



Westminster Presbyterian Church
April 21, 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.
Elder Eric Eagle assisting in worship.

Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

O Lord, open our lips. **And our mouth shall show forth Your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Praise the Lord. **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Come, let us sing unto the Lord **let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our**
salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving **and show ourselves glad in**
Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God **and a great King above all gods.**

O come, let us worship and bow down **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For He is the Lord our God **and we are the people of His pasture, and the**
sheep of His hand.

Invocation Prayer

Lord, into Your most holy presence we now come. Calm our anxious spirits. Remove the distractions that would keep us from You here today. Break down the walls of separation that we have built to keep You from our hardened hearts. Lead us in joy and celebration of the only reality worth knowing, that You love Your trusting children. Free us for joyful obedience to Your claim and call on our lives this day and every day. Amen.

***Hymn of Worship # 7:** *From All That Dwell below the Skies*

Old and New Testament Readings: **Isaiah 55:1-7** (pg. 576); **Luke 17:1-6** (pg. 823)

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, long-suffering and of great goodness: we sincerely confess to You our neglect and forgetfulness of Your commandments, our sinful doing, thinking, and speaking; the wounds we have given to others, and the good we have left undone. O God, forgive us, for we have sinned against You; and raise us to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 34:17-18

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

***Hymn:** *I Love the LORD Psalm 116C (Please see insert)*

Offering/Prayer: 1 Corinthians 10:31

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Offertory

***Gloria Patri: Hymn # 735 Psalm 29:2**

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be.
world without end. Amen, amen.**

Special Music: *If I Stand* (Soloist: Joshua Ling)
By Rich Mullins

And there's more that rises in the morning than the sun
And more that shines in the night than just the moon
It's more than just this fire here that keeps me warm
In a shelter that is larger than this room

And there's a loyalty that's deeper than mere sentiments
And a music higher than the songs that I can sing
The stuff of Earth competes for the allegiance
I owe only to the Giver of all good things

So if I stand, let me stand on the promise that You will pull me through
And if I can't, let me fall on the grace that first brought me to You
And if I sing let me sing for the joy that has born in me these songs
And if I weep let it be as a man who is longing for his home

And there's more that dances on the prairies than the wind
And more that pulses in the ocean than the tide
There's a love that is fiercer than the love between friends
More gentle than a mother's, when her baby's at her side

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Children ages 4-2nd grade may go to Children's Church at this time.

Prayer for Congregation

Scripture Reading: Joel 2:11-17 (pg. 713)

Sermon: Repentance: Coming Home to God by Pastor Mark Scholten

***Hymn of Response # 688: Have Thine Own Way, Lord!**

Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:11, 14

Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*Indicates standing, if you are able.

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

Children's Workers

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

April 28: Nursery – *Abby Hartman* Toddlers – *Kay Cee Ling*

Children's Church Leaders

April 21: *Kathy Waters*

April 28: *Jessica Karius*

Diaconate House Duty: *April: Mike Banta*

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



WPC Blood Drive **TODAY** 11:30 – 3:30

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