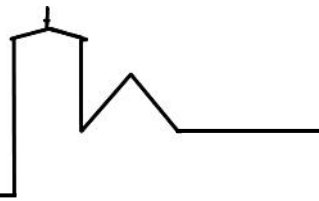


2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Westminster Presbyterian Church

4/27/2025 · 10:30AM



GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

O Filii et Filiae

Rebecca Groom Te Velde

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the face of a culture of death, a world of killing fields,
A world of the walking dead.

Christ is at the head of the resurrection parade, transforming our tears of betrayal into tears of joy giving us dancing shoes for the resurrection party

And this glittering joker, who has danced in the dragon's jaws of death now dances with a dance that is full of nothing less than the fullness of God

**This is the dance of the new creation.
This is the dance of life out of death.**

And in this dance,
All that was broken.
All that was estranged.
All that was alienated.
All that was dislocated and disconnected is reconciled.
Returns home, is healed and is made whole.

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN 117**

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

O Filii et Filiae

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVELY)

For those moments when we move in the shadow,
unaware or unwilling to acknowledge how our actions affect others,

**We gather together, in the light,
To find our joy in God.**

For those moments when we deceive ourselves –
Not disclosing to ourselves or others
The true nature of our vulnerabilities and fears.

We come together in the truth to discover forgiveness through fellowship.

For those moments when life has been revealed, and we have either ignored or denied it,
We gather to embrace grace. In the presence of the Spirit of Christ.

TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

KYRIE HYMN 565

John Weaver

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA HYMN 567

John Weaver

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Proverbs 15:15, 17:22, Jerimiah 31:13

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

***PSALM 150**

Bob Chilcott

O praise God...O praise God in His holiness: praise Him in the firmament of His power.
Praise Him in His noble acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness.
Praise Him in the sound of the trumpet: praise Him upon the lute and harp.
Praise Him in the cymbals and dances...praise Him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise Him upon the loud cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath: praise the Lord.

EPISTLE: Phillipians 4:6-9

GOSPEL: John 20:19-21, Luke 6:21

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

SERMON: **"Joy and Sorrow"**

Rev. Tim Mitchell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 399 **We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight**

Dunlap's Creek

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*RESPONSIVELY*)

We believe with the Bible that
"there is a time to weep and a time to laugh."
We believe with Chrysostom that
"laughter has been implanted in our souls."
We believe with Aquinas that
There is a time for "playful deeds and jokes."
We believe with Luther that
"you have as much laughter as you have faith"

We believe with Calvin that

“we are nowhere forbidden to laugh.”

We believe with Francis De Sales that

“humor is a foundation for reconciliation.”

We believe with Kierkegaard that

“Humor is intrinsic to Christianity.”

We believe with Chesterton that

“A good joke is the closest thing we have to divine revelation.”

We believe with Charles Schultz that

“Humor is proof that everything will be alright with God, nevertheless.”

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Day of Arising

David Cherwien

Day of Arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own.

When they invite him, as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known. When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart, here Christ walks with us, ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part.

Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken. This is Christ’s promise, this is Christ’s sign; when the church gathers, when bread is broken, There Christ is with us in bread and wine.

Christ, our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes.

Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.



SEALING THE WORD

INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

In your mercy...

Lord, hear our prayer.

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 glory, forever.

Amen

CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 118**

The Day of Resurrection

Lancashire

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Vruechten/Easter Carol

Alan Bullard

Leading in worship today:

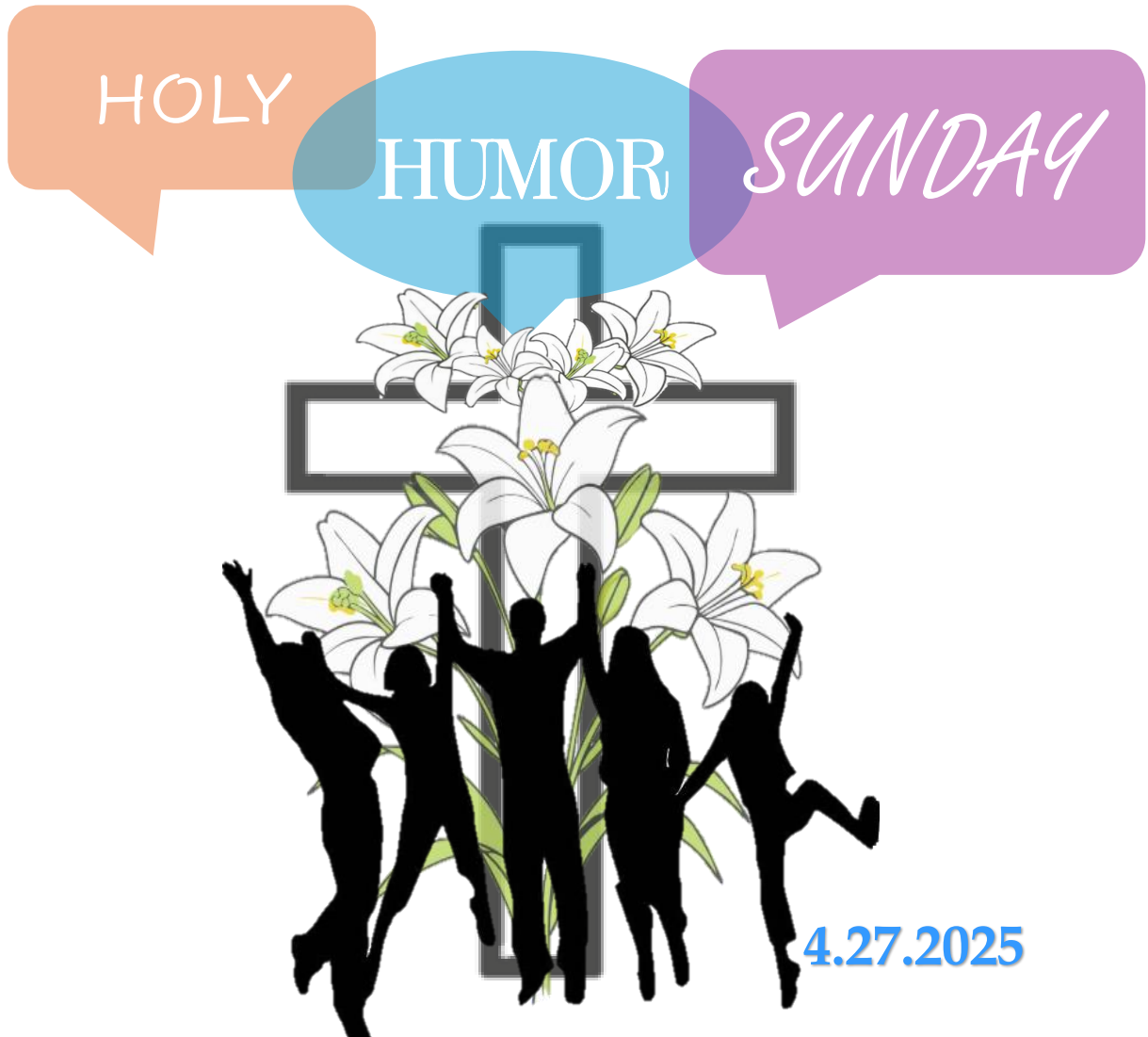
The Rev. Tim Mitchell

Dr. Polly Brecht, Organist-Choirmaster

Lara Reem, soprano · Joseph Strauss, tenor

Kate Kortemeier, alto · J. Douglas McQueen, tenor

David Kortemeier, bass



Open Mind Open Hands Open Heart

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