

Westminster

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



April 21st, 2024

*“A Glimpse of God’s Love
on the Delmar Divide...”*

1844-2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 21st, 2024

1:00 P.M.

Welcome to all our visitors. We are glad to have you with us.

We pray you experience God's presence during this time of worship.

A restroom is located at the north end of the narthex.

Please remember to silence all electronic devices during the worship service.

You are invited to join us for fellowship at the conclusion of worship.

**Those who are able are invited to stand for portions of the service marked with an asterisk.*

We Gather in God's Name

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

PRELUDE

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Ruth Coleman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lives We Actually Have: 100 Blessings For Imperfect Days – Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie

One: This life is made up of so many beginnings and so many endings

All: We start new jobs and leave old ones. We move to new cities and leave our childhood hobbies in our parents' basement.

One: We become new people slowly. Friendships and relationships come and go.

All: Dreams blossom and then they wither.

One: And we find ourselves here once again at the precipice of change.

All: Afraid to let go, and afraid of what will happen if we don't.

Might this be a place of blessing too?

One: Blessed are we standing in the hallway

All: Between closed doors and ones still to come, between the old and the new, between the worn-in and the doesn't-quite-yet-fit, between who we were and who we might become.

One: God make it remotely possible to grow and change, become open to new adventures, and untethered to routine or the same-old. Because the anxiety rising in my shoulders and filling my throat tells me I am unlikely, unwilling, to step forward.

All: Blessed are we who take a minute to look over our shoulder at all we learned from what was, the people we became, the people who loved us into becoming. The peace that came with familiarity.

One: Blessed are we who trust this timing, and who open our hearts anew to change, to new friends, to hope.

All: Nervous, maybe heavy-hearted, but brimming with gratitude for a life so beautiful that it hurts to say goodbye.

One: Blessed are we, turning our eyes ahead toward a new path not yet mapped.

All: God give us courage to take this next step, and enough for the one after that, too. Remind us that you have gone before, and behind, and around, and are with us now.

One: In our leaving, in our arriving, in our changes, expecting or shocking,

All: Surprise us with who we might become. Amen.

*HYMN #687 (GG) vv. 1,2,5, & 6 “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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CALL TO LAY DOWN OUR BURDENS BEFORE GOD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

TIME OF SILENT AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING “I’ve Got Peace like a River”

#623

I’ve got peace like a river; I’ve got peace like a river;

I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.

I’ve got peace like a river; I’ve got peace like a river;

I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

(As a sign of reconciliation with God and each other, all may greet those around them observing everyone’s preference regarding physical contact. This action will conclude with the singing of the Response of Thanksgiving printed above.)

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“Allegretto”

Henry Purcell

OFFERING PRAYER

(You may place your offering in the basket on the communion table before or after the service, or you may scan the following QR code or click here (if you are using an online version of the bulletin)

Donation (eservicepayments.com for online giving)



OFFERTORY

“Sarabande and Gigue - Partita No. 2”

J.S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

GG#609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

We Listen for God's Word

PRAYER FOR GOD'S WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

John 21: 15-17

SERMON

“Keep on Feeding and Following”

We Respond to God's Love

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“Tranquillo”

Tomaso Albinoni

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, holy is your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN #834 (GG)

“Precious Lord, Take my Hand”

PRECIOUS LORD

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

LITANY OF FAREWELL (SEE INSERT)

LITANY OF CLOSING (SEE INSERT)

*HYMN #541 (GG) v. 1

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

RANDOLPH

*PROCESSION OF MINISTRY SYMBOLS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Toccatà in E Minor”

Johann Pachelbel

Today's Worship Leadership

Mark R. Miller, Pastor Westminster Presbyterian Church

Lorenzo Clayton, Moderator, Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy

Ryan Landino, Presbytery Leader, Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy

Rick Burk, Organ

Eva Kozma, Violin

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