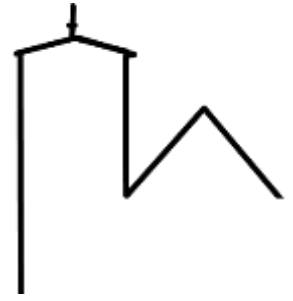


WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
1420 West Moss Avenue  
Peoria, Illinois 61606



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

15 May 2022

Ten O'clock

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**ALMIGHTY GOD, we behold your glory in the love shown by your Son, lifted up on the cross and exalted on high. Be glorified anew in the love we have for one another as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Clark-Jones

**One:** *Praise the Lord, all the Earth.*

**All:** **Praise the one who makes us clean and leads to life.**

**One:** *Let all praise the Lord whose name alone is exalted.*

**All:** **Give thanks to the one who makes all things new.**

**One:** *Today we come to worship the one who brought us a new commandment to love others.*

**All:** **May we hear afresh what it means to live praising the one who first loved us.**

\*THE HYMN 453

O Holy City, Seen of John

*Morning Song*

1. O holy city, seen of John,  
Where Christ, the Lamb, does reign,  
Within whose four-square walls shalt come  
No night, nor need, nor pain,  
And where the tears are wiped from eyes  
That shall not weep again!

3. Give us, O God, the strength to build  
The city that has stood  
Too long a dream, whose lows are love,  
Whose ways are servanthood.  
And where the sun, that shines becomes  
God's grace for human good.

2. O shame to us who rest content  
While lust and greed for gain,  
In street and shop and tenement  
Wring gold from human pain,  
And bitter lips in blind despair  
Cry, "Christ has died in vain!"

4. Already in the mind of God  
That city rises fair,  
Lo, how its splendor challenges  
The souls that greatly dare  
And bids us seize the whole of life  
And build its glory there.

Text: Walter Russell Bowie, 1909  
-Music: The Kentucky Harmony, 1816

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

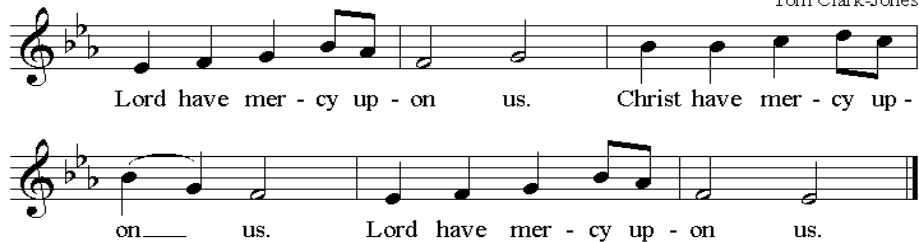
### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(praying together)*

O GOD, OUR CREATOR, you have created all things to praise and glorify you, and in Jesus Christ you have commanded us to love one another. Yet, we confess that we have often glorified the creature, misdirecting our devotion. We have allowed our love for one another to grow cold. Forgive us, Lord, for profaning what you sanctify, and for worshiping what should simply be enjoyed. Restore to us the gift of repentance that leads to life. Make your home among us, that we may dwell with you and with one another in the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## 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 IN EXCELSIS *(music appears as an insert in this leaflet)*

## HEARING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:** Acts 11:1-18

11 Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup> saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup> Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup> "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup> But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup> But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to

heaven. <sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup> If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

**\*THE PSALTER**

Psalm 148

Salzburg

(Hymnal #256)

Let the whole creation cry,  
"Glory to the Lord on high."  
Heaven and earth, awake and sing  
"God is our eternal King,".  
Praise God, all ye hosts above,  
Ever shining forth in love;  
Sun and moon, uplift your voice;  
Night and stars in God rejoice!

