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Welcome  
TO  
Westminster  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**WHO WE ARE:**

*Westminster is a welcoming church for all,  
inspired by God's love to serve the community  
and grow as followers of Jesus*

**Fourth Sunday of Easter and Earth Day Celebration • April 21, 2024**

**Pastor:** Rev. Angela Ryo

**Music Director & Organist:** Verdeen Strain

**Contemporary Worship Music Leader:** Chris Gloff

**Lay Leader:** Ken Schoon

Sunday, April 21, 2024 • 9 a.m. Service  
*\*Please stand in body or spirit.* • BOLD text is sung or spoken in unison.

## PRELUDE

## INTROIT

*Let us Praise Your Name*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Morning has broken!

**We gather to greet the new day by praising God.**

God created us for relationship with God, one another, and the earth.

**Let us honor those relationships today and every day.**

We seek to care for our brothers and sisters around the world and for God's good Creation.

**Let us honor those relationships today and every day.**

May we commit to new ways of honoring your Creation as a means of sharing Jesus' transforming love,

**And let us seek God's grace, justice, peace, and mercy for all. Amen.**

## \*HYMN #15

*All Creatures of our God and King*

(Verse 1: Everyone Verse 2: Men Only Verse 3: Omit

Verse 4: Everyone Verse 5: Women Verse 6: Everyone)

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

The One who calls us to repent, hears us. Trusting that our Creator knows us through and through, let us open our hearts to the healing of God's forgiveness; let us open our hearts to the peace that comes from knowing we're right with God.

## *\*Prayer of Confession*

**Creator God, breathing your own life into our being, you gave us the gift of life. You placed us on this earth with its minerals and waters, flowers and fruits, living creatures of grace and beauty. You gave us the care of the earth. Today you ask us, "What have you done?" Forgive us, Creator God, and reconcile us to your creation. Teach us that the earth and all who dwell on it are yours. Call us yet again to safeguard the gift of life. Amen.**

## *\*Silent Prayer*

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news: God will walk with us in every moment, God will fill us with goodness and mercy, God will grant us peace now and always.

**Anointed with grace and forgiveness, we have peace with God. Our lives overflow with love for all people and all of God's beautiful creation. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## *\*Response*

*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen**

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## HYMN #38

*To Bless the Earth*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORD THROUGH MUSIC

*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
Handbell Choir

### INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER

Lord God, we offer to you only a portion of what you have given us. All that we have is from your creative hand. All that we can give away we do through Jesus' love. All our renewal comes from the Holy Spirit's wisdom. Deal graciously with these gifts so that all of your creation may have peace and joy; in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### *Offertory*

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*  
Westminster Chorale

*(Children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to exit for fellowship time followed by Sunday School. Parents may pick up from Room 301 at 10:30 a.m.)*

*\*Doxology #606*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, by your Spirit reveal your radical, surprising peace and love; come to us through your holy word, and let us hear what you are saying. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:25-26; 34  
Luke 24:36-48

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*Resurrection Stories: Peace*  
Rev. Angela Ryo

### COMMUNION

#### *The Invitation*

#### *The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

#### *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.**

*Sharing of the Bread & Cup*

*Prayer after Communion*

**\*HYMN #37**

*Let All Things Now Living*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

## WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

### **New Concerns**

Barbara Powell (mother of Michelle Myers)

### **Weekly Concerns**

Ron Allen  
Elizabeth Allen-Flores  
Lou Anselmo  
The Borbely family  
The family of Jean Armstrong  
Alan Carlson  
Charlotte (niece of Barb McKinney)  
Mary Lou Crowley (leader of The 3 Bs)  
Grace Delcano (friend of Amy Carter)  
Alice Esamila  
Dave Ferguson  
Tod Florek  
The family of Ed Harrison  
Don Hill  
Diane Karlen  
Laura Kenworthy (niece of April Cafmeyer)  
Wade Lietzau (father of Jenny Coble)  
Karen Marcineck (daughter of Shirley Golden)  
Heidi Morgan  
Susie Nastos (cousin of Cindy Siergey)  
Octavio Ruiz (neighbor of Chuck Weier)  
Dixie Schmitt, Mother of Barb Terpstra  
Cheboyn Snell (friend of Chuck Weier)  
Ann Sullivan (neighbor of Chuck Weier)  
Bob Vliek (brother of Jim Vliek)  
Kimmy Walker (friend of Nora Alfonsi)  
Sandy Walsh  
Steve Ward (brother-in-law of John Shields)  
David Webber (son of Robin Webber)

