

Westminster At Worship

*A Celebration of Worship
Appreciate God's Abundance*

April 14, 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

WESTMINSTER AT WORK

OPENING PRAYER

†CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: As the sun rises in the morning,

PEOPLE: As the cool breeze ushers in the evening,

LEADER: As the heat of the noonday sun spreads across the land:

PEOPLE: God is present with us.

LEADER: Let us worship God.

†HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

DIX

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy-self, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, giver of blessings, we thank you for the mercies we
know, and ask your forgiveness when we neglect to
acknowledge you as the source of all good.**

**When we hoard your gifts, when we say, "that's mine,"
when we ignore the bounty around us, when are blind to the
good,**

forgive us. Help us to share, to see, to live gratefully.

Through Christ we pray. Amen.

— A Time of Silent Confession —

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace as you share that
blessing with others and care for this good earth, that all
creation may declare God's glory. **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

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Hebrew Lesson
Genesis 1:1-2:3 (selected verses)

SERMON

“Celebrating God’s Creation and Abundance”
Rev. Jamie Milton

†HYMN

“All Creatures of Our God and King

ADELAIDE

*All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O brother wind with clouds and rain,
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O brother fire, so warm and bright,
chase off the shadows of the night.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds such blessings on our way,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD WITH THANKSGIVING

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH OF FAITH

A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (EXCERPTS)

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

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives.

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

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image to live as one community.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

~Please record your presence on the "Friendship Pad"

OFFERTORY

"You Are My All in All/Fairest Lord Jesus"
Chancel Choir

ARR. SHACKLEY

†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

**For all that you have given us, we thank you, gracious God.
For day and night, evening and morning, for land and sea, for
fish and birds, plants and animals, for humankind, and for
your Son, who came among us with the gift of life abundant.
Let your Holy Spirit abide in our midst and work through our
gifts, that all people may have joy and peace, in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

†HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee!*

*Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!*

†CHARGE & BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM



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There are many ways to share your gifts with Westminster.

Cash and checks are welcome. Please use your offering envelopes or the envelopes found in pew backs and place your gift in the offering plate when it is passed.

Visit our website www.wpcbc.org and click on the "Give Now" button at the bottom of the page. This will direct you to our Online Giving Portal or simply scan the QR Code below.

Contributions can also be sent through the mail to the attention of the Church Treasurer.

We're grateful for your gifts,
however you choose to give.
THANK YOU!



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 14, 2024

The FLOWERS today are given by Jeff and Alicen Rogers in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary!

FLOWER DEDICATIONS: If/when you receive an invoice from Keits Greenhouse for Sunday flowers, **the payment will need to be set to 609 Washington Ave**, not the Euclid address. The Euclid site is now closed.

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.**

RUMMAGE SALE: We will **not** host a spring rummage sale this year; our next Rummage Sale will be the first week of October.

HOSPITAL STAYS: Please remember to contact the church office if you are in the hospital. Pastor Jamie and Rev. Linda are available for visits or a phone call; prayers and comforting words during this time.

BAY CHORALE CONCERT: Music lover's we're so lucky to have so much talent in our area! The Bay Chorale will be having a concert, entitled "Dream" Friday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Garber High School Auditorium. Tickets are available at the door \$12.00 for Adults, \$10.00 for students, and 12 and under free. You can also purchase tickets from Dawn Auger, Buzz West, Ken Wright, Don Clough, or Judy Harrelson.

COMMITMENT/ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS: Pledge cards are at the back of the sanctuary, if you still need to turn in a 2024 Commitment Card.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: We've started another study on a specific book in the Bible. This session will focus on the book of Ephesians, using the book "Practice Resurrection" by Eugene Peterson as our guide. Check out the April Log for more details. Books are available in the office.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Beginning this Thursday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, we'll start the next Follow Me unit "Care for Creation". The Bible invites us to be good stewards of the Earth. God created and called that creation good. We'll begin by noticing the good all around us and how individually and together we can care for it. The April Log has more details. Books are available in the office. If you would like to be added to the Zoom invitation list, please call Rev. Linda or the church office.

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 call the Church office to sign up.



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, April 18th 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.



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! The cost is \$99.00/child but full and partial scholarships are available. Click on the QR code to register.



STAR GAZERS AND SOUL SEARCHERS:

We're finding new ways to explore our faith. Join us beginning April 16th at 1:00 p.m. in the Narthex as we reflect, write and share (only if you wish). Check out the May Log for more details. This group will be 2 Tuesdays a month in April, May and June. See Judy Hudson or Rev. Linda for more details.