Men and women, young and old,  
Raise the anthems manifold;  
Join with children's songs of praise,  
Worship God through length of days  
From the north to southern pole  
Let the mighty chorus roll  
"Holy, holy, holy One,  
Glory be to God alone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1881  
Music: Jacob Hintze, 1678

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Revelation 21:1-6**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home<sup>l</sup> of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them and be their God;  
<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> Then

he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

**GOSPEL:** John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*The Word of the Lord ...*

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 357

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

*Maryton*

O Master, let me walk with thee  
In lowly paths of service free,  
Tell me thy secret help me bear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move  
By some clear, winning word of love,  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee  
In closer, dearer company;  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray  
Far down the future's broadening way  
In peace that only thou canst give,  
With thee, O Master, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1879

Music: Henry Percy Smith, 1874

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*affirming together*)

from *The Belhar Confession, PC (USA)*

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

## THE GIFT OF MUSIC

### Come Ye, And Let Us Go Up The Choir; David Kortemeier, baritone

Leo Sowerby

*And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And man people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he shall teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. Come ye, and let us to up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; O house of Jacob, come ye and let us walk in the light of the Lord.*

## SEALING THE WORD

*At the time of the Distribution of the EUCHARIST, worshipers are encouraged to use the bread and wine given out as you entered church this morning. Those worshiping at home via the world wide web may use whatever bread and wine are at hand as the food of the Supper. Jesus himself used the left over bread and wine from the Passover Feast to institute the first Eucharist. So we, too, may use those things closest at hand for this celebration. Christians of any age or church affiliation are welcome at Christ's table, where Christ himself is the host.*

## 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

Tom Clark-Jones

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of hosts: Hea-ven and earth are...  
full, full of thy glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho -  
san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes, comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho - san-na in the high - est

## COMMUNION PRAYER

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATIONS



Dy-ing you de - stroyed our— death, Ris-ing you re - stored our life,  
Lord Je - sus come a - gain— in— glo - ry!

### INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

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

### CONSECRATION

#### 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.**

### DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

*These are holy things to keep us holy. Gifts of God for the people of God ...*  
**Let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

### COMMUNION MUSIC

#### **Behold, the Tabernacle of God**

*William H. Harris*

Behold, the Tabernacle of God is with men, and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you. For the temple of God is holy ... the temple of God is holy, whose temple ye art. For the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia!

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

#### **A PRAYER OF COMMENDATION FOR Charles Robert Allen.** (*praying together*)

**Into your hands, merciful Savior, we commend Charles Robert Allen. Acknowledge, we humbly pray, a sheep of your own flock, a lamb of your own fold, a servant of your own church, a teacher of your own people, a sinner of your own redeeming, a stumbler of your own lifting. Receive him into the arms of your forgiveness, into the rest of eternal peace and into the glorious company of the saints of light. Amen.**

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**\*HYMN**

**In the Bulb There Is a Flower**

*Promise*

1. In the bulb there is a flower;  
In the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise  
Butterflies will soon be free  
In the cold and snow of winter  
There's a spring that wants to be,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.

2. There's a song in every silence,  
Seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn for every darkness,  
Bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future,  
What it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.

3. In our end is our beginning,  
In our time, infinity;  
In our doubt there is believing;  
In our life, eternity,  
In our death, a resurrection;  
At the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.

Text and Music: Natalie Sleeth, 1985

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

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**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 Fifth Sunday of Easter. 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 Iben series presents the dramatic twentieth century work, "Quartet for the End of Time" by French master, Olivier Messiaen and several of the works of Dr. John Orfe who is in charge of this performance. Dr. Orfe is well known to those who support the Iben Series. He is a free-lance composer who also works with his contemporary music group, "Alarm Will Sound." He also serves as Organist at First United Methodist Church in Peoria.

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR is supported, in part, by a grant from the Gretchen R. Iben Endowment for Music and the Arts.



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# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Cantor Congregation Tom Clark-Jones

Glo - ry be to God on High. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly  
King, al - mighty 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 God the Fa - ther;  
re - ceive our prayer. For you are the Ho - ly One,  
You a - lone— art the Lord, You a - lone art the Most High,  
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly— Spir - it, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.—  
A - - - - - men.