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Westminster Presbyterian Church

*Westminster Church is a community where all people are welcome and respected.
Our Mission is to be a Christian community of welcoming and nurturing faith.*

May 5, 2024

10:30 AM

GATHERING

Welcome

Rev. Neneth Ross

Opening Hymn #391

This is the Day

ESTE ES EL DÍA

Refrain:

This is the day;
this is the day;
this is the day
that God has made!

turning the stone that the builders rejected
into the cornerstone, rock of our faith.
(Refrain)

1 Open, now, open the doorways of justice!
Let us be glad as we pass
through those gates.
This is the place where
the righteous may enter,
singing to God with thanksgiving and praise.
(Refrain)

3 It is the Lord who has done all these
wonders.
I have seen marvelous, marvelous things.
This is the day that the Lord has created.
Join the rejoicing as every heart sings:
(Refrain)

2 I will sing praises because
you have heard me,
offering salvation with grace upon grace,

4 Praise the Creator, the Christ,
and the Spirit,
from the beginning through worlds
without end:
God who is now and who evermore shall be,
glory forever, amen and amen! (Refrain)

Call to Worship

Mary Anne James

Sing to our God a new song.

God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

Hymn #242

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

IN DIR IST FREUDE

Refrain:

Day of delight and beauty unbounded,

tell the news, the gospel spread!

Day of all wonder, day of all splendor,

praise Christ risen from the dead!

1 Sing of the sun from darkness appearing;

sing of the seed from barren earth greenening;

sing of creation, alleluia!

Sing of the stream from Jesus' side flowing;

sing of the saints in water made holy;

sing of salvation, alleluia! (Refrain)

2 Sing now of mourning turned into dancing;

sing now the mystery, hope of our glory;

sing with thanksgiving, alleluia!

Sing now of fasting turned into feasting;

sing the Lord's favor lasting forever;

sing, all things living, alleluia!

Call to Confession

We have been called to follow Christ by obeying his one commandment: that we love one another as he has loved us. Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love.

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, we have not loved you
or each other with our whole hearts.**

Forgive us, we pray,

and lead us toward wholeness,

that we may be filled with your joy.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Passing of the Peace

Minute for Mission

Olga Enciso Smith

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

[Acts 10:44-48](#)

Time for Children

Claudia Sanborn

Special Music

Sing to the Lord a Joyful Song

Hal Hopson

Sanctuary Choir

Second Reading

[John 15:9-17](#)

Sermon

Ubuntu: I Am Because We Are

Rev. Sammie Evans-Khek

Hymn #752

Dona nobis pacem

DONA NOBIS PACEM

Dona nobis pacem, pacem.

Dona nobis pacem.

THE RESPONSE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
Brad Handshy, Piano

William Moore

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Doxology #609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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!

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

Communion Hymn #519

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak

JERNIGAN

You are my strength when I am weak;

you are the treasure that I seek;

you are my all in all.

When I fall down, you pick me up;

when I am dry, you fill my cup;

you are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!

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Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

The 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.**

Communion of God's People

Prayer After Communion

Hymn #480

Take Me to the Water

TAKE ME TO THE WATER

1 Take me to the water.
Take me to the water.
Take me to the water
to be baptized.

2 I love Jesus.
I love Jesus.
I love Jesus,
yes, I do.

3 He's my Savior.
He's my Savior.
He's my Savior,
yes, he is.

4 Glory hallelujah.
Glory hallelujah.
Glory hallelujah
to be baptized.

SENDING

Announcements

Charge and Blessing

Closing Hymn #765

May the God of Hope

ARGENTINA

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Postlude

Brad Handshy

Worship Participants:

Rev. Sammie Evans-Khek, Guest Pastor

Rev. Neneth Ross, Associate Pastor

Mary Anne James, Liturgist

Amber Rasura, Music Director

Nick Mollé, Associate Worship Leader

Claudia Sanborn, Youth and Young Adult Director

Brad Handshy, Piano