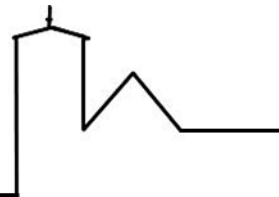


Westminster Presbyterian Church

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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

O Filii et Filiae

Rebecca Groom Te Velde

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Joy is loose,

In the wiggles of the children,

The whispers of the youth,

The smiles of the adults.

We thank God for this beautiful day,

Let the praise burst forth in the most unexpected places and in silly ways.

Joy and praise fill our hearts as we sing.

**Let the laughter be deep,
for we are God's people.**

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN 117**

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

O Filii et Filiae

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

You know better than we do, Amused God, how important we think we are. Believing we must always be serious, we miss out on the joy of your creation. Choosing to focus on the world's pain, we skip the picnic you offer in paradise. Clinging to despair, which is our best friend, we ignore Jesus, who can bring us back to your heart.

Forgive us, Heart of Joy, and make us open to your startling and upside-down ways of working. Fill us with Easter's laughter, your healing joy, and the love poured into us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

One: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayers.

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

***PSALM 16 Hymn 165**

When in the Night I Meditate

St. Flavian

EPISTLE: 1 Peter 1:3-6

GOSPEL: John 20:19-22

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

SERMON:

“Risus Paschalis” (The Easter Laugh) and Butterflies

Rev. Tim Mitchell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

See insert

Promise

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (RESPONSIVE) (Robert M. Thompson, from Re-worship)

We believe in God,
who made us in His image.

**We live, we love, we laugh,
because we are like Him.**

We believe in Jesus Christ,
the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.

**He had the last laugh on the devil
when He rose from the dead.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Son.

**Our counselor, our guide, our motivator –
He is our joy!**

Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously,
when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours
as your children,
when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world.

**Restore the joy of our salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***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 (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 118**

The Day of Resurrection

Lancashire

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Vruechten/Easter Carol

Alan Bullard

Leading in worship today:

Dr. Polly Brecht, *Organist-Choirmaster*
J. Douglas McQueen, *tenor* · **Kate Kortemeier**, *alto*
David Kortemeier, *bass* · **Dan Stanley**, *tenor*
Rebekah Dentino, *soprano*



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Open Mind Open Hands Open Heart

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