



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mother's Day

10 May 2020 + 10:00 a.m.

Ringing of the Bell

Voluntary

Forlana

Gerald Finzi

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Call to Worship

A Brief Statement of Faith

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, God is faithful.**

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing can separate us from the love of God.**

Let us worship in gratitude and joy.

Hymn 643

Now Thank We All our God

Nun Danket Alle Gott

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with every joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Invitation to Confession

Rev. Trajan I. McGill

Prayer of Confession

Holy and loving God, thank you for bringing us into the world and blessing us on our way from our mother's arms. Forgive us for the times we disappoint you and do not live up to your hopes for us. Help us to live lives that understand there is no privilege without responsibility and no blessings without challenges. Give us the openness and trust of one who has endured the sorrows and the disappointments of life, and who knows the embrace and acceptance of a loving God. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

Declaration of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
and those with whom we worship.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:1-10

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Music

Song of Devotion

John Ness Beck

I thank my God on every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you with joy; I have you in my heart. And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment, that ye may approve things that are excellent, that ye may be sincere, being filled with the fruits of righteousness unto the glory and praise of God. (Philippians 1: 3-11)

Adam Miller, Tenor

Second Scripture Reading

John 14:1-6a

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

Sermon

A Time to Be Born

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Text: Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people.... 1 Peter 2:10

Music

For Everyone Born

Brian Mann, Tom Trenney, arr.

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, and joy! (Refrain)

For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair.

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free. (Refrain)

Adam Miller, Tenor

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 and loving God, accept the gifts we bring in gratitude for your astounding goodness. Make our lives to be an acceptable offering in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you. We go forth with the peace and joy that is ours because we are not alone. Thank you for the blessing that we are your own. Amen.

Hymn 547 Go, My Children, with My Blessing *Ar Hyd Y Nos*

“Go, my children, with my blessings, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessings, you are my own.”

“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Jehovah, Let Me Now Adore Thee Sigfried Karg-Elert

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Pastor and Head of Staff
Rev. Trajan I. McGill, Associate Pastor for Parish Life
Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry
Dale T. Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts
Adam Miller, Tenor
Lyle VanDeventer, Bass
Bob Fox, Videographer