

Westminster At Worship

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

10:30 a.m.



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Answer us when we call, O God. Be gracious to us and hear our prayer.

People: When we are in distress, you make space for us. You put gladness in our hearts, as with a fine feast.

Leader: When we are disturbed, may we not sin, but ponder things on our beds and be silent.

People: I will both lie down and sleep in peace. For you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

MUSIC

"Thine Is the Glory"

Trio

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of the Risen Savior, when we fail to recognize you, we become reluctant to follow in your way.

Just as the disciples struggled to comprehend how the Christ could have been a suffering servant, we find it difficult to see you in those who suffer today. We resist starting down the path you have shown us until we know exactly where it will lead.

Free us from cynicism and fear. Liberate your world from suspicion and prejudice. Forgive us, Living Lord, and lead us wherever you will.

— *Silent Prayer* —

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†SHARING GOD'S PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

First Lesson

1 John 3:1-7

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **2** Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. **3** And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. **4** Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. **5** You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. **6** No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. **7** Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Second Lesson

Acts 3:4-10; 12-19

4 Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." **5** And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. **6** But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." **7** And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. **8** Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. **9** All the people saw him walking and praising God, **10** and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

12 When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? **13** The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. **14** But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, **15** and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. **16** And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. **17** "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. **18** In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. **19** Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

SERMON

“Healed in Jesus’ Name”

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.

MUSIC

"Holy, Holy, Holy"
Handbell Choir

WESTMINSTER AT WORK

Dan Streeter, Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan

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

adapted from "Christ Has No body" by Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

God of love, help us remember that Christ has no body now on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours. Ours are the eyes to see the needs of the world. Ours are the hands to bless the people we meet. Ours are the feet to do good in Christ's name. Bless, O God, the work of our hands and these offerings, that they may be Christ's work in the world. Amen.

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

"Christ Arose!"

Trio

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 18, 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 18, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, April 20

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, April 21

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

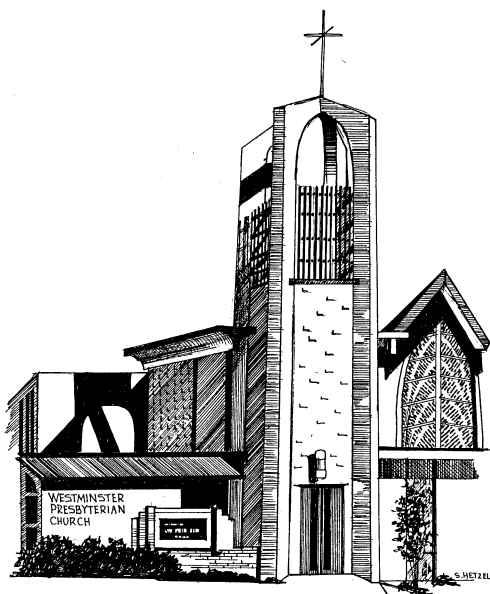
Thursday, April 22

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

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom

Next Sunday, April 25

10:30 a.m. Worship Service



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

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

