



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sacrament of Communion
Second Sunday of Easter
16 April 2023 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing

Healey Willan

***Ringing of the Bell**

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 111

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.

People: **Glorious and majestic are God's deeds,
and God's righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: The works of God's hands are faithful and just;
All God's precepts are trustworthy.

People: **God provided redemption for God's people;
God ordained God's covenant forever—**

All: Come, let us worship our holy and awesome God
with our eternal praise.

***Processional Hymn 246**

Christ is Alive

Truro

***Prayer of Confession**

Risen Lord, forgive our doubts and disbelief. Your presence is all around us with every breath we take, yet we continually ask for reassurances and fail to recognize you. We are quick to forget our blessings and mercies that are enough for us. Help us see that you are the champion of second chances, redeeming, restoring, and resurrecting us for life in Christ. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

***Sung Response** Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us Hymnal, Back Cover

***Declaration of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

***Response of Praise** Gloria Patri Hymnal, Back Cover

Children's Sermon

Congregational Response Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks Donald Fishel
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name. (Repeat twice)

Students in preschool – Grade 5 will go to their Sunday school class following the Congregational Response. Grades 6-7 remain in worship.

First Scripture Reading Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Pew Bible, NT pages 119-120

Second Scripture Reading John 20:19-31 Pew Bible, NT pages 115
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation Mercy that Begets New Beginnings Rev. Christian Choi
Text: "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." John 20:27

Anthem Cantate Domino Giuseppe Pitoni
Sing to the Lord a new song. Praise God in the holy congregation.
Let all Israel rejoice in God who made us. Be joyful a praise
God, our King.

**The Presentation
and Dedication of our Gifts** *At this time all worshipers are invited to sign and pass
the Ministry of Friendship folders in the pew racks.*

Offertory Let the Earth Breathe Words & Music: Elinor Stock
Let the earth breathe! Let its heart beat, pulsing and firing the fruit
of its seed. Let four winds tease, air bright and clean, converging
and swirling through life's mystery.
Let waters wreath. Let rivers be, pristine and free from deep valleys
to seas. Let singing stream stir slumbering leagues, awakening the
dreamer and changing the dream.
Let mountains rise! Let forests thrive. Primal communities birthed to
survive. Let kindred be wise, not compromise their courage and
care for greed's beckoning lies.
Let oceans race! Let new waves chase ancient tides washing ashore
cosmic grace. Let rhythms of peace, still conflict's pace, emerging,
connecting in trust's healing place, bold creatures revealing hope's
eternal face, believing, one dwelling, in Earth's sacred space.

***Offertory Response** Doxology Hymnal, 606

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

The people sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty...Accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine...

Hear now the prayer Christ taught us to pray, saying:

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

The elements are served without interruption. Partake of the bread as you receive it and hold the cup until all have been served so that we may symbolize our unity in Christ.

Gluten-free bread is available in the center of the plate.

*Prayer after Communion

Risen Christ, thank you for your visible signs of your presence as we have shared your bread and the cup. May we who have received this love at your table join you in making all things new in our present world. Strengthen us and help us to share the joy of your gospel, so that we may feast with you for all eternity with those who are around us. Amen.

*Hymn 238

Thine is the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

Day by Day

Harold Friedell

Day by day, dear Lord, three things I pray: to see thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

*Voluntary

Toccata in G

Théodore Dubois

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

IN MEMORIAM

Betty Ruth Cadwallader 08/09/1925 –03/26/2023
United with Westminster 12/14/1983

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
- **Worship Leader:** Mia Marcy
- **Acolytes:** James Maeda and Sam Batterman
- **Bible & Cross Carriers:** Will Hovey and Sam Simonson
- **Greeters:** Judy and Todd Knox
- **Today's Communion Bread** is whole wheat honey cinnamon and was lovingly baked by Mary Leffler.
- **Communion Prep Team:** Mary Ray, Ann Collins, Priscilla and Tim Kluge, Elisabeth and Mark Luttrell, Krista Steller
- **Elders Serving Communion:** Mary Ray (Team Leader), Aaron Berkowitz, Scott Day, Mal Hildebrand, Robyn Hovey, Will Hovey, Becky Huston, Jay Kennerly, Tim Kluge, Amanda Kurmann, Dave Leonatti, Sarah Zerfas
- **Home Communion Teams:** Kathy Kenyon and Krista Steller, Judy Knox and Sara Eldridge, Coleman and Mary Moore, and Eleanor & Lyle VanDeventer
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir; Lyle VanDeventer, Bass; Dale Rogers, organist
- **Ushers:** Jim Parker (Head Usher), Sophia Choi, Kathy Kenyon, Erin Ekstedt, Keith Hamilton, Susan Shaw, Bob Stuart, Jess Weitzel
- **Safety Team:** Peter Van Gieson
- **Videographers and Sound:** Bob Fox, Krista Steller

