

Westminster Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday



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.

The Lord's Day

April 12, 2020 10:15 a.m.

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP (READ ALOUD)**

“This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

(Psalm 118:24)

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we praise and bless your glorious name. You are infinite in power, wisdom, and goodness and you dwell in unapproachable light. Father, we praise you for sending your Son to bear the weight and punishment for our sins. Lord Jesus, we praise you for taking upon yourself our guilt and the condemnation that we deserve. Thank you for paying the penalty that our sins merit and dying so that we might have life. And we praise you that you have risen from the dead and in so doing have defeated sin and the grave. We ascribe all glory to you and we ask you to pour out gospel blessings on us through your Word and Spirit today. Oh Holy Spirit, come and inhabit the praises of your people and fill our hearts with delight in you. In the strong name of Jesus we pray, Amen!

***HYMN OF PRAISE #277**

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today,” Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! Sing ye heav’ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia! Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died, our souls to save; Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Foll’wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

READING OF SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 15:13-23

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before your holy Majesty that we are poor and wretched sinners. We were born in sin and we continue to walk in rebellion against your law. We acknowledge our guilt before you and confess that we deserve nothing less than eternal condemnation and death for our sins. Our hearts are full of deceit, our eyes full of iniquity, our tongues filled with deadly poison. We live for our own glory and too often walk along the path of iniquity. And we come to you with heartfelt sorrow for our sin and we plead your mercy and grace. Do not forsake us, O Lord. Do not cast us away. Draw near to us and teach us to hate that sin that clings to us and lead us to repentance. Wash us clean again and help us to live in the power of the resurrected Jesus. In his name we pray, Amen!

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (READ ALOUD)

“I, I am he who blots out your transgressors for my own sake,
and I will not remember your sins.”

(Isaiah 43:25)

*Hymn of Assurance #246

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

Man of Sorrows! what a name for the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood,
Sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement! can it be? Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die, “It is finished!” was His cry;
Now in heav’n exalted high: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, all His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we’ll sing: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

*** CONFESSION OF FAITH
APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on 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 life everlasting. Amen.

* The word "catholic" refers to the church universal, not the Roman Catholic Church

SONG OF CONFIDENCE

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand .

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Till on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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PASTORAL PRAYER

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

- For our children to grow in the grace & knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. That they would treasure God's Word and live a life of obedience to Him.
- For those among us who have lost significant income and are struggling financially due to the virus.
- 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. Pray for genuine revival to take place.
- That our hearts would be calm and trusting in the Lord in the midst of uncertainty.
- Officer training
- Sick & Suffering at WPC
- Pregnant Mothers
- Pray for God to bless the preaching of the Word

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

ACTS 4:1-22

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

REV. CHAD WATKINS

“How to Annoy the Devil”

1. Imprisoned for the Gospel

2. On Trial for the Gospel

3. Silencing the Gospel

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #274**

“Thine Be the Glory”

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; end-less is the victory thou o'er death hast won; angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes, where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom; let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors, thro' thy deathless love; bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

*** THE BENEDICTION (READ ALOUD)**

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

(2 Corinthians 13:14)