



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Easter
17 May 2020 + 10:00 a.m.

Ringing of the Bell

Voluntary Sonata in B-flat: Allegretto Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Call to Worship 1 Peter 3 and John 14

In the Lord, we are blessed!

We do not fear as the world fears, but instead we remember the hope that is in us.

Christ has made things right on our behalf, and has taught us how to live,
and in the Holy Spirit we are given an advocate, abiding within us.

Friends, let us worship God in reverent thanks and joy.

Hymn 624 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art (verses 1, 3, 4, 5) *Toulon*

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
and give us strength in every trying hour.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness;
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness.
O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
that we may dwell in perfect unity.

Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.

Invitation to Confession Rev. Christian K. Choi

Prayer of Confession Loving God, we do not always keep the commandments given to us by Jesus Christ. We fail to love you faithfully, and our conduct is not always good. Cleanse us of our sins; wash us and give us new life in your grace and mercy. 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.

Children's Sermon

First Scripture Reading 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Music Gabriel's Oboe Ennio Morricone

Second Scripture Reading John 14:15-21

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and the Father will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees nor knows the spirit. You know the spirit, because the spirit abides with you, and will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Sermon With Gentleness and Reverence Rev. Trajan I. McGill
"I will not leave you orphaned..." *-John 14:18a*

Music Oboe Sonata in F: Allegro G. F. Handel

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 Loving God, we give you thanks that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to keep your commands. Bless those gifts which we have been given to share, and use them to reveal to all people your love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

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.

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

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 Benediction

Voluntary Sonata IV: Allegro Maestros

Felix Mendelssohn

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

Krista Steller, Oboist

Lyle VanDeventer, Bass

Bob Fox, Videographer