

Westminster At Worship

A Celebration of Worship Ascension of the Lord

May 12, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Please silence your cell phones prior to entering the sanctuary.
†Those who feel comfortable to stand may do so.



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

†CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward one another. So I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him.

PEOPLE: **With the eyes of our hearts enlightened,
we see the greatness of Christ's power
at work in us who believe.
God put this power to work in Christ
when God raised him from the dead—
and seated him at God's right hand
in the glory of the heavenly places!**

LEADER: Let us worship God.

†HYMN

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

CORONATION

*All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!*

*Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!*

*Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!*

*O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, lover of humankind, we confess that our faith is
sometimes weak, our love for others can be faint, our prayers
are often timid, and our gratitude is frequently unconvincing.
When we stand looking toward heaven, yet feel far from you,
you draw near in mercy to forgive us, and fill us with your
power, through the grace of Jesus, our resurrected Savior.**

— A Time of Silent Confession —

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

†RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

“Gloria Patri”

GREATOREX

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.

†SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Following the message, children fourth grade and younger are welcome to return to their seats or proceed to the PRAYground at the rear of the church where there are quiet activities to help them participate in the worship service.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

First Lesson

Luke 24:44-53

Second Lesson

Acts 1:1-11

SERMON

“Why are you standing here?”

Rev. Jamie Milton

†HYMN

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone!
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood.”

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o’er,
shall our hearts forget his promise: “I am with you evermore”?

Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth’s redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne.
As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest;
here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH OF FAITH APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,**

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PEOPLE: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD WITH THANKSGIVING

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

~Please record your presence on the "Friendship Pad"

OFFERTORY

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

ARR. McDONALD

Chancel Choir

*This music was purchased from memorial gifts given, and sung today,
in honor of longtime Westminster member, Carol Castrodale*

†DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious and giving God, you are the One who first has given to us all that we need for life.

Guide us to use what we now gather for the well-being of your church, for those in need of shelter and food, for all who suffer for want of your Word, and for nurturing faith in your people. In the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

†HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"

HANKEY

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.*

Refrain:

*I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

*I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.
(Refrain)*

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.
(Refrain)*

†CHARGE & BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 12, 2024

The **FLOWERS** today are given by Heather Heidtman in honor of the women of Westminster on this Mother's Day. Thank you for all the ways you care for and nurture this congregation.

NURSERY CARE is available for infants and toddlers during the worship service. Our nursery is equipped with a paging system. Quality childcare is provided by Elaine Edwards who is infant/CPR trained.

PER CAPITA 2024 Per capita for 2024 is \$29.50. Remember that Per Capita goes to fund the greater church including our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly, which in turn, provides great support to Westminster. **Look for the blue envelopes in the pew backs or in your box of envelopes.**

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK: Westminster Presbyterian Church-Bay City.

BULLETIN BOARDS: Check out the Church bulletin board just outside the sanctuary for upcoming church events and happenings, **plus sign-up sheets for volunteer opportunities!** In addition, the Community bulletin board in Fellowship Hall has information on health screenings, grief groups and other events in the area.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: We'll use our time together on Sunday mornings to focus on another book of the Bible. This session will focus on the book of Ephesians, using the book "Practice Resurrection" by Eugene Peterson as our guide. Books are available in the church office. We'll meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

GRADUATION SUNDAY: If you have a family member graduating from high school, college or university this spring, please let the office know by Tuesday, May 14th. Please share the school your graduate is graduating from, future plans and a picture, if possible. We will be **honoring our graduates next Sunday, May 19th** in worship.

IT'S TACO SUNDAY! Join us next **Sunday, May 19th** as we will celebrate Pentecost during worship and host a volunteer appreciation taco lunch after worship. No need to bring a dish to pass! This is our small way of thanking the congregation of Westminster for all that you do in the life our church! All are welcome!

STAR GAZERS AND SOUL SEARCHERS: Using prompts from the Beatitudes, we'll explore our faith through reflecting, writing and sharing (only if you wish). Our next meeting is **Tuesday, May 14th, at 1:00 p.m.** in the Narthex. You are welcome to attend, even if you missed earlier sessions. Please see Judy Hudson or Rev. Linda for questions.

PICKLEBALL: Come try out the fastest growing sport in the US! A group from Westminster is inviting anyone who is interested to play pickleball at Delta College on Friday evenings, starting May 17th from 5-7 p.m. No experience necessary or equipment needed. This is a great opportunity for fun and fellowship!

MATTHEW 25 CAFE AT THE SALVATION

ARMY: Westminster serves lunch at the Matthew 25 Cafe on the second Tuesday of each month. Crews work from 9-11 a.m. with meal prep, or 11-1:00 p.m. serving and cleaning up. Join us on **May 14th or June 11th**. Scan the QR code or **sign up at the bulletin board just outside the sanctuary.**



FOOD OF FAITH: Did you know Food of Faith has been going strong on the west side of the city for over 20 years! Join our amazing team from Westminster. We'll be serving a dinner on **Thursday, May 30th** at Messiah Lutheran. Help with cooking and meal prep starting at 2:00 p.m. or help with serving and clean up at 4:00 p.m. Use the QR code or call the Church office to sign up or the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.



VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN: Bay Shore's

Day Camp on the Road is coming to Westminster August 5-8 from 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m for fun week of VBS! **There is NO COST!** Click on the QR code to register.



NEW BOOK STUDY: If gratitude is good, why is it at times, so hard to do? In *Grateful*, Diana Butler Bass untangles our conflicting understandings of gratitude and sets the table for a renewed practice of giving thanks. After a short 2-week hiatus, we'll meet again **Tuesday, May 28th at 1:30 p.m.** in the Narthex.

END OF SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY: Join us **Sunday, June 2nd from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** for our 2nd Annual Block Party. Westminster volunteers we need your help to put on another successful event for students in our community. If you're able to help in any way, please scan the QR code or check out the sign-ups sheets on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.

