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Westminster Presbyterian Church

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Our Mission is to be a Christian community of welcoming and nurturing faith.*

March 31, 2024

10:30 AM

Prelude

Beautiful Savior
Brass Quintet

Walters

GATHERING

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Franzen

Opening Hymn

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 doors 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)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn #232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

1 Jesus Christ is risen today,
Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day,
Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross,
Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss.
Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured,
Alleluia!
our salvation have procured.
Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King,
Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing.
Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,
Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King,
Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave,
Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save.
Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above,
Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love.
Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host,
Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia!

Call to Confession

Jesus' rising from the dead assures us that we, too, have been given new life. Let us repent of our sin before God and one another, certain of God's mercy.

Prayer of Confession

**All-knowing, all-powerful God,
we confess that, even on this most holy day,
we are unable to believe in the victory over death
shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life
but also for faith, hope, and love.
Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors
and your stunning presence throughout the ages,
we would be lost.
Forgive us and transform us,
that in every way our work and prayer will
make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

The Passing of the Peace

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

[Mark 16:1-8](#)

Time for Children

Special Music

Crown Him Now With Alleluias
Sanctuary Choir
Richard Hall, trumpet

James Brighton

Second Reading

[John 20:1-18](#)

Sermon

The Tomb

Rev. Dr. Franzen

Hymn #254

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

1 That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord.

2 He bade them see his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wounds abide,
the tokens true which made it plain
their Lord indeed was risen again.

3 From every weapon death can wield,
your own redeemed forever shield;
O Lord of all, with us abide
in this our joyful Eastertide.

THE RESPONSE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers
Ricky Rasura, Harp

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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

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 #611

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Announcements

flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

Charge and Blessing

Closing Hymn #765

May the God of Hope Go With Us

ARGENTINA

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Postlude
Dallas Blair

Welcome, Happy Morning

Arthur S. Sullivan, arr. by

Brass Quintet

Worship Participants:

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Rev. Neneth Ross, Associate Pastor

Sebastian Salazar, Liturgist

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