



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Memorial Sunday  
24 May 2020 + 10:00 a.m.

## Ringing of the Bell

### Voluntary

It is Well with My Soul

Philip Bliss, John Ness Beck, arr.

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say it is well, it is well with my soul.  
My sin—O the joy of this glorious thought—My sin, not in part, but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
O my soul! It is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back  
as a scroll: The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend, even so,

It is well, it is well with my soul.

Horatio G Spafford

### Welcome

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

### Call to Worship

Psalms 68 1-10, 32-35

Let God rise up, let the righteous be joyful;

**Let us exult before God and be jubilant with joy.**

Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth, sing praises to the Lord,

**A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in God's holy dwelling.**

Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies.

**Awesome is God in the sanctuary; the Lord gives power and strength to God's people.**

Friends, let us worship together, praising the Lord.

### Hymn 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*Madrid*

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;

praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friends; to us he'll condescend;

his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,

singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

### Invitation to Confession

Rev. Trajan I. McGill

### Prayer of Confession

**Living God, we confess that we have failed to be your witnesses to the world by demonizing those whom we disagree and withholding your unconditional love from one another. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and mercy of Christ, that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve your world. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.**

**Declaration of Pardon** Friends, believe the good news.  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Passing of the Peace** The peace of Christ be with you.  
**and those with whom we worship.**  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

### **Children's Sermon**

**First Scripture Reading** Acts 1:6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

**Music** Requiem Rhett Barnwell  
Grant them rest, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

**Second Scripture Reading** I Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that God may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on God, because God cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to God's eternal glory in Christ, will restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To God be the power forever and ever. Amen.

**Sermon** Rise Up Rev. Christian K. Choi

**Music** When Rooks Fly Homeward Arthur Baynon  
When rooks fly homeward and shadows fall, when roses fold on the hay yard wall  
When blind moths flutter by door and tree: then comes the quiet of Christ to me.  
When stars look out on the Children's Path and grey mists gather on carn and rath,  
When night is one with the brooding sea: then comes the quiet of Christ to me.  
Joseph Campbell

## The Church at Prayer

### 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 Offering

### Prayer of Dedication

Ever-faithful Lord, we give you today what is already yours. We have received your love, grace, and provisions freely, and now we give them back freely with grateful hearts. As we dedicate ourselves to share your gifts with citizens of heaven, may our praises and all the glory rise to you. Let our lives be a sign of our unending gratitude for your undying love through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Hymn 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

*National Hymn*

God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past.  
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.  
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:  
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.  
Lead us from night to never ending day.  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

## Charge and Benediction

### Voluntary

Triumphal March

Dudley Buck

*(Scroll the Memorial Plaque with names.)*

#### IN MEMORIAM

Margorie Macpherson 12/30/1930 – 05/15/2020  
United with Westminster 02/05/1961

#### IN MEMORIAM

Jay Elliott Bell 07/28/1955 – 05/17/2020  
United with Westminster 04/03/1969

## Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Pastor and Head of Staff

Rev. Trajan I. McGill, Associate Pastor for Parish Life

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

Dale T. Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts

Diane Dietz, Soprano

Eleanor VanDeventer, Soprano

Julie Blythe, Alto

Bob Blythe, Tenor

Lyle VanDeventer, Bass  
Bob Fox, Videographer