

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 5:30 p.m.

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

“Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent. He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind; he makes his messengers winds, his ministers a flaming fire.”

(Psalm 104:1-4)

*** PSALM OF PRAISE #296**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;
Extol the Stem of Jesse’s rod, and crown him Lord of all;
Extol the Stem of Jesse’s rod, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget the wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;
Go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall;
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Lord, you are the King of glory, the Ancient of Days, the Everlasting One. You are splendid in holiness, mighty in power, and pristine in righteousness. You dwell in unapproachable light, a light so pure and powerful that no man may look on your face and live. To you belong honor and dominion and sovereignty and worship.

Lord, forgive the stain of our sin, the blight of our iniquities, the blemish of our transgressions. We have not reflected your holy character. We have not prized godliness. We have not been content with spiritual treasure. We have not single-mindedly pursued righteousness, faith, gentleness, steadfastness, and love. We have been limp and listless in the fight of faith. We have lost our grip on the eternal life you've held out to us in the gospel. Forgive us for our enchantment with the trinkets and baubles of the world. Forgive us for the excessive love of money, success, security, pride, power, pleasure, and accomplishment which have led us away from our devotion to you.

Help us to turn our minds towards the glorious appearing of Lord Jesus when He will come to judge the living and the dead. Let us be found in Him, clothed in his perfections, washed of our sins, robed in His righteousness.

In his name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (READ ALOUD)**

“To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

(Acts 10:43)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Acts 13:13-41

* **Song of Preparation**

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that foll’west all my way, I yield my flick’ring torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine’s blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me thru pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow thru the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life’s glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be, life that shall endless be.

PASTORAL PRAYER

- That God would bring good out of the Corona Virus health crisis; that He would use it to humble proud hearts, to convince unbelievers to turn to him in faith and repentance, to remind us of our mortality, to make His promises more precious to us
- For WPC to stay connected and care for one another in the midst of this health crisis; for the Lord to give us unique opportunities in the midst of this crisis to love and encourage one another
- For our leadership to make wise decisions as we navigate this extraordinary time
- or our marriages and families to be protected from spiritual attack during a time that unusually stressful and involves more time together than usual
- That God would provide for and protect the poorest and most vulnerable of our city, especially those who are normally served by our food ministry (which will be canceled for a while)
- That we would stay connected with the children of catechism club through this crisis, and that this crisis would demonstrate to them the need to trust God

“From Perplexity to Praise”

Big Idea: Faith Rejoices in the Glory of God’s Judgement

1. The Victory of God

2. The Victory of Faith

HYMN OF RESPONSE #310

“ Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'en;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come
And take His servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

*** THE BENEDICTION (READ ALOUD)**

“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)