Moves in Mysterious Ways*”

God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines of never failing skill
He treasures up his bright designs, and works his sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain.

PASTORAL PRAYER

One or more of the group can pray for the following:

- God would be merciful and put an end to the spread of the coronavirus.
- God would use this world-wide health crisis for his glory and that many would come to saving faith in Jesus Christ through this.
- That our hearts would be calm and trusting in the Lord in the midst of uncertainty.
- For missionaries Julian & Christiana Russell in the Bahamas (our new strategic missions partner)
 - Strong and healthy marriage
 - Personal spiritual growth
 - God to raise up godly Bahamian leaders in the church
- Sick & Suffering at WPC
- Pregnant Mothers
- Pray for God to bless the preaching of the Word

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

MARK 3:7-19

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

REV. CHAD WATKINS

“Twelve Ordinary Men

1. The Demands of Popularity

2. The Disciples You Don't Expect

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee, swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee, filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose, ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne, it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee, ever, only, all for Thee.

*** THE BENEDICTION (READ ALOUD)**

“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Romans 15:5-6)