



*Westminster Presbyterian Church*  
*April 14, 2024*

**The Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements** (10:25)

*A warm welcome to those new to Westminster!  
Please fill out the Welcome Card in the pew in front of you and  
drop it in the offering plate so we can get to know you. Thank you!*

**Time of Silence:** to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

**Call to Worship: Deuteronomy 10:20-21; Psalm 44:8** (*Responsively*)

You shall fear the Lord your God. You shall serve Him and hold fast to Him, and by His name you shall swear. He is your praise. He is your God.

**In God we have boasted continually, and we will give thanks to Your name forever.**

**Salutation: Hosea 14:4, 7; Jude 2**

I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely, for My anger has turned from them. They shall return and dwell beneath My shadow; they shall flourish like the grain; they shall blossom like the vine.

May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

**Invocation Prayer**

O Lord, in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Visit us today as we rejoice in You and delight in the strength of Your hands. Receive our worship through the person and work of Jesus Christ. Amen

**\*Hymn of Worship # 381:** *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* (Stanzas 1, 4)

**Old and New Testament Readings: Deuteronomy 28: 38-40; 49-51** (pg. 159);  
**Hebrews 12:7-11** (pg. 948)

**Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your ways. We are misled by pride, for we see

ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored Your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior ...

## **Silent Prayer of Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 145:8-9**

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.

**\*Hymn # 486:** *God, Be Merciful to Me (Stanzas 1, 4, 6)*

### **Offering/Prayer: Proverbs 11:25**

Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

## **Offertory**

**\*Doxology: Hymn # 731** (Psalm 150:6)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

## **Choir Anthem: *Because We Believe***

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### VERSE 1

We believe in God the Father  
We believe in Christ the Son  
We believe in the Holy Spirit  
We are the Church  
And we stand as one

### VERSE 2

We believe in the Holy Bible  
We believe in the virgin birth  
We believe in the resurrection  
That Christ one day  
Will return to earth

### CHORUS

Holy holy, holy is our God  
Worthy worthy, worthy

### Is our King

All glory and honor  
Are His to receive  
To Jesus we sing  
Because we believe

### VERSE 3

We believe in the blood of Jesus  
We believe in eternal life  
We believe in the blood  
That frees us  
To become the Bride of Christ

### CHORUS

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Worthy worthy, worthy  
Is our King

All glory and honor  
Are His to receive

To Jesus we sing  
Because we believe

*Children ages 4-2<sup>nd</sup> grade may go to Children's Church at this time.*

## **Prayer for Congregation**

**Scripture Reading: Joel 1** (pg. 712)

**Sermon: *A Theological Interpretation of Disaster*** by Pastor Mark Scholten

**\*Hymn of Response: *Lamb Of God***

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v. 1 Your only Son no sin to hide  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod  
And to become the Lamb of God

v. 2 Your gift of love they crucified  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died  
The humble King they named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

Chorus  
Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God  
I love the holy Lamb of God  
Oh wash me in His precious blood  
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

v. 3 I was so lost I should have died  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod  
And to be called a Lamb of God

**Communion** – *Please retain the elements and we will partake together.*

**\*Hymn # 705: *I Know Whom I Have Believed*** (Stanzas 1, 5)

**Benediction: 1 John 4:16, 21; 2 Thessalonians 3:16, 18**

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him... Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

\*Signifies standing, if you are able.

## **Celebrating Communion Together**

All professing believers may partake of the Lord's Supper with us. After an explanation and invitation, the ushers direct us to approach the table to receive the elements. All then return to their seats. There will be two elders available on both sides of the Lord's Table to pray for families with children. If you cannot come forward, an elder will bring the elements to you. We partake together at the direction of the pastor. Elders are also available for prayer near the pulpit after the service.

Please join us tonight at 6:00 pm for the church-wide **Prayer Meeting & Fellowship** led by Dan Nielsen in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Children's Workers**

April 14: Nursery –*Katie Martin* Toddlers – *Ella Kate Martin*

April 21: Nursery – *Debbie McReynolds* Toddlers – *Kathy Scholten*

### **Children's Church Leaders**

April 14: *Beverly Brown*

April 21: *Kathy Waters*

**Diaconate House Duty:** April: *Mike Banta*

**Ushers for April:** *Randy Waters, Matt Scholten, Allen Miller & Dan Dunham*



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