

# *Westminster Presbyterian Church*

*The Lord's Day, August 22, 2021*



*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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August 22, 2021 10:15 a.m.

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## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!”  
*(Psalm 24:7-10)*

### \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### \*PSALM OF PRAISE #76

#### *“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;  
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Father like, he tends, and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.

Angles, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**

2 Kings 2:15-25

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.”

*(Psalm 103:8-12)*

**\*SONG**

***“What Grace is Mine”***

What grace is mine, that He who dwells in endless light  
Called through the night to find my distant soul.  
And from His scars poured mercy that would plead for me  
That I might live and in His Name be known.

*So I will go where ever He is calling me;  
I lose my life to find my life in Him.  
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies;  
I bow my heart, take up my cross, and follow Him.*

What grace is mine, to know His breath alive in me;  
Beneath His wings my weary soul may soar.  
All fear can flee for death’s dark night is overcome;  
My Savior lives and reigns for evermore.

*So I will go where ever He is calling me;  
I lose my life to find my life in Him.  
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies;  
I bow my heart, take up my cross, and follow Him.*

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH  
WLC Q. 76**

**Pastor**: What is repentance ?

**All**: Repentance unto life is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby, out of the sight and sense, not only of the danger, but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins, and upon the apprehension of God’s mercy in Christ to such as are penitent, he so grieves for and hates his sins, as that he turns from them all to God, purposing and endeavouring constantly to walk with him in all the ways of new obedience.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING**

**\*HYMN #572**

***“Onward Christian Soldiers”***

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before:  
Christ the royal Master leads against the foe; forward into battle, see, his banners go.

*Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before.*

At the sign of triumph Satan’s host doth flee; on then, Christian soldiers, on to victory:  
hell’s foundations quiver at the shout of praise; brothers, lift your voices, loud your anthems raise.

*Chorus*

Like a mighty army moves the church of God; brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod;  
we are not divided, all one body we, one in hope and doctrine, one in charity.

*Chorus*

Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane, but the church of Jesus constant will remain;  
gates of hell can never ‘gainst that church prevail; we have Christ’s own promise, and that cannot fail.

*Chorus*

Onward, then, ye people, join our happy throng, blend with ours your voices in the triumph song;  
glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King: this thru countless ages men and angels sing.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

*“Help: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly”*

1. Self-Help: Going in Circles

2. Idol-Help: Going up in Flames

3. YHWH’s Help: Going for Gold

\* **SONG OF RESPONSE**

*“I Lift My Eyes and See the Hills” (Psalm 121D)*

I lift my eyes and see the hills; from where will come my aid?  
My help comes only from the Lord who heav’n and earth has made.

He’ll not allow your foot to slip, nor rest while you he keeps.  
The One preserving Israel, He slumbers not, nor sleeps.

The Lord will keep you, He’s your shade; The Lord stands at your right.  
The sun will do no harm to you, nor will the moon at night.

The Lord will keep you from all harm; He’ll keep your life secure.  
Your going out and coming in the Lord keeps evermore.

\* **THE BENEDICTION**

“May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!”  
*(Psalm 134:3)*