



Westminster Presbyterian Church
April 28, 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: Isaiah 49:13; Psalm 30:11-12 (Responsively)

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted His people and will have compassion on His afflicted.

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing Your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever!

Salutation: Joel 2:12-13, 7; Colossians 1:2

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “Return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

Invocation Prayer from Exodus 33-34

O LORD, You who are merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, descend to us and be with us today that we may bow and worship You. O LORD, You have said, “I know you by name, and you have found favor in My sight.” If we have found favor in Your sight, please show us now Your ways, that we may know You in order to find favor in Your sight. O Lord, be with us and give us Your rest. Amen.

Hymn of Worship: *Worthy of Worship

1. Worthy of worship, worthy of praise, Worthy of honor and glory; Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing, Worthy of all the offerings we bring.
You are worthy, Father, Creator. You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer. You are worthy, worthy and wonderful; Worthy of worship and praise.

2. Worthy of reverence, worthy of fear, Worthy of love and devotion; Worthy of bowing and bending of knees, Worthy of all this and added to these.
You are worthy, Father, Creator. You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer. You are worthy, worthy and wonderful; Worthy of worship and praise.

3. Almighty Father, Master and Lord, King of all kings and Redeemer, Wonderful Counselor, Comforter, Friend, Savior and Source of our life without end.
You are worthy, Father, Creator. You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer. You are worthy, worthy and wonderful; Worthy of worship and praise.

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Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed (*Hymnal, pg.846*)

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 51:1-12 (*Responsively*)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

According to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight,

So that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice.

Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 40:11

As for You, O LORD, You will not restrain Your mercy from me; Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness will ever preserve me.

***Hymn # 499/500:** *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

Offering/Prayer: Matthew 6:21

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Offertory

***Doxology: Hymn #731** *Ps150:6*

**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: AGNUS DEI

Alleluia, alleluia for the Lord God Almighty reigns!
Alleluia, alleluia for the Lord God Almighty reigns! Alleluia! (repeat)

Holy, holy, are You, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb.
You are holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb.
(repeat) Amen.

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

Prayer for Congregation

Scripture Reading: Joel 2:18-27 (pg. 713)

Sermon: Restoring the Years that Locusts Have Eaten by Pastor Mark Scholten

***Hymn of Response: Thou Art Worthy**

Chorus

Thou art worthy, Thou are worthy

Thou are worthy O Lord
To receive glory, glory and honor
Glory and honor and pow'r

Verse

For Thou hast created
Hast all things created
For Thou hast created all things
And for Thy pleasure, they are created
Thou art worthy O Lord

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

***Hymn # 308:** *Jesus Paid It All (Stanzas 1, 4)*

Benediction: Galatians 6:14; 18

Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

*Indicates 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 **Seasons of Refreshment Prayer Meeting & Fellowship** led by Ed Payne in the Fellowship Hall.

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