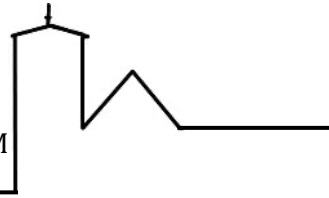


THE SEASON OF EASTER

Westminster Presbyterian Church

4/14/2024 · 10:30AM



GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

Two Settings of Easter Hymn

John Ferguson/Robert Powell

(Jesus Christ is Risen Today)

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Gather us in, Mysterious Maker God.

All: That being close to you, we will understand your intention for creation,

One: Weave us into one, Savior of All.

All: By living your ways, we will create communities of faith and peace.

One: Gather us in, Powerful Spirit of Renewal.

All: By treasuring the past, we will boldly shape the future.

One: Weave us into one, Holy One in Three.

All: That women and men together may be the signs of your presence, the weavers of your communities, and the witnesses to your coming.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 434

Today We Are Called to Be Disciples

Kingsfold

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(RESPONSIVELY)

One: You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose.

All: I gave them momentarily, then withdrew them, for the work was hard.

One: You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice.

All: I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.

One: You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.

All: I closed them, for I did not want to see them.

One: You asked for my life, that you might work through me.

All: I gave a small part that I might not get too involved.

Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you—only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in safe places, and only with those who make it easy for me to do so.

Lord, forgive me, renew me, and send me out as a usable instrument so that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.

Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayers

TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

KYRIE HYMNAL 565

John Weaver

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA HYMNAL 566

John Weaver

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

The Word of the Lord...

Thanks be to God.

***PSALM 46 HYMN 192**

God, Our Help and Constant Refuge

Michael

EPISTLE: Act 2:42-47

GOSPEL: John 13:33-35

The Word of the Lord...

Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

“No Reservations: Gathering Community”

Rev. Tim Mitchell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 504

Draw Us In The Spirit’s Tether

Union Seminary

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)** *(Mustard Bush Statement of Faith)*

We believe in God, the holy Source of all that is.

We believe in God, who has spoken the eternal Word in Jesus Christ.

We believe in God, ceaselessly breathing the Spirit into creation.

We trust in God’s love and wisdom:

Fully revealed in the humanity of Jesus Christ, present to us through the Spirit's working in the Church and beyond.

We believe God is calling the whole creation into a future of justice and peace. We share in Christ's risen life and commit ourselves today to receive the coming reign of God.

To the only God, Three yet One, be all honor, glory, and praise now and forever. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *May the peace of Christ be with you.* **And also with you.**

THE GIFT OF MUSIC **Alleluia** *Randall Thompson*



SEALING THE WORD

**INTERCESSIONS AND
SUPPLICATIONS**

In your mercy... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER **(UNISON) 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**

CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 386** **O For A World** *Azmon*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE **Christ, the Lord, is Risen Today** *Robert Powell*
(Llanfair)

Leading in worship today:

The Rev. Tim Mitchell

Polly Brecht, Organist-Choirmaster

Alyson MacQuarrie, soprano · Kate Kortemeier, alto

J. Douglas McQueen, tenor · David Kortemeier, baritone

Embracing our
COMMUNITY

Open Minds Open Hands Open Heart

Westminster Presbyterian Church · 1420 W. Moss Ave., Peoria, IL 61606

This morning's service is live-streamed through YouTube. Ref. - Permission to perform and broadcast the music in this service is licensed by One License #A726060, Chicago, IL. Photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P., used with permission.

Prayer of confession (adapted from The Worship Sourcebook, c 2004, Faith Alive Christian Resources)