



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

## May 18, 2025

### **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:** from 2 Chronicles 7:3; 15:2, 12; Psalm 27:4 (Responsively)

Before the Glory of the LORD, bow down and worship and give thanks to Him, saying,  
“For He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.”

**Our LORD is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.**

If you seek the LORD, He will be found by you. Seek Him and worship Him with all your heart and with all your soul today.

**One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.**

**Salutation:** John 7:37-38; 1 Timothy 1:2

If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, “Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Invocation Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Worship:** *Here I Am to Worship*

1. Light of the world, You step down into darkness, Opened my eyes let me see.  
Beauty that made this - heart a-dore You, hope of a life spent with You.

[Chorus]

Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me.

2. King of all days, Oh so highly exalted, Glorious in heaven above. Humbly You came to the earth You created all for love's sake became poor.

[Chorus]

Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me.

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross (repeat)  
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[Chorus]

Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me. (3 times)

Here I am to worship, here I am to worship.

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### **Confession of Faith: Colossians 1:15-20** *(Responsively)*

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

**For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,**

whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.

**And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.**

And He is the head of the body, the church.

**He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent.**

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things,

**whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross. Amen.**

### **Call to Confession of Sin: Psalm 40:11-13** *(Responsively)*

As for You, O Lord, You will not restrain Your mercy from me;

**Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness will ever preserve me!**

For evils have encompassed me beyond number;

**my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see;**

they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me.

**Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me! O Lord, make haste to help me!**

### **Silent Prayer of Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: from 2 Corinthians 4:6**

May God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," make His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ Jesus who has saved us from all our sin. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn # 116:** *For the Beauty of the Earth (Stanzas 1, 5)*

## **Offering Prayer: Matthew 10:8**

Freely you have received, freely give.

Gracious God, through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, You have given immeasurable grace to us. May our offerings reflect the grace we have received, and symbolize lives committed to the service of our risen Lord. **Amen.**

## **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: *More Love, More Power***

More love, more power, more of You in my life. More love, more power, more of You in my life. I will worship You with all of my heart. I will worship You with all of my mind. I will worship You with all of my strength, for You are my Lord.

More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee. Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee; This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to Thee. More love to Thee; More love to Thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best. This still my prayer shall be; more love O Christ to Thee, more love to Thee; more love to Thee.

More love, more power, more of You in my life. More love, more power, more of You in my life. I will worship You with all of my heart. I will worship You with all of my mind. I will worship You with all of my strength, for You are my Lord. For You are my Lord; You are my Lord.

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

**Prayer for Congregation (Amen.)**

**\*Let us stand, from 1 Peter 1:24-25:**

“All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever.”

**\*Scripture Reading: John 7:1-13** (pg. 839) *(Respond to the reading responsively, below)*

Teach me Your way, O Lord

**and I will walk in Your truth**

Give me an undivided heart

**that I may fear Your Name.**

**Sermon: *My Thoughts About Jesus?*** by Pastor Mark Scholten

**\*Closing Hymn # 170: *Fairest Lord Jesus*** (Stanzas 1, 4)

**\*Benediction: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17; 2 Corinthians 13:14**

May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

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 a church-wide **Prayer Meeting & Fellowship** led by Eric Eagle in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Children's Workers**

May 18: Nursery – Bettye Redd Toddlers – Kayla Smith

May 25: Nursery – Abby Hartman Toddlers – Natalka Eagle

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

May 18: Karrie Harmer

May 25: Jessica Karius

**Diaconate House Duty for May:** Dan Dunham

**Ushers for May:** Gene Striker, Jim Finlay, Bobby Martin, & Mike Banta

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