

Westminster Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, April 4, 2021

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 4, 2021 10:15 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

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

(Psalm 118:24)

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE #274

“Thine Be the Glory”

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; end-less is the vict'ry 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 vict'ry 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 vict'ry 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.

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READING OF SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 14:1-20

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

(John 3:16-17)

***SONG**

“Come Behold the Wonderous Mystery”

Come behold the wonderous myst’ry in the dawning of the King;
He the theme of heaven’s praises robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness now the Light of Life has come;
Look to Christ, who condescended took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry, He the perfect Son of Man;
In His living, in His suffering never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man;
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry, Christ the Lord upon the tree;
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption, see the Father’s plan unfold;
Bringing many sons to glory grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry slain by death the God of life;
But no grave could e’er restrain Him, praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv’rance, how unwavering our hope;
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when He comes.

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*CONFESSION OF FAITH
WLC Q. 51-52

Pastor: What was the estate of Christ's exaltation?

All: The estate of Christ's exaltation comprehends his resurrection, ascension, sitting at the right hand of the Father, and his coming again to judge the world.

Pastor: How was Christ exalted in his resurrection?

All: Christ was exalted in his resurrection, in that, not having seen corruption in death, (of which it was not possible for him to be held,) and having the very same body in which he suffered, with the essential properties thereof, (but without mortality, and other common infirmities belonging to this life,) really united to his soul, he rose again from the dead the third day by his own power; whereby he declared himself to be the Son of God, to have satisfied divine justice, to have vanquished death, and him that had the power of it, and to be Lord of quick and dead: all which he did as a public person, the head of his church, for their justification, quickening in grace, support against enemies, and to assure them of their resurrection from the dead at the last day.

*HYMN #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

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

2 KINGS 4:8-37

REV. CHAD WATKINS

“God is Good...All the Time”

1. The God Who Graciously Gives

2. The God Who Unexpectedly Takes Away

3. The God Who Plunders Death’s Domain

***SONG OF RESPONSE**

“Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed”

How can it be the One who died has borne our sin through sacrifice,
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing “Hallelujah!”
For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their Friend and King: Christ, Christ He is risen!

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh sing “Hallelujah!”
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw Him and their hearts believed;
But blessed are those who have not seen, yet sing “Hallelujah!”
Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, they preached the truth and power of grace
And pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting.

Chorus

The power that raised Him from the grave now works in us to powerfully save;
He frees our hearts to live His grace – Go, tell of His goodness.

Chorus x2

He is risen! He's alive, He's alive, Heaven's gates are opened wide.
He's alive, He's alive, Now in heaven glorified
He's alive, He's alive, Heaven's gates are opened wide.
He's alive, He's alive, Now in heaven glorified.

*** THE BENEDICTION**

“The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.”
(Romans 16:20)

WPC Announcements

Evening Service Tonight: We encourage you to join us for evening worship at 5:30pm. If you cannot attend in person please join us via our livestream. To access the livestream go to our website www.wpc-pca.com and click on livestream.

Nursery Open: The church nursery is now open for Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. and the morning worship service at 10:15 a.m.

Seating Request: Although seating request are not required for services at this time it is still offered to those who would like to sit in an area where masks and strict social distancing will still be required . Each week you will get a new email from the church office with a link to request seating for Sunday worship services. The email will go out each Monday morning and you will have until Wednesday at 4pm to request seating. If for some reason you cannot access the seating request system, please contact the office at 882-8825 between 9am-3pm on Mon-Wed to request seating.

Officer Nominations Open: Nominations for the office of elder and deacon are open until Sunday, April 11th. Please prayerfully consider who you might nominate for these offices using the nomination forms available in the Narthex next to the nominations box.

Ladies' Weekly Bible Study: On Wednesday, April 7th , the Ladies' Bible Study group will begin looking at "James: Guidelines for a Happy Christian Life" by John MacArthur. The group meets Wednesday mornings at 9:30am. If you have any questions please contact the church office.

For Your Calendar:

Sunday, April 4, 5:30 p.m.
Evening Service

Thursday, April 8, 6:00 a.m.
Carpenter's Apprentices

Wednesday, April 7, 9:30 a.m.
Ladies' Weekly Bible Study