



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mother's Day, New Member Recognition,  
Communion Sunday  
9 May 2021 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Voluntary Tune in E

George Thalben-Ball

\***Ringing of the Bell** *The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.*

\***Call to Worship**

Braden Barton

O sing to our Lord God a new song,  
for God has done marvelous things.  
**Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**  
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.  
**Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy.**  
As we praise the Creator of all things bright and beautiful.  
*Selected verses from Psalm 98*

\***Hymn** All Things Bright and Beautiful

*Royal Oak*

*Refrain:* All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.  
Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings. *Refrain*  
The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky: *Refrain*  
The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. *Refrain*  
God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. *Refrain*

\***Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Christian K. Choi

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 more that unites us than divides us. Strengthen us in unity as we celebrate the unique gifts we bring that complement and complete the work you have given us to do. 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

## Children's Sermon

**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.*

**Scripture Reading** John 17:1-11 Rev. Trajan I. McGill

17 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. <sup>6</sup> "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Music** My Heart Ever Faithful Johann Sebastian Bach  
My heart ever faithful, sing praise, be joyful, thy Jesus is near!  
Away with complaining, faith ever maintaining, my Jesus is here!

**Meditation** Strength is Unity Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
*Text: And now I am no longer in the world...Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. John 17:11*

**Music** Hymn of Promise Natalie Sleeth  
In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.  
In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory.  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

## RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

**\*Prayer of Welcome** We, as a church of Jesus Christ, lovingly receive you to our communion.  
We welcome you to this fellowship with us, in the blessings of the gospel;  
and we promise to treat you with Christian affection, to watch over you  
with tenderness, and to offer our prayers on your behalf.

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

*Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus  
Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the  
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he  
descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into  
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he  
shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy  
catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection  
of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **\*Hymn**

We All Are One in Mission

*Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

We are all one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single, great commission compels us from above  
to plan and work together  
that all may know Christ's love.

## Presentation of Our Gifts and Prayer of Dedication

**\*Offertory Response** Doxology

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### Invitation

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...Therefore we  
praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of  
every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*Solo :* Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are  
full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: You are holy, O God of majesty...Accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:  
People: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**  
Pastor: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine... Hear now the prayer Christ taught us to pray, saying:

### The Lord's Prayer

### Words of Institution

Music at the Communion Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Harold Friedell

\*Prayer after Communion God of mercy, we praise you that in love you have brought us into your embrace. We thank you for times you have held us in your arms to reassure us when life is complicated and uncertain. Help us to find strength in unity as we live lives that reflect your character and grace. Amen.

\*Hymn I Come with Joy *Dove of Peace*  
I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.  
I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.  
As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now as friends,  
and strangers now as friends.  
The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here,  
alive among us here.  
Together met, together bound by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy to give the world the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.

### \*Charge and Benediction

\*Voluntary Toccata Giocosa Gilbert Martin  
(\* ) The congregation is invited to stand.

### 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  
Braden Barton, Worship Leader; Caroline Haynor, Cross Carrier; Clayton Kurmann, Bible Carrier  
Dale Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts  
Diane Dietz, Soprano, Lyle VanDeventer, Bass  
Bob and Mike Fox, Videographers  
Bill Deemer and Mary Ray, Communion Prep Team  
Krista Steller, Greeter; Rich Canady and Mary Ray, Safety Team  
Rachael Hickman, Nancy Huston, Richard Leary, Ushers



**“Unity is Strength”** is the title of this sculpture by Sophie Hupkens found at the entrance to the North Church in the Jordaan neighborhood of Amsterdam. It is three young women bound together and created as a memorial to the Jordaan Riots in 1934. The economic crash following World War I meant the loss of meaningful work and the eruption of riots throughout Europe.