



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seventh Sunday of Easter
16 May 2021 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Ministry Moment

Mission Fundraiser on Founders' Sunday

Suzanne Borland

Voluntary

These Are Thy Holy Ten Commandments

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Ringing of the Bell

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

*Call to Worship

Grace Batterman

Leader: We come to worship our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory
People: **that we may receive a spirit of wisdom and revelation.**
Leader: We come to worship and know God
People: **to enlighten the eyes of our hearts to have hope.**
Leader: We come trusting in the immeasurable greatness of God's power;
People: **Let us praise the Lord of our heart.**

Based on Ephesians 1:15-19

*Hymn 634

To God Be the Glory

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To God be the glory; great things God has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!
Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Trajan I. McGill

Holy God, lover of humankind, though you call us to delight in your teachings, we can become cynical and full of doubt. We were called to proclaim your name to all people yet reluctant to carry out this task. Do not judge us, we pray, but heal us and restore us to you. Guard us and protect us from evil, sanctify us in truth, and empower us in Jesus' name. 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.**
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Response of Praise

Gloria Patri

Third Grade Bible Presentation

Lucy Elisabeth Bassett, Rollin Wilson Bird, Harper Ryan Huston,
Reese Anne Huston, Elle Caroline Milliman, Lily Grace Swanson
Unable to attend: Caleb Haywood Bond, Sophie Elizabeth Ngoupa

Response

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*Children pre-K through grade 5 depart with Mrs. Sherrick for Sunday School.
Parents are invited to meet their children in Parish Hall after worship.*

First Scripture Reading

Acts 1:21-26

²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Music

It is God Whom We Praise

Franz Schubert

O trees wave before him, proclaim his glorious might!
Join in the song with thy beauty and might, thou vast and surging sea.
Yet ne’er canst thou sing his praises enough, ne’er enough.
God it is whom we praise.

Praise him, all nations, and join the heavenly host.
Praise him, ye people, and swell the glorious song.
Resound, ye suns, on your pathway of light; join in the heavenly choir,
the glorious splendor of all the heavens and earth ne’er can praise enough.
It is God whom we praise.

Second Scripture Reading

John 17:12-19

¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Bridge Builders

Rev. Christian K. Choi

Text: "They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world."
John 15:4a

Solo O God Beyond All Praising

Gustav Holst, Dan Forrest, arr.

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
For Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.
Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept our love that we,
we who know your favor may serve our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
Make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

***Affirmation of Faith**

Col. 1:15-20

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
in Christ all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.**
**All things have been created through Christ and for Christ.
Christ himself is before all things,
and in Christ all things hold together.**
**Christ is the head of the body, the church;
Christ is the beginning, the first born of the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.**
**For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through Christ God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

The Church at Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Soloist: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

The Lord's Prayer

Introduction to the Offering

***Offertory Response** Doxology

***Prayer of Dedication** With joy and confidence in your abiding love and presence with us, O Lord, we present these gifts, tokens of our lives, as an offering for service in and to this world which you have entrusted to us. Bless these gifts and bless all those who place their trust in you. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn 295 Go to the World *Sine Nomine*

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.

God to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen." Alleluia. Alleluia.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary** Prelude and Fugue in D Dietrich Buxtehude

() The congregation is invited to stand.*

*Flowers in the chancel are given in memory of Marilyn & Leroy Tungett
and in honor of Marilyn's birthday
from their children; Linda, Eleanor & Michael.*

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
Karen Sherrick, Director for Children's Ministry
Grace Batterman, Liturgist and Youth Assistant in Sunday School
Dale Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts
Logan Campbell, Bass Lyle VanDeventer, Bass
Bob and Mike Fox, Videographers
Krista Steller, Greeter
Gregg Humphrey, Richard Leary, Mike Sundquist, Ushers
Mary Ray and John Stafford, Safety Team