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Welcome to Westminster

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022 • 9:00AM

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PRELUDE

INTROIT: SING, PRAISE AND BLESS THE LORD

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good,

People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: God alone does great wonders,

People: for God's steadfast love endures forever

Leader: It is God who remembered us in our low estate,

People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: And rescued us from all that threatens us,

People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: O give thanks to the God of heaven,

People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN #244 THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: None of us like to look foolish, but which is sillier? Chasing after the world and all its gaudy trinkets which flatter our souls, or being a 'fool for Christ', imitating him in service to others, offering ourselves in love and joy to the world? Let us admit to God the foolish choices we make each and every day, as we pray, saying,

People: You know better than we do, O God, what important people we believe we are. Believing we have to be serious all the time, we miss out on the joy of your creation. Choosing to feast on the pain of the world, we skip the picnic offered in paradise. Clinging to the despair which is our best friend, we ignore Jesus, who can bring us home to your heart.

Forgive us, Heart of Joy, and make us open to the startling, and upside-down, ways in which you work. Fill us with Easter's laughter; fill us with your healing joy; fill us with the love poured into us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***SILENT REFLECTION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: The Gospels tell us over and over again of the joy which comes to us through Christ. When Jesus was around, lives were changed, the sick were healed, the sorrowful began to laugh with joy. The good news is that this joy is now given to us.

People: Through the Holy Spirit, we are given joy. We are sent forth to bring good news to the oppressed, to bring healing to the broken, to anoint everyone with the oil of gladness. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

***THE GLORY TO GOD #581 Gloria Patri**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

HYMN #247 NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES

HEARING THE WORD

WORD THROUGH MUSIC

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing by John Leavitt performed by The Westminster Chorale

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit so that we can hear your Word in the words of Scripture. Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 150 (NRSV) · JOHN 20:19-29 (CEB)

MESSAGE GIVEN BY: MICHELLE BARTEL TOPIC: PEACE BE WITH YOU

OUR PRAYER FOR OTHERS LEADING INTO THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: JOHN MAGROU ON THE PIANO

*DOXOLOGY #606

*THE OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Lord we give you today what is already yours. You provide so much for us, blessings pressed down, shaken together, running over. Thank you for giving us the ability to give, and cheerful hearts to do it. Amen.

*HYMN #250 IN THE BULB THERE IS A FLOWER

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: TOCCATA (FROM THE 5TH SYMPHONY) BY WIDOR

God Bless & Have a Great Week!

Westminster Connection Point

HOW CAN WE HELP?

_____ A PASTOR _____ A DEACON _____ NEW MEMBER
_____ STEPHEN MINISTER _____ PRAYER REQUEST _____ OTHER
_____ PHONE CALL _____ HOME COMMUNION

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Bolitho, Albert (Austin's Grandfather)
Borbely, Buddy
Borbely-Orrick, Morgan
Brown, Tom
Comstock, Marianne
Cook, Barbie (friends Sandra DenHartog, Tete DenHartog, and Scott Eizenga)
Dickman-Lopez Family, (Kelda Lopez, Robs Sister-in Law)
Estill, Gene
Estill, Jack Estill (father of Gene Estill)
Feege Mike & Terri & Family
Fehring Family (Nancy Echterling's family)
Harrison, Ed
Henderson, Cathy (sister-in-law of Cheryl Anderson)
Harder, Tom (Belva Knight's son-in-law)
Hill, Don
Hudson, Ann
Karlen, Kim
Kirk, Elaine (mom of Ann Williams)
Madgiak, Kathy
McCauley, Rebecca
McDaniel, Joe
Mitrano, Tracy (Art Morgan's Niece)

Morrow, Adelia (Paige Stephan's daughter)
Mullins, Kay (friend of Shirley Golden)
Orr, Denny
Pidzarko, Eugene
Pedrick Family
Poerio, Kelly (Sue Cook's sister-in-law)
Ptacek, Holly
Quinn, Nancy
Ross, Natalie (Sonja's daughter)
Simkins, Richard
Smith, Ralph (Brandon Smith's Father)
Sopher, Xavier (deployed to Germany, friend of Wendy Borbely)
Trent, John & Sally
Troop, Doris (Gwen Horn's Mother)
Truhlar, Kathy (friend of Shirley Golden)
VanSenus, Matthew
Weier, Chuck (for his cousin Bruce & friend Peggy Knight)
Stephen Ministry Program at Westminster
Yackel, Erna
Ziemendorf, Jeff (Sonja Ross's son-in-law)

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of:

Golden, Bob
Schoon, Peg



WESTMINSTER FORUM

PRESENTATION WILL BEGIN AT 10:30AM IN ROOM 209

Join us today to listen to Ted Hiebert from McCormick Theological Seminary discussing:
Biblical Reasons for Taking the Earth Seriously.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS 2022 - MON., JULY 11 - FRI., JULY 15

More details to come!

