



Easter reminds us:  
**GOD KEEPS**  
*His promises.*

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
**April 5, 2026**  
**Easter Sunday**

**Choir Processional**

**Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer** (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!*

**Prelude:** *Use this time to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*

**\*Call to Worship** (Responsively)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!  
**AMEN.**

**Salutation: John 16:33; Romans 1:7**

I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have  
tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Invocation**

**Leader/ Response:** “He is risen; **He is risen indeed!**”  
“He is risen; **He is risen indeed!**”

**\*Hymn of Worship # 277: Christ the Lord is Risen Today**

**Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 53:3-6** (Responsively)

He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

**Like one from whom people hide their faces He was despised, and we held Him in low esteem. Surely He took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered Him punished by God, stricken by Him, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. AMEN.**

**\*Hymn:** *The Old Rugged Cross*

**1.** On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

**Chorus**

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.

**2.** O the old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;

For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary.

**3.** In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
A wondrous beauty I see;  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died  
To pardon and sanctify me.

**4.** To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I'll share.

**Confession of Faith: John 3:16-17**

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and Only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. **AMEN.**

**Choir Anthem:** *What Wondrous Love is This* (See insert for song lyrics)

**Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-6 NIV**

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!"

**Choir anthem:** *Love Crucified, Arose!* (See insert for song lyrics)

## 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:** *Resurrection Power* (See insert for song lyrics)

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

**\*Scripture Reading: John 20:19-23** (pg. 852)

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon: *Proclaiming Peace*** by Pastor Mark Scholten

**\*Hymn of Response # 274:** *Thine Be the Glory*

**\*Benediction: John 14:6; Revelation 22:21**

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen

\*Indicates standing if you are able.

There will not be a Prayer Meeting and Fellowship tonight,  
enjoy this time with your families.

## Meditation

In reality, salvation was bought not by Jesus' fist, but by His nail-pierced hands; not by muscle but by love; not by vengeance but by forgiveness; not by force but by sacrifice. Jesus Christ our Lord surrendered in order that He might win; He destroyed His enemies by dying for them and conquered death by allowing death to conquer Him. (A. W. Tozer)

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