



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Fifth Sunday of Lent  
29 March 2020 + 10:00 a.m.

Voluntary Allegretto Pensoso Edward Elgar

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Call to Worship Psalm 130

Out of the depths, we cry to you, O Lord.  
**Lord, hear our prayers.**  
Let your ears be attentive to the voices of our supplications.  
**We wait for the Lord, our souls wait,**  
**and in God's word we hope.**  
Our souls wait for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
**More than those who watch for the morning, we hope in God.**  
Friends, let us worship together.

Hymn 664 Morning Has Broken *Bunessan*  
Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!  
  
Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.  
  
Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation; praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

Invitation to Confession Rev. Christian K. Choi

Prayer of Confession We confess, O God, that we are a people feeling displaced by our current circumstances. Hear our cries from out of the depths for there is only forgiveness with you. Inspire our dry bones with your life-giving breath and call us forth from the tombs that are closing in on us. We confess those things that bind us and keep us from living life as children of the resurrection. Unbind us and set us free. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

Sung Response Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

## Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you and those with whom we worship.**

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

## First Scripture Reading Ezekiel 37:1-6

*The hand of the LORD came upon me, and God brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> God led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> God said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then God said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath<sup>[a]</sup> to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath<sup>[b]</sup> in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." Amen.*

## Second Scripture Reading John 11:17-28, 33-44

*When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ... When Jesus saw Mary weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." Then Jesus had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Amen.*

**Sermon** All Rise Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
*Text: "Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.'" John 11:23*

**Music** I Choose Love Mark Miller

In the midst of pain, I choose love.  
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,  
I await the sun again, I choose love.

In the midst of war, I choose peace.  
In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score,  
I will seek the good once more, I choose peace.

When my world falls down, I will rise.  
When my world falls down, explanations can't be found,  
I will climb to the holy ground, I will rise.

Amanda Neubauer, soprano; Julie Blythe, alto  
Mia Marcy, liturgical dancer

## The Church at Prayer

**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.

## Introduction to Offering

**Prayer of Dedication** Holy God, giver of life, we thank you for raising us up and joining us together as one people, your people, flesh and bone in the body of Christ. Use these offerings and our lives that we may rise to proclaim the good news of new life in Jesus Christ. Amen

**Hymn 177** I Will Come to You *You Are Mine*

I will come to you in the silence;  
I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice.  
Be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless;  
I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light.  
Come and rest in me

I am strength for all the despairing  
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see; the lame will all run free,  
And all will know my name.

(Refrain)

Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine.

I am the Word that leads all to freedom;  
I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain.  
Stand up, now walk and live! (Refrain)

## \*Charge and Benediction

\*Voluntary Sortie

Henri Mulet

### IN MEMORIAM

Barbara Dirksen 07/11/1935 – 03/19/2020  
United with Westminster 12/05/54

### IN MEMORIAM

Betty Smith 12/08/1929 – 03/25/2020  
United with Westminster 02/05/1954

### IN MEMORIAM

Wilbur Wright 07/06/1914 – 03/23/2020  
United with Westminster 10/09/16

## Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Pastor and Head of Staff

Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry

Dale T. Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts

Lyle VanDeventer, bass      Amanda Neubauer, soprano      Julie Blythe, alto

Mia Marcy, liturgical dancer

Bob Fox, Videographer