



Westminster Presbyterian Church

April 11, 2021

The Prelude: *A time of silence to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.
(Elder leading worship: Roy Smith)*

Welcome, Announcements and Silent Prayer (10:25)

If you are new to worshipping with us, please fill out the Welcome Card in the pew in front of you and drop it in the offering plate so we can get to know you. Thank you!

Call to Worship: Zechariah 2:10-13

Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for behold, I come and I will dwell in your midst, declares the Lord. And many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day, and shall be My people. And I will dwell in your midst, and you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent Me to you. And the Lord will inherit Judah as His portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem.

Be silent, all flesh, before the Lord, for He has roused Himself from His holy dwelling.

Salutation: Isaiah 50:10; 1 Corinthians 1:3

Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of His servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on His God.

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Invocation

O LORD, You are the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God. You are the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone possesses immortality and who dwells in unapproachable light; whom no man has seen or can see. To you be the honor and eternal dominion.

Open the eyes of our hearts that we may know the hope of Your calling, the riches of the glory of our inheritance and the surpassing greatness of Your power toward us in Jesus Christ. All of this you have brought about in Christ, when You raised Him from the dead and seated Him at your Right Hand in the heavenly places.

Come to us, receive our worship and our praise to the glory of Your grace. We ask it in Jesus precious name. Amen.

Hymn # 7: *(Psalm 117) From All That Dwell below the Skies*

1 From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise;
let the Redeemer's name be sung
through every land, by every tongue.

2 In every land begin the song;
to every land the strains belong.

In cheerful sound all voices raise
and fill the world with joyful praise.

3 Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends your word.
Your praise shall sound from shore to
shore till suns rise and set no more.

Confession of Faith: Westminster Confession of Faith, Chap. 25 articles 4-6

4. This universal church has been sometimes more and sometimes less visible. Particular churches, which are members of it, are also more or less pure, depending on how the gospel is accepted and taught, how the ordinances of God are administered, and how public worship is performed.

5. The purest churches under heaven are subject both to impurity and error. Some churches have so degenerated that they are not churches of Christ, but synagogues of Satan. Nevertheless, there will always be a church on earth to worship God according to his will.

6. There is no other head of the church than the Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession of Sin: Adapted from Augustine's Confessions, I, v-vi; VIII, iv (*Unison*)

O Lord, our God. Our soul is like a house, small for You to enter, but we pray that You will enlarge it. It is in ruins, but we ask You to remake it. It contains much that You will not be pleased to see; this we know and do not hide. But, to whom can we cry except to You? Forgive us, O Lord. Cleanse us from our sins, O Lord, and our secret sins. What wretches we are! In your mercy, Lord our God, tell us what You are to us. "Say to my soul, 'I am your salvation'" (Ps. 35:3). Come, O Lord, and stir our hearts. Call us back to yourself. Kindle your fire in us and carry us away. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love You and hasten to your side. In Jesus name, Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

"Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn # 32: *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see: all I have needed Thy hand hath provided - Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

[Refrain]

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **[Refrain]**

Offering /Prayer: Matthew 6:19-21

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also...

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Doxology: Hymn # 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav'ly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Choir Anthem: Surely with My Savior's Love

He's just another stranger on just another cross, on just another dry and dusty day. I've seen thousands dying, but never one like this. There's something 'bout the calm upon His face. Now the sky is darkened and the world feels like a grave, and suddenly the earth begins to shake.

Surely, surely, He must have been sent from above. Surely, surely, He must be the Son of God.

We have heard that Pilate found no fault in Him. All He did was claim to be a King. He speaks no words of anger, no curses, no defense. Silently He bears the suffering. For those of us who nailed Him to that rugged piece of wood, he cries, "Father, please forgive them. They know not what they do."

Surely, surely, He must have been sent from above. Surely, surely, He must be the Son of God.

I hear the mocking voices yet I see His holiness, and suddenly I hear myself confess:

Surely, surely, He must have been sent from above. Surely, surely, He must be the Son of God.

He took my sins and my sorrows; He made them His very own. He bore the burden to Calvary and suffered and died alone.

Prayer for Congregation

Scripture Reading: Acts 11:19-30; 2 Peter 1:20-21

No prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Sermon: *The Hand of the Lord was with Them* By Pastor Mark Scholten

Hymn # 384: *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, Your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us, O refresh us,
trav'ling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration
for Your gospel's joyful sound:
may the fruits of Your salvation

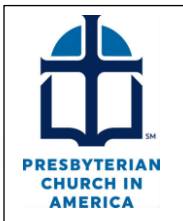
in our hearts and lives abound:
ever faithful, ever faithful,
to the truth may we be found.

3 So that when Your love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad Thy summons to obey:
may we ever, may we ever
reign with You in endless day.

Benediction: Jeremiah 31:33; 2 Corinthians 13:14

I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



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