



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.*

April 28

10:30 AM

GATHERING

Welcome

Rev. Neneth Ross

Opening Hymn #391

This is the Day

THIS IS THE DAY

Refrain:

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

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)

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

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

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)

In the wilderness, water brings life.

Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.

In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.

In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.

Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity. Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.

Hymn #450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true
Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high
tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my
power.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's
Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Call to Confession

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess to God and to one another our failure to love our neighbor.

Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy,
we confess that we have not
borne the fruit
of the Spirit.
We have not loved others as you have loved us.
We have denied the promises of baptism
and cut ourselves off from you.
Forgive us, restore us,
that we may abide in your love
and live out your mercy,
for the sake of Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

The Passing of the Peace

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

[Acts 8:26-40.](#)

Time for Children

Christy Frost

Special Music

They'll Know We Are Christians
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

Second Reading

[John 15:1-8](#)

Sermon

Vine and Branches

Fr. Jon Pedigo

Hymn #518

Your Only Son

LAMB OF GOD

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod,
and to become the Lamb of God.

2 Your gift of love, we crucified;
we laughed and scorned him as he died;
the humble King we named a fraud
and sacrificed the Lamb of God. (Refrain)

Refrain:

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

3 I was so lost, I should have died,
but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod,
and to be called a lamb of God. (Refrain)

THE RESPONSE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

This Little Light of Mine

Harry Dixon Loes,
arr. Mark Hayes

Asa Stern, piano

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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

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Neneth Ross

Please submit prayer requests online to the prayer request chat
and in person using the prayer request form

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**

SENDING

1 I danced in the morning when the world
was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and
the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced
on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2 I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not
follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and
John.
They came with me and the dance went on.
(Refrain)

Announcements

Charge and Blessing

Fr. Jon Pedigo

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

*Unclouded Day*J.K. Alwood
arr. Mark Hayes

Asa Stern, piano

Worship Participants:
Fr. Jon Pedigo, Guest Pastor

Rev. Nene Ross, Associate Pastor
Dave Burgess, Liturgist
Amber Rasura, Music Director
Nick Mollé, Associate Worship Leader
Asa Stern, Piano

