giving peace without alloy, hope that nothing can destroy; hear us, Holy Spirit.

- 4. Source of love and light divine, with that hall'wing grace of thine, more and more upon us shine; hear us, Holy Spirit.
- 5. Holy, loving, as thou art, come and live within our heart, never from us to depart; hear us, Holy Spirit.
- 6. May we soon, from sin set free, where thy work may perfect be, Jesus' face with rapture see: hear us, Holy Spirit.

## Benediction: Philippians 4:19, 23

And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.



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# Westminster Presbyterian Church August 9, 2020

**The Prelude:** A time of silence to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

(Elder leading worship: Dan Nielsen)

Welcome, Announcements and Silent Prayer (10:25)

Call to Worship: 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 (Elder)

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our Father, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all. In Your hand are power and might, and in Your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank You, our God, and praise your glorious name.

Salutation: Isaiah 30:15; 1 Corinthians 1:3 (Elder)

For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Invocation

**Hymn:** To the Lord O Sing a New Song (Psalm 98B) (See Insert)

Confession of Faith: Westminster Larger Catechism, Q 53, 54 (Elder)

# Q. 53. How was Christ exalted in his ascension?

**A.** Christ was exalted in his ascension, in that having after His resurrection often appeared unto and conversed with His apostles, speaking to them of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God, and giving them commission to preach the gospel to all nations, forty days after His resurrection, He, in our nature, and as our head, triumphing over enemies, visibly went up into the highest heavens, there to receive gifts for men, to raise up our affections thither, and to prepare a place for us, where himself is, and shall continue till his second coming at the end of the world.

# Q. 54. How is Christ exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God?

**A.** Christ is exalted in His sitting at the right hand of God, in that as God-man He is advanced to the highest favor with God the Father, with all fulness of joy, glory, and power over all things in heaven and earth; and does gather and defend His church, and subdue their enemies; furnishes His ministers and people with gifts and graces, and makes intercession for them.

#### **Confession of Sin:** Daniel 9:4-5 (Elder)

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules.

## **Silent Prayer**

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 3:23-24 (Elder)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

**Hymn:** Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved For our walk in this world They resound with God's own heart Oh, let the ancient words impart

Words of Life, words of Hope Give us strength, help us cope In this world, where e'er we roam Ancient words will guide us home

#### Chorus

Ancient words ever true Changing me and changing you We have come with open hearts Oh, let the ancient words impart

Holy words of our Faith Handed down to this age Came to us through sacrifice Oh heed the faithful words of Christ

Holy words long preserved For our walk in this world They resound with God's own heart Oh let the ancient words impart

#### Chorus 2x

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Offering Scripture: 1 Chronicles 29:14

But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from You, and of Your own have we given You.

#### Doxology: Hymn # 733

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise him above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Choir Anthem:** Agnus Dei

Alleluia, Alleluia For the Lord God Almighty reigns Alleluia, Alleluia For the Lord God Almighty reigns Alleluia

Holy, holy
Are You Lord God, Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb
You are holy, holy
Are You Lord God, Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb
Amen

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## **Prayer for Congregation**

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-5

Sermon: The First Steps in the Heavenly Reign of the Conquering King

By Pastor Mark Scholten

Hymn # 336: Spirit, Strength of All the Weak

1. Spirit, strength of all the weak, giving courage to the meek, teaching falt'ring tongues to speak; hear us, Holy Spirit.

2. Spirit, aiding all who yearn more of truth divine to learn, and with deeper love to burn; hear us, Holy Spirit.

3. Spirit, fount of faith and joy,