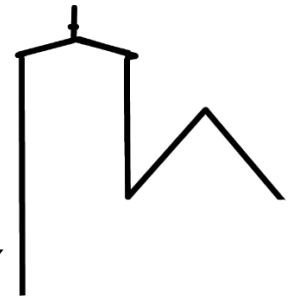


# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1420 West Moss Avenue  
Peoria, Illinois 61606



## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

20 February 2022

Ten O'clock

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**ALMIGHTY GOD, in signs and wonders your Son revealed the greatness of your saving love. Renew your people with your grace, and sustain us by your power, for we can do nothing without you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

*from the Book of Common Worship, PC(USA).*

## GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

**PREPARATION**

**Introduction and Toccata**

*William Walond*

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Rev. Clark-Jones**

**One:** *Take delight in the Lord, who satisfies the desires of your heart.*

**All:** **Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God's actions.**

**One:** *Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.*

**All:** **The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble.**

**\*THE HYMN**

**For the Healing of the Nations**

*St. Thomas*

**1. For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord;  
For a just and equal sharing  
Of the things that life affords;  
To a life of love in action  
Help us rise and pledge our word.**

**2. Lead us forward into freedom  
From despair your world release;  
That, redeemed from war and hatred  
All may come and go in peace;  
Show us how through care and goodness  
Fear will die and hope increase.**

**3. All that kills abundant living,  
Let it from the earth be banned.  
Pride of status, race or schooling,  
Dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
May we hallow life's brief span.**

**4. You, Creator God, have written  
Your great name on humankind.  
For our growing in your likeness,  
Bring the life of Christ to mind.  
That by our response and service  
Earth its destiny may find.**

Text: Fred Kaan, 1963

-Music: John Francis Wade, 1861

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*praying together*)

**MERCIFUL GOD, we confess that we have not followed Your ways or trusted Your promises. We love only those who love us; we are kind only to those who are kind to us; we give only when we expect to receive. Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your selfless love. Change our lives by Your matchless grace.**

**\*TIME OF SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION**

**\*KYRIE**

Tom Clark-Jones

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 PATRI**

Tom Clark-Jones

Glo - ry be to the Fa - - ther,  
and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
As it was in the be - gin - ning, is  
now, and ev - er shall be. world with - out  
end. A - men. A - - - - men.

# HEARING THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there – since there are five more years of famine to come – so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

*The Word of the Lord ...* Thanks be to God.

### \*THE PSALTER

### Psalm 37

*Culross*

1. Fret not for those who do wrong things,  
Who from God's path have strayed,  
For they shall wither like the grass,  
And like the green grass fade.

2. Trust God, do good, dwell in the land,  
And let your wealth increase;  
Take your delight in God and then  
Your heart will find peace.

3. Commit your journey to the Lord;  
Trust God, it will be done,  
Your righteousness will then shine forth  
As clear as noonday sun.

4. Be still before the Lord and wait  
Most patiently indeed;  
Fret not for those who increase wealth,  
Whose evil schemes succeed.

5. Let neither rage nor anger gain  
In you the upper hand  
For those who wait upon the Lord  
Shall soon possess the land.

Text: Christopher L. Webber, 1986  
Music: Scottish Psalter, 1635

**EPISTLE:** I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” <sup>36</sup> Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup> And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

<sup>42</sup> So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup> Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup> But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup> As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup> Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

<sup>50</sup> What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 6:27-38

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you. <sup>32</sup> “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.<sup>[a]</sup> Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup> “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

*The Word of the Lord ... Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*HYMN**

**Forgive our Sins as We Forgive**

*Detroit*

1. Forgive our sins as we forgive  
You taught us Lord, to pray,  
But you alone can grant us grace  
To live the words we say.

2. How can your pardon reach and bless  
The unforgiving heart  
That broods on wrongs and will not let  
Old bitterness depart?

3. In blazing light your cross reveals  
The truth we dimly knew;  
What trivial debts are owed to us  
How great our debt to you!

4. Lord cleanse the depths within our souls  
And bid resentment cease  
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,  
Our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1983  
Music: Kentucky Harmony, 1820

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*affirming together*)

from *Romans 8*

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*

**THE GIFT OF MUSIC**

**All Things Bright and Beautiful**

*John Rutter*

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 colours, He made their tiny wings. The purple-headed mountain, 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 All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful The Lord God made them all.

## SEALING THE WORD

**INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER [*we pray 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.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN

Jesus, Love of My Soul

*Aberystwyth*

1. Jesus, lover of my soul  
Let me to thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high:  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,  
Till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide:  
O receive my soul at last.

2. Other refuge have I none  
Hangs my helpless soul on thee  
Leave, ah! Leave me not alone,  
Still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed.  
All my help from thee I bring:  
Cover my defenseless head  
With the shadow of thy wings.

3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want,  
More than all in thee I find.  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name;  
I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am,  
Thou art full of truth and grace.

4. Plenteous grace with thee is found  
Grace to cover all my sin,  
Let the healing streams abound:  
Make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art,  
Freely let me take of thee;  
Spring thou up within my heart,  
Rise to all eternity.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1740  
Music: Joseph Parry, 1879

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

A Blessing

*Martin Shaw*

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor all men. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you and remain with you forever. Amen.

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OPEN HANDS, OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MIND

## LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Denise M. Clark-Jones, *Pastor*  
Thomas Clark-Jones, *Organist-Choirmaster*  
The Choir of Westminster Church  
Larry Hicks, *Video Producer*

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WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER CHURCH OF PEORIA and this celebration of the seventh Sunday after the Epiphany. We greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and pray this service will be a blessing to all who participate. We are also live-streamed on the world wide web at [www.westminsterpeoria.org](http://www.westminsterpeoria.org). The webcast is covered by permissions granted by One License A 726060 for the use of musical portions of the service as well as to broadcast all music in the service with permission of the various publishers.

THIS AFTERNOON AT FOUR, the Gretchen R. Iben Arts Series presents a program of Spirituals and Jazz. Jamika Welch, vocalist, shares the music of the Black experience in America in honor of Black History Month. David Hoffman and the Westminster Band will accompany Ms. Welch and present some jazz arrangements of spirituals. This is sure to be a great afternoon of music. In recognition of the fact that the artists who created the great Spirituals were hardly acknowledged, much less paid for their work, we will take a free-will offering as the congregation leaves the church, which is given in lieu of royalties that are usually paid to perform music. This offering will go to the Heritage Ensemble of Central Illinois ... a group whose purpose is to preserve and perform music from the experience of the Black American community.

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR is funded in part by a grant from the Gretchen R Iben Arts endowment.

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ALMIGHTY GOD, you have given us grace at this time  
with one accord to make our common supplication to you;  
and you have promised through your well-beloved Son  
that when two or three are gathered together in his Name  
you will be in the midst of them:  
Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;  
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,  
and in the age to come, life everlasting. Amen.

... A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom



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