

Westminster At Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

10:30 a.m.



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WESTMINSTER AT WORK

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect,

People: Reviving the soul;

Leader: The decrees of the Lord are sure,

People: Making wise the simple;

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right,

People: Rejoicing the heart;

Leader: The commandment of the Lord is clear,

People: Enlightening the eyes;

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure,

People: Enduring forever;

Leader: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous
altogether.

**People: They are more desirable than gold, and sweeter than
honey. In keeping them is great reward.**

MUSIC

"Lead Me to Calvary"

Trio

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, how fickle we are; we sin against you without even knowing it. Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin, and save us from willfully ignoring your way. Let your commandments rule and guide us.

Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything except you; keep us faithful.

Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships — with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors.

Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power, for you are the God who made us, led us out of slavery, and has brought us into the community of faith.

Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

~ Time for silent confession of sins ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: ...we are forgiven and set free to live in faithfulness with God and with one another!

People: Thanks be to God.

PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (NRSV)

18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. **19** For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." **20** Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? **21** For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through

wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. **22** For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, **23** but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, **24** but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. **25** For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Lesson
John 2:13-22 (NRSV)

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **14** In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. **15** Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. **16** He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" **17** His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." **18** The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" **19** Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." **20** The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" **21** But he was speaking of the temple of his body. **22** After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

SERMON

"Turning Over a New...Table?"

Rev. Jamie Milton

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

“What Wondrous Love”

Trio

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Wendy Tally

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O Lord our God, we want to follow all your commandments — to love only you, not worshiping the things of this world; to love our neighbor freely, not desiring for ourselves something they possess. Accept these offerings, we pray, and teach us to be generous, giving fully of ourselves that we may truly be the body of Christ in this world. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Opening Dialogue

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Sanctus

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks...we sing to the glory of your name:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest.**

The Memorial Acclamation

Leader: ...great is the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

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.

The Memorial Acclamation

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Trio

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 7, 2021

2021 FLOWER CHART: The 2021 Flower Chart has been posted on the easel next to the Wenona Street entrance. This is an opportunity for you to honor or memorialize an occasion of a special loved one. Please print your name on the date you would like. Marie Capp will get in touch with you for floral arrangements and what you wish to have printed in the bulletin.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Join us on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. During the Lenten season, we will explore the book, *Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through Ten Objects* by Jill J. Duffield. Any questions regarding the class or for Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 989-686-1360 or email at parishassoc@wpcbc.org.

THE WIRED WORD ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Join us on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. Enjoy lively conversations about current events in the news and the Bible passages that relate to those events. Any questions regarding the class or for Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 989-686-1360 or email at parishassoc@wpcbc.org.

THE BOOK CLUB will meet Tuesday, March 23 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. We will discuss the book, *Bel Canto*, by Ann Patchett. Books are available at church this month. They are available in the church office for check-out and can be picked up during regular business hours. Contact Nikelle at cedirector@wpcbc.org to receive Zoom login information.

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

This Week at Westminster

Today, Sunday, March 7, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, March 8

6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting

Tuesday, March 9

6:00 p.m. Spiritual Growth Meeting

Wednesday, March 10

1:00 p.m. The Wired Word via Zoom

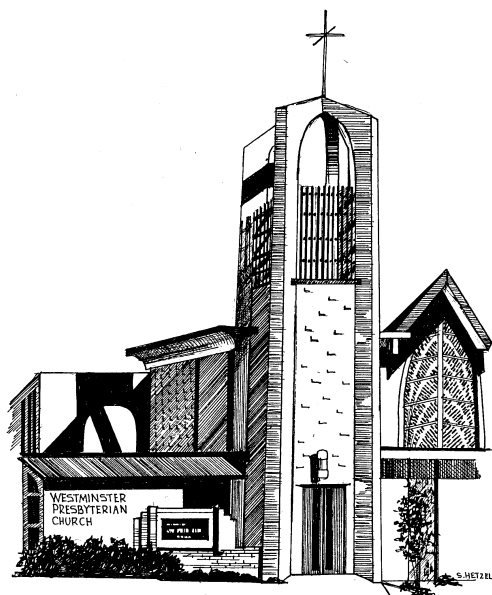
Thursday, March 11

5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran

7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation via Zoom

Next Sunday, March 14 (Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m.)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service



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Monday - Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

lunch 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

