

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Westminster Presbyterian Church

11/16/2025 · 10:30AM

(Proper 28)

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST,

THE PREPARATION

Two Settings of Lobe Den Herren

*J.S Bach
Philip Moore*

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN 482**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we are troubled by the events in our lives and the state of this world. Headlines are filled with wars, insurrections, suffering, earthquakes, famines, and death. These issues are enough to shake our faith and weaken our confidence in your promises.

Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. Deliver us from speculation that distracts us from faithful living and loving service. Forgive us when we doubt your promises. Help us endure so we may save our souls, always bearing witness to your love and grace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

KYRIE

HYMN 565

Lord Have Mercy

John Weaver

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (RESPONSIVE)

“For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God’s steadfast love toward those who fear him.”

“As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us.”

Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

GLORIA

HYMN 567

Glory to the Father

John Weaver

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Malachi 4: 1-2^a

PSALM 98 Hymn 218 New Songs of Celebration Render

Rendez A Dieu

EPISTLE: II Thessalonians 3: 6-13

GOSPEL: Luke 21: 5-19

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

SERMON: **“Disaster Response Team”**

Rev. Tim Mitchell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN

Surely, It is God Who Saves Me

First Song of Isaiah

Refrain

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be a -
 fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de -
 fense, and God will be my Sav - ior.

Vs.1 **Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation and on that day you shall say, “Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God’s name.” R**

Vs.2 **Make God’s deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that the Lord is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for God has done great things and this is known in all the world. R**

Vs.3 **Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion; ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. R**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(RESPONSIVE)*

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Praise to the Lord
(see Hymn 482 for text)

Hugo Distler



SEALING THE WORD

INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(SINGING TOGETHER, Hymn 571)*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen.**

CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 414**

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

Forest Green

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Postlude

Toccata on Lobe den Herren

Craig Philips

Leading in worship today:

Rev. Tim Mitchell

Dr. Polly Brecht, Organist-Choirmaster

Lara Reem, soprano · Kate Kortemeier, alto

J. Douglas McQueen, tenor · David Kortemeier, bass

Rebekah Dentino, soprano · Dan Stanley, tenor

Hunger & Homelessness Sunday



Open Mind Open Hands Open Heart

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