



Westminster Presbyterian Church

*Westminster Church is a community where all people are welcome and respected.
Our Mission is to be a Christian community of welcoming and nurturing faith.*

April 21, 2024

Earth Day

10:30 AM

GATHERING

Welcome

Rev. Neneth Ross

Opening Hymn #391

This is the Day

THIS IS THE DAY

Refrain:

This is the day;
this is the day;
this is the day
that God has made!

turning the stone that the builders rejected
into the cornerstone, rock of our faith.
(Refrain)

1 Open, now, open the doorways of justice!
Let us be glad as we pass through those
gates.
This is the place where the righteous may
enter,
singing to God with thanksgiving and praise.
(Refrain)

3 It is the Lord who has done all these
wonders.
I have seen marvelous, marvelous things.
This is the day that the Lord has created.
Join the rejoicing as every heart sings:
(Refrain)

2 I will sing praises because you have heard
me,
offering salvation with grace upon grace,

4 Praise the Creator, the Christ, and the
Spirit,
from the beginning through worlds without
end:
God who is now and who evermore shall be,
glory forever, amen and amen! (Refrain)

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
He lays down his life for his sheep.
The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
He knows us, and we belong to him.
The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

Hymn #14

For the Beauty of the Earth

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1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: (Refrain)

Refrain:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: (Refrain)

2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light: (Refrain)

5 For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven: (Refrain)

Call to Confession

If we are honest with ourselves, our hearts condemn us. But God, who knows everything, is greater than our hearts; and God's deep desire for us is mercy, love, and peace. Therefore let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Lord, have mercy on us.
We talk about love,
but our actions betray us.
We talk about love,
but we neglect the poor.
We talk about love,
but we fail to love one another.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, and abide in us
by the power of your Spirit
so that our lives may show
our love for Jesus Christ,
in whose body we live
and in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Passing of the Peace

Minute for Mission

Olga Enciso Smith

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Lord God, good shepherd, by the leading of your Spirit, help us to listen for your voice and follow in your paths all the days of our lives; in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Reading

[John 10:11-18](#)

Time for Children

Mary Anne James

Special Music

Emerald Stream
Sanctuary Choir

Seth Houston

Second Reading

[1 John 3:16-24](#)

Sermon

A Small Spark Can Start a Fire

Rev. Neneth Ross

Hymn #697

Take My Life

HENDON

1 Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

THE RESPONSE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Sunshine and Joy Medley
Asa Stern, piano

arr. Mary Hayes

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Doxology #609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Neneth Ross

Please submit prayer requests online to the prayer request chat
and in person using the prayer request form

The Lord's Prayer

**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**

SENDING

Hymn

Build Your Kingdom Here

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Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson, William Herron

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
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Announcements

Charge and Blessing

Closing Hymn #80

You Shall Go Out With Joy

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.

Postlude

The Lily of the Valley William S. Hayes, arr. Stan Pethel
Asa Stern, piano

Worship Participants:

Rev. Nene Ross, Associate Pastor

Andrew Marovich, Liturgist

Amber Rasura, Music Director

Nick Mollé, Associate Worship Leader

Asa Stern, Piano

Mary Ann James, Children's Sermon