

Westminster Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, March 29, 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 29, 2020 10:15 a.m.

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP (READ ALOUD)

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.”
(Philippians 4:4)

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O Lord our God, we praise and bless your holy name. You are glorious and splendid, full of majesty and worthy of our worship. You are our refuge and our strength, our shield and our defender. We praise you for you are the one who upholds us by your righteous right hand and you are the firm foundation upon which we can stand. We ask you to remember your promise and to draw near to us now as we worship you. Hear our pleas for mercy and pour out your Spirit upon us. Help us to see and savor Jesus Christ as we worship you today. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #57 *“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul” (Psalm 146)*

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;
He is blessed whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed.
Heav'n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression, righteousness he will maintain.

Food he daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning pris'ner free,
Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eye to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger he befriends,
Helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever, through all ages he is King;
Unto him, your God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 14:23-33

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful and gracious God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. Each one of us is full of sin and disobedience. We confess that we have unclean hands and impure hearts. Our minds have been infected by sin and the effects of sin reach all the way through us. Even our worship of you is tainted with sin. We rattle off prayers without a thought of your majesty. We read our Bibles unthinkingly. We sing songs of praise without feeling. We are easily distracted when the sermon is preached. O Lord, even our best efforts at serving you and loving you are mixed with sin; truly there is no health within us. So we look to you and cry out for mercy. Forgive us our sins and cleanse us from unrighteousness. Draw near to us and declare to us again the wonders of your grace. Enable us to delight in you today. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (READ ALOUD)

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.”

(Ephesians 1:7)

*SONG

“All I Have is Christ”

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way;
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will,
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still.

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ! Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.
And I beheld God’s love displayed, You suffered in my place;
You bore the wrath reserved for me; Now all I know is grace!

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ! Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.

O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose,
And let my song forever be: My only boast is You.

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* **CONFESSION OF FAITH**
HEIDELBERG CATECHISM #1

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

SONG OF CONFIDENCE

“Speak O Lord”

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow’r that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises; and by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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 Joel & Stephanie Swanson (MTW France)
 - Strong and healthy marriage
 - Personal spiritual growth
 - Evangelistic Opportunities to arise through the coronavirus epidemic
- Officer training
- Sick & Suffering at WPC
- Pregnant Mothers
- Pray for God to bless the preaching of the Word

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

MARK 3:20-30

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

REV. CHAD WATKINS

“Lord, Liar, or Lunatic?”

1. The Faces of Unbelief

2. The Absurdity of Unbelief

3. The Peril of Unbelief

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for me?
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'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies: Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace!
humbled Himself so great his love, and bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, thru Christ my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

*** THE BENEDICTION (READ ALOUD)**

“And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.”

(1 Thessalonians 3:12-13)