



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fifth Sunday in Lent
21 March 2021 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Voluntary

Orchestral Suite: Badinerie

Johann Sebastian Bach

***Ringing of the Bell**

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

***Call to Worship**

Erin Ekstedt and Adam Ekstedt

Leader: People of the covenant:
People: **God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.**
Leader: God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love:
People: **We gather with gratitude for the gift of God's mercy.**
Leader: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and a new and right spirit within us.
People: **Restore to us the joy of your salvation as we lift high the cross.**

***Lenten Candle Service**

We journey together this season of Lent: a time to reflect, a time to forgive, a time to repent. As we extinguish the fifth Lenten candle, we remember your desire for us to write your covenants upon our hearts.

Let us pray: Loving God, thank you for the cross which proclaims the love of Christ. May we follow the way of our Savior and may we live lives which honor the covenants written upon our hearts. Amen.

***Hymn**

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

All newborn servants of the Crucified
Bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. *Refrain*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally. *Refrain*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. *Refrain*

***Prayer of Confession**

Bryce Pound

Redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, and have not loved our neighbors. We have fallen short of imitating your love to the people around us. Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities, that we may fix our eyes on you. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

***Sung Response** Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

***Declaration of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.
People: **in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***Response of Praise** Gloria Patri

Children's Sermon

Jaiana Ireland and Benjamin Parker

Response

Spirit of the Living God

Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 51:1-12

Samantha Magalis

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you
alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified
in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born
guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret
heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter
than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed
rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do
not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit. Amen.

Dance

Moments Musicaux
music: Franz Schubert

Mia Marcy

Second Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Jessica Borland

"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the
covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them
out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,"
declares the Lord. "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel
after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it

on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Meditations Matters of the Heart

Grace Batterman
Avery Pound
Rev. Christian K. Choi

*Text: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit."
Psalm 51:10-12*

Solo It's You I Like

Jessica Borland

It's you I like. It's not the things you wear.
It's not the way you do your hair, but it's you I like.
The way you are right now, the way down deep inside you,
not the things that hide you, not your toys, they're just beside you.

But it's you I like, every part of you.
Your skin, your eyes, your feelings, whether old or new.
I hope that you'll remember even when you're feeling blue,
that it's you I like. It's you yourself. It's you I like.

Music and words: Fred Rogers

The Church at Prayer

Emily Brower

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with your spirit.**

Soloist: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

***Introduction to the Offering**

***Offertory Response** Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Mia Marcy

Loving and generous God, you give us everything we need to live. In thanksgiving, we bring you these gifts and ourselves. Use everything that we offer and nourish us with your love; that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, and to glorify you and bless the world. Amen.

*Hymn Spirit, Open My Heart

Wild Mountain Thyme

Refrain: Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. *Refrain*

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.

Refrain: May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of sister, brother. In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.

*Charge and Benediction

*Voluntary Fugue on B-A-C-H

Robert Schumann

() The congregation is invited to stand.*

IN MEMORIAM

Raymond W. Phipps, Jr. 03/15/2021
United with Westminster 03/29/1998

Worship Participants

Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry

Erin Ekstedt and Adam Ekstedt, Lenten Candle Service Leaders

Grace Batterman, Jessica Borland, Emily Brower, Samantha Magalis, Mia Marcy,
Benjamin Parker, Avery and Bryce Pound, Youth Worship Leaders

Dale Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts

Kamen Petkov, Violinist

Mia Marcy, Dancer Jessica Borland, Soprano

Elsie and Bob Fox, Videographers

Jeanne and Peter VanGieson, Greeters

Mary King and Brinton Wilkey, Ushers

Marilyn Rigney, Safety Team