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **8:45 a.m. – Youth Sunday participants** rehearse in Pastor's Study
- **8:45 a.m. – Walk to Emmaus** skit rehearsal in Sanctuary
- **9:00 a.m. – Earth Care Meeting** in Ziegler Library
- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon Nursery (lower level)** Infants and toddlers begin in the Nursery. Preschoolers begin in worship with their families and leave during the Congregational Response. This week's Bible Story: "Jesus is Always With Us" (Matthew 28:16-20).
Caregivers: Leigh Milward and Caroline Haynor
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** Children Kindergarten – Grade 5 begin in worship with their families & leave during the Congregational Response for:
 - **Sunday School (Third Floor Chapel)** Kindergarten – Grade 5 The story is "Peace Be With You" (John 20:19-31). Teachers: *Cathy Brower and Julie Robbs*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12 noon**
 - **8th Grade Confirmation (Parish Hall)** 8th Grade Confirmation class will meet Mary Ray and Dr. Kieffer to attend the Adult Ed Solution to Climate Change presentation.
 - **Adult Ed Forum (Parish Hall)** presents "**Solutions to Climate Change: An Interactive Presentation**" Participants will engage in an interactive presentation led by Andy Panelli who will show how each suggested action will impact climate change on a MIT/Sloan simulator.
 - **Fair Trade – Equal Exchange** coffee, chocolate, tea, olive oil, nuts and other items will be sold in the West Narthex to support just, environmentally sound products and small producers. Becky Martin and Jeanne VanGieson oversee this ministry.
- **5:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group** tonight from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. for dinner and Youth Sunday preparation. Dinner will be provided by Katie and Jonathan Carlson-Eastvold.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS! Information about who we are is in our Welcome Brochure located in the pew pockets and on our website www.wpcspi.org. Please complete the Ministry of Friendship folder located on the end of each pew. If you are interested in joining, please speak to a pastor.



THE ADULT ED FORUM presents *Solutions to Climate Change: An Interactive Presentation* today and April 23 at 11:15 a.m. At the first session participants will engage in an interactive presentation led by Andy Panelli who will show how each suggested action will impact climate change on a MIT/Sloan simulator that will model their proposed solution instantly in real-time. Andrew Panelli is a group leader for Citizens' Climate Education, which is a non-profit and non-partisan grassroots organization dedicated to educating the public on smart climate solutions. Dr. Wehrle will present the second program and is Emeritus Professor at the University of Illinois at Springfield where he taught globalization & international governance for 49 years.

LYDIA CIRCLE meets Tuesday, April 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ziegler Library. Nancy Scott will be the hostess and Sharon Zook will lead Lesson Eight: Sabbath and Justice.

HUNGER ACTION TEAM will prepare a meal for Salvation Army Warming Center on April 19.

THE EARTH CARE TEAM will host a table at the annual Springfield Earth Awareness Fair, on Saturday, April 22, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Henson Robinson Zoo (1100 E Lake Shore Drive on Lake Springfield). The Theme is "Trash to Toys," a creation of Susan Shaw. Earth Day began over 50 years ago.



YOUTH SUNDAY – On Sunday, April 23 our youth will lead worship at the 10:00 a.m. service. This year's theme is The Road to Emmaus based on Luke 24:13-35. Seniors Emily Brower, Aerwynna Eastvold, Louisa Eldridge, Mia Marcy, and Bryce Pound will present meditations. The Scripture reading of the day will be presented as a skit by Kristianna Eastvold, Matthew Scott, and Sam Simonson. Junior and Senior High youth will serve as liturgists and ushers. Special music to nourish our spirits will be provided by Aerwynna Eastvold, and Amelia Tungett, accompanied by Dale Rogers.

MISSION TRIP INFORMATION MEETING on Sunday, April 23 at 11:15 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. We will review details of the mission trip to Selma, AL where we will assist in clean up and rebuilding following the devastating tornadoes in January. Additionally, we will visit historic Civil Rights Museums. The Intent to Participate Form and deposit are due on Sunday, April 23. Any questions, text or call Mary at 217-494-3810. Because of the timing to visit civil rights museums and to allow for meaningful workdays, the Mission Trip will depart one day earlier on **SATURDAY, JUNE 24 – JULY 1, 2023**.

STEADFAST NEIGHBOR HABITAT BUILD PROGRESS – City Inspection will be this Wednesday, April 19. The next scheduled work opportunity dates for ministry partners are April 21-22, 28-29, and May 5-6 to hang drywall on-site and paint exterior doors and baseboards at Habitat. Sign up on the Habitat website.



THE APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP will meet Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library to discuss Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You: by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds. The group moved their March book to April. Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, April 17

Tuesday, April 18

- 9:30 AM Lydia Circle (Library)
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 3:00 PM COMPASS for Kids
- 4:45 PM I.T. Committee (Conference Room)
- 7:00 PM St. Andrew's Sisters (Music Room)

Wednesday, April 19

- 10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel (Sanctuary)
- 1:00 PM Warming Center Meal (Kitchen)
- 4:00 PM Bridges (Kitchen)

Thursday, April 20

- 4:00 PM WPC Pastor at IL Presbyterian Home
- 6:00 PM Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 7:30 PM Choir (Music Room)

Friday, April 21

- 9:30 AM Landscape Guild

Saturday, April 22

- 11:00 AM Earth Awareness Fair (Henson Rob. Zoo)
- 10:00 AM Visitation for David Coontz (West Narthex)
- 11:00 AM Memorial Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 PM Memorial Reception (Parish Hall)
- 1:00 PM McNutt Reception

Sunday, April 23

- 9:00 AM Confirmands meet with Dr. Kieffer (Pastor's Study)
- 10:00 AM Worship Service – Youth Sunday (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Sunday School PreK-5 (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (Parish Hall)
- 11:15 AM Mission Trip Information Meeting (Parish Hall)

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