### **Continuing Care & Prayers**

The Cafmeyer family  
Cheryl Clement (Alan Carlson's niece)  
Jan & Charlotte, cousins of Barb McKinney  
Jennifer Dye Foreit (friend of the Pedricks)  
David Dal Santo (Husband of Dawn)  
Jack Estill (father of Gene Estill)  
Bruce Elliot (cousin of Chuck Weier)  
Mike Feege  
Kim Karlen  
John & Carole Keener (family of Ron Robbins)  
The Ludwig family  
Joe McDaniel  
Betty Morris  
Sharon Orr and family  
Morgan Orrick  
Richard Simkins  
The Strain family  
Colleen Splant (friend of Chuck Weier)  
Susan Geri Snider (Zora Ludwig/sister)  
Shelly Walsh (friend of Chuck Weier)  
Wendy Wilke-Sola

# CONTEMPORARY *service*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024 • 10:45 AM**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**

*House of the Lord*  
Phil Wickham

*Let Everything That Has Breath Praise the Lord*  
Matt Maher Redman

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 6:25-26; 34  
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**MESSAGE**

*Resurrection Stories: Peace*  
Rev. Angela Ryo

**COMMUNION**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*  
David Crowder

**OFFERTORY SONG**

*A Thousand Generations*  
Brenton Brown

**CLOSING**

*Joyful (The One Who Saves)*  
Brenton Brown

**BLESSING**

# Today's Events



**Sunday School - Room 301/302 from 10:00-10:30 a.m.**  
Today's lesson is on Peter healing a man.



**Disciples & Donuts - Room 401 from 10:00-10:30 a.m.**  
The group will continue with lessons from the New Testament curriculum.



**Westminster Forum with Dr. Ken Sawyer**  
**April 21 & 28 at 10:30 a.m. in room 209**  
Topic: Changing the Narrative of the "Great Age of Exploration"



**Ken Schoon Discussion - Sunday, April 21 at 2:00 p.m.**  
Ken Schoon will give an illustrated talk about "Shifting Sands: The restoration of the Calumet Area." It's a reflection on the local public television documentary that has been shown on Channel 56 several times in the last few years.

# Upcoming Events



**Parenting Small Group with Pastor Angela - Sundays in April from 4-5:30 p.m.**  
The last four sessions will take place on Sunday, April 14, 21 and 28 in room 209. Childcare will continue to be provided.



**Youth Group Tuesday Study Time: 3:00-4:30 p.m.**  
**Study Break Activity: 4:30-5:30 p.m.**  
Youth Group will take place April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. This month's focus will be exploring our purpose.



**Coffee with Your Deacon - Every Sunday through May 19**  
If you're a member of our church, you are assigned a deacon. A deacon is an ordained officer of the church who is your first point of contact if you're in need of anything or have joys to share. For the next 6 weeks or so, there will be 2-4 deacons and their primary care groups listed on an insert. If you see your name under one of the deacons, grab a cup of coffee during our Coffee Hour and go meet them near the couches in Fellowship Hall. Your deacons look forward to meeting you!



**Fourth & Fifth Grade Fellowship Event - Monday, April 22 from 5 - 6:30 p.m.**  
Students are invited for pizza, a craft and hanging out in room 401.



**The Good Book Club - Friday, April 26 at 1 p.m. in room 209**  
We will be discussing *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.



**Youth Group Bowling Outing - Friday, April 26 at 6 p.m.**  
Youth are invited to an evening of bowling at Stardust in Dyer. Group will meet at church at 6 p.m. to ride over together. Please RSVP to Tricia by April 23.



**Flower Voucher Sales - Sundays throughout May**  
Flower vouchers for Zandstra's Greenhouse will begin on Sunday, May 5. Vouchers are \$17.00 and worth their full value at the counter. The youth will earn \$3.00 per voucher upon its use. Cash, Check or Subsplash (credit card) will be accepted during coffee hour sales throughout May.

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## Westminster Connection Point

### HOW CAN WE HELP?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> STEPHEN MINISTER | <input type="checkbox"/> PRAYER REQUEST | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE CALL       | <input type="checkbox"/> HOME COMMUNION |                                     |

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