

The Lord's Service

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

MAY 05, 2024



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

Please use the prelude as a time of silent preparation for the worship of the Triune God.

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 42:11

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?

**Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON



By the mercies of God, present your bodies as a living sacrifice,

Holy and acceptable to God, which is our fitting service.

Do not be conformed to this age,

But be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

That by testing you may discern what is the will of God,

What is good and acceptable and mature.

Let no one think of himself more highly than he ought.

But think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith God has provided.

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil;

Hold fast to what is good.

Love one another with brotherly affection.

Outdo one another in showing honor.

Do not be slothful in zeal,

Be fervent in the Spirit, serving the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,

Be constant in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints,

And seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you.

Bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice,

Weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another;
Do not be haughty,

But associate with the lowly and never be conceited.

Repay no one evil for evil,

But give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves,

But give place to the wrath of God.

For it stands written:

“Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord”

To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him;

If he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

For by doing so you will heap burning coals on his head.”

Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.

⊗ THE PEACE

⊗ GLORIA PATRI

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INTERLUDE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON PSALMS 42-43 *p. 554*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON HEBREWS 12:18-24 *p. 1197*

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 42 *As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams* 661

⊗ GOSPEL READING JOHN 7:37-39 *p. 1062*

⊗ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

SERMON

Hope in God

⊗ THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

WM. RUNYARD



DOXOLOGY

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SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING



THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

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*Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
your chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness,
with water from the rock.*

*Hungry and thirsty, faint and weak,
as you when here below,
our souls the joys celestial seek
which from thy sorrows flow.*

*We would not live by bread alone,
but by your word of grace,*

*in strength of which we travel on
to our abiding place.*

*Be known to us in breaking bread,
but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
your table in our heart.*

*There sup with us in love divine;
your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heav'nly wine,
be our immortal food.*



HYMN OF DEPARTURE

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

Prelude in G Minor

J.S. BACH

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Adam Kuliszewski

ORGANIST: Marilyn Hollwegs

PIANIST: Thyra Hollwegs

Hope in God

PSALM 42-43

This text and Psalm ___ are by the sons of _____.

The r_____ is repeated ___ times.

1. The Drought

The psalmist is separated from J_____.

We are t____ - _____ beings.

“Appear before God,” evokes the n_____ feasts.

He is severed from the c_____ worship of God.

The Psalmist suffers the t_____ of his enemies.

In the refrain he _____ to his own s_____.

2. The Deep

The Psalmist turns to _____ himself.

From the _____ of his being, to the _____ of God.

The waves picture cruel p_____ washing over him.

In remembering God, the Psalmist has a q_____ with him.

A universal cry: Why have you _____ me?

3. The Devotion.

The devotion takes the form of p_____.

We must move from l_____ to prayer.

De_____ consists in restoration to public worship.

God is his (and our) “_____ joy.”

In the new covenant, this is a h_____ assembly.

The covenant love of God, is the _____ of this psalm.

Missions Work Highlight

RICHARD AND ROBYN CRANE

Richard reports on his exciting trip to Cuba: What a whirlwind of a trip! Thank you so much for your prayers for each of the speaking commitments I had in Havana and Sancti Spiritus. We are amazed at what God is doing in the church plant in Havana and also how God is using pastor Hector and family in the church at Sancti Spiritus. The most exciting event was the inauguration of the new building in Vedado, Havana. Pastors from other churches, friends and contacts came to hear the vision for the new church and to thank God for His provision.

Announcements

May 12th is Mother's Day and we will not be having our monthly luncheon. However, there will still be Coffee and Fellowship time following the service. Also, there is no Sunday school or second service that day.

The congregational meeting will be held at 11:45 AM on Sunday May 19th— Gary Berg, Bob Maucher, and Ron Bonagura will be standing for election as ruling elders, and Ethan Westlund, John Grammer, and Joe Hall will be standing for election as deacons.

The Sunday School Prayer List for May is posted on the bulletin in the upper hallway. Please sign up to pray for both the teacher and students by name for whichever class you choose. The commitment is to pray seriously once a week for the month.

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

Westminster Church is both a place and a people. We gather in this sacred space to worship, to learn, and to serve God as he meets us in Christ. To this end we dedicate our time, our talent, and our resources. Here the Gospel of Christ is freely proclaimed: *We are weaker and more sinful than we ever dared admit, but through Christ we are more loved and accepted than we ever dared hope.* As a community of Christians, we are building a bridge to the future through faith and friendship. To this end, we pray God will give us strength, vision, and wisdom. We are thankful that you could join with us today. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Welcome to Westminster!

Westminster Stated Services

Worship	10:00AM
Sunday School (<i>Sept–June</i>)	11:45 AM
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 PM

Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley

Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday School	12:00 PM

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Cover

The Celtic cross reminds us, as Presbyterians, of our historical roots in the British Isles dating back at least to the fifth century. *Post Tenebras Lux* is a Latin slogan from the 16th-century Protestant Reformation meaning *After Darkness, Light*. The cross and the slogan combine to express our desire to be rooted in the ancient faith and to embrace the attainments of the Protestant Reformation.

Westminster was organized in 1854 and is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

Senior Pastor

Rev. Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

Assistant Pastor

Rev. Justin Chiarot

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