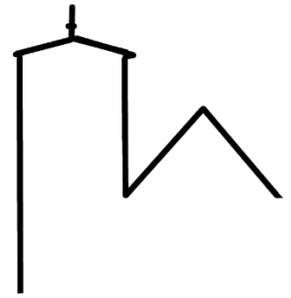


WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1420 West Moss Avenue
Peoria, Illinois 61606



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

15 April 2018

Ten O'clock

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

Vater Unser im Himmelreich

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Clark-Jones

One: *We are called to be God's children:*

All: **God's love has been poured on us through Jesus Christ!**

One: *Fear and doubt are gone!*

All: **Joy and Celebration ring in our hearts!**

One: *Come, let us raise our voices in song!*

All: **Let us offer our hearts and souls to God in prayer and praise.**

*THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 104

Hymn to Joy

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Conrad Stinnett, Liturgist

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*praying together*)

God, You are One, but we are fragmented. We confess that we do not work together as Your body; we insist on our own way. We put our wants above others' needs, and often our perceived needs are not necessities. We justify ourselves at the cost of others' well-being. Forgive us for our selfish ways, for not seeing others as our brothers and sisters. Forgive us for not seeing ourselves as part of a larger body in You. Restore us, bind us together, so we might know that we need each other in all our diversity to be Your body.

TIME OF SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

** indicates all who are able may stand*

*KYRIE

John Weaver

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Choir
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Congregation
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship You, we
give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a - one are the
Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a - lone are the
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NEW TESTAMENT: Acts 3:12-19

p. 120 *NRSV*

THE PSALTER

Psalm 4

St. Peter

1. O God, defender of my cause,
When I call, answer me;
You set me free when most hard pressed;
Have mercy, hear my plea.

2. God does great wonders for his own;
When I call, he will hear;
Speak to your heart, then, secretly;
Do not sin; stand in fear.

3. Offer the sacrifice required,
And trust in God's great might;
While many seek for better times,
Lord, let us see your light.

4. You put more gladness in my heart
Than when our crops increase;
You, Lord, alone make me secure;
I fall asleep in peace.

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EPISTLE: I John 3:1-7

p. 240 *NRSV*

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

p. 91 *NRSV*

SERMON

Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Reading together*)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

John Rutter

All Things Bright and Beautiful

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings, He
made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings. The purple headed mountains, The
river running by, The sunset and the morning That brightens up the sky. The cold wind in
the winter, The pleasant summer sun, The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one.
He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell How great is God Almighty, Who
has made all things well.

***DOXOLOGY**

Lasst uns erfreun

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(please be seated at the end of the prayer)*

SEALING THE WORD

*At the time of the DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS, worshipers may come forward, down the
center aisle, to receive bread and then dip their bread in a chalice. Those who are unable to come down
the aisle, or who prefer to receive in the pew, will be served bread and an individual cup by an elder who
will be walking around the sanctuary to serve those who remain seated. Christians of any age or church
affiliation are welcome at Christ's table, where Christ himself is the host.*

HYMN 503

Sursum Corda

Come, Risen Lord

INVITATION

One: *The Lord be with you.*

All: **And also with you.**

One: *Lift up your hearts.*

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

One: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

SANCTUS

Don Clapper

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord! God of pow - er and might!
Heav - en and earth are full, 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!

COMMUNION PRAYER AND MEMORIAL ACCLAMATIONS

(intro.)
Christ has died; Christ is ris - en;
Christ will come a - gain!

INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

(... *In your mercy* ... Lord hear our prayer)

THE CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER [*praying together*]

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.

Celebrant: *These are holy things, to keep us holy. Gifts of God for the people of God.*

All: Let us keep the feast. **ALLELUIA!**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MUSIC

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 420

Cwm Rhondda

God of Grace and God of Glory

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

May Christ Support Us

Norman Dello Joio

*THE POSTLUDE

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Denise M. Clark-Jones, *Pastor*

Conrad Stinnett, *Liturgist*

Thomas Clark-Jones, *Organist-Choirmaster*

The Westminster Choir

NEW SERVICE MUSIC was initiated last Sunday. We have used it for a short time before, but we need to learn this fine service. The Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis are by John Weaver who served for thirty years as the Organist-Choirmaster at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City. He was also Chair of the organ department at the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia. The Kyrie was written for a Presbyterian Musicians Conference, and the Gloria is in the Hymnal. Dr. Weaver was an important force in the creation of our current hymnal, serving as music consultant to the Hymnal Committee. The Sanctus was written by the late Donald G. Clapper, a friend of Dr. Weaver and the organist at Pine Street Church in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania for 43 years! The Acclamations were not included in Dr. Weaver's service, so Thomas Clark-Jones took some of his other material to open and close the response with original material for the sung response ... this was done with Dr. Weaver's blessing. It is a fine service, and we hope you will enjoy getting to know it to give the service music a variety of possibilities during the church year.

A REMINDER ... our next Iben Series event is next Sunday afternoon at four, and features a traditional Welsh Hymn Festival (Gmanfa Ganu). Welsh native, Mari Morgan is the guest conductor. The choir will present a couple of Welsh anthems and it is bound to be a great event. Plan now to come. Also a Welsh Workshop featuring some folk music and other Welsh heritage will be presented by Ms. Morgan in the Chapel at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, April 21. There are posters and flyers in the Narthex. Pick up a few and help us spread the word.

OPEN HANDS, OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS