

Westminster At Worship

4th Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

10:30 a.m.



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Love one another, even when love involves risk.

People: We love as God loves us.

Leader: Love and care for others, even when caring is hard.

People: We love and care as God loves and cares for us.

Leader: Love in truth and action.

People: By this we are known as children of God.

MUSIC

"O, How I Love Jesus"

Trio

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray.

— *Silent Prayer* —

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and laid down his life for us. This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

†SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Let us love, not just with words, but with our lives. In the spirit of love, let us share signs of peace with one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

First Lesson

1 John 3:16-24

16 We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. **17** How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? **18** Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. **19** And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him **20** whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. **21** Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; **22** and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. **23** And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus

Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. **24** All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Second Lesson

Acts 4:5-12

5 The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, **6** with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. **7** When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" **8** Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, **9** if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, **10** let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. **11** This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' **12** There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

SERMON *"Powerful Words, Powerful Deeds"*
Rev. Jamie Milton

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one
triune God...whom alone we worship and serve.**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior...and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"In Christ Alone"

Trio

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Wendy Tally

†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have shown us the meaning of love through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. Show us how to share Christ's love by giving our lives for one another; to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Leader: Holy and just

People: Make us like Jesus

Leader: Ready to take risks

People: Make us like Jesus

Leader: Willing to weep

People: Make us like Jesus

Leader: Aware that we're loved

People: Make us like Jesus

Leader: When people meet us

People: May they meet God in us

Leader: So be it, Holy Spirit

People: AMEN.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 25, 2021

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Join us on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom as we delve into the Book of Acts. Acts is all about stories — activities, actions, actors. And with that, the promise that it will never be dull! As always, the reason to study the Bible is not to simply know the facts, but to reflect on how these activities, actions, and actors connect to our 21st century lives. The book, *Acts from Scratch*, is available in the church office (donation appreciated). 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, April 27 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. We will discuss the book, *Behind the Scenes at the Museum*, by Kate Atkinson. 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.

DEBORAH CIRCLE: Ladies, you are invited! The Deborah Circle will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. Contact Darlene Kusterer or the church office for Zoom information.

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

This Week at Westminster

Today, Sunday, April 25, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, April 27

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Book Club via Zoom
7:00 p.m. Deborah Circle via Zoom

Wednesday, April 28

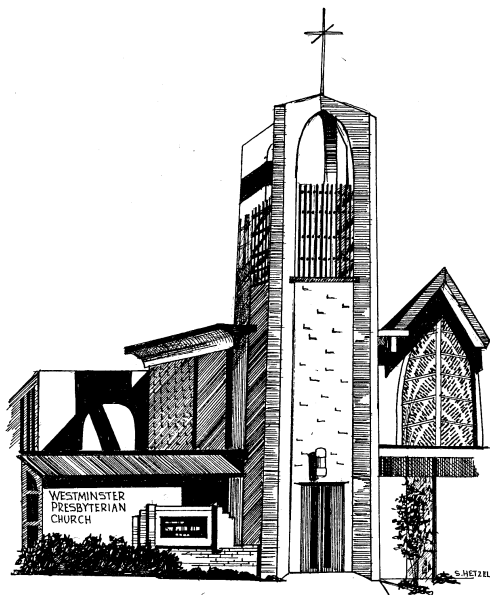
1:00 p.m. The Wired Word via Zoom

Thursday, April 29

5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom

Next Sunday, May 2

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.

