

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now, arr. C. Ore¹

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The universe is full of God's handiwork,

People: God's Holy Wisdom is the source of life.

Leader: We celebrate your works, O Holy One,

People: for you are our Creator, your Spirit gives us life.

Leader: We will sing God's praises as long as we have a voice,

People: We bless you God with our whole being!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 610

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, Azmon²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor. And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you! Therefore we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin (*continue with silent confession*). Amen.

SONG OF CONFESSION HYMN 551

Lord, Have Mercy, Land of Rest³

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, our help is in the name of the Lord who has heard our plea and

answered our confession. In Christ's name, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Please turn to the back wall and wave to our online worshippers, offering them the peace of Christ and then greet each other.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

After the message, children may follow the teacher to room 11 for Spiritual Adventures.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil;

then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 11:17-

44 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

SERMON

Brought To Tears

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 785**

In Deepest Night, Rose Mary⁴

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 649

Amazing Grace (verse 5), Amazing Grace⁵

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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When Jesus Wept, W. Billings⁶

***DEDICATION HYMN 694**

Great God of Every Blessing (verse 1), Aurelia⁷

Great God of every blessing, of faithful loving care, you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share. How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start; sincerely and completely I offer you my heart."

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

Holy God, giver of life, we thank you for raising us up and joining us together as one people, your people, the body of Christ. As you have delivered us from death, use our lives to proclaim the good news of new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN**

Lord, If Only You Had Been Here, Beach Spring⁸

1 "Lord, if only you had been here, one I love would not have died." Martha shared her grief with Jesus in these words she sadly cried. Jesus said, "I'm resurrection. Martha, do you know it's true? I'm the life for which you're longing." She said, "I believe in you!"

2 "Lord, if only you had been here!" Jesus heard these words again. Mary, sitting home and waiting, spoke to Jesus of her pain. So our Lord was deeply troubled in this world of death and sin. Sometimes all we see is struggle; death and evil seem to win.

3 "Lord, if only you had been here," we cry out when all goes wrong - When our grief is overwhelming, when life's troubles seem so strong. Then, O Lord, we hear your answer: "I am resurrection - See! Not just in some distant future — I am life! Now live in me!"

4 When we share your resurrection, when we know that you are life, We find courage for our living in this world of pain and strife. We your church will work for justice, welcome strangers, help the poor. Faced with death, we'll be a witness: you are with us, Risen Lord.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

There Is a Balm in Gilead, arr. M. Hayes⁹

Leaders Today:



Pastor: Rev. Scott Anderson

Liturgist: Richard Appen

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr

Greeters: The Fletcher Family, Linda Moss, Doug Rouse (Deacon)

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WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Education Forum After Worship

Please join the Education committee after worship to hear Alia Stevensen, Chief Development & Partnerships Officer, for The Foundation for Black Women's Well-ness (FFBWW), a Wisconsin based non-profit organization that exists to 'Empower a Generation of Well Black Women'. Each year the FFBWW engages and serves over 7,000 women across Dane County and Wisconsin through direct services programming, and thousands more through advocacy work. Join us in learning more about how the FFBWW energizes, mobilizes and supports Black women to transform their lives and health through education, advocacy and powerful partnerships; and how we can work together to ensure everyone in our community is healthy, thriving and free! This forum will take place in the lounge shortly following the morning service.

Rummage Sale

It's back! The fabulous Westminster rummage sale is coming on Saturday, April 15, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m! What do we need from YOU? We will need help setting up Wednesday afternoon, April 12, and all day Thursday and Friday, April 13 and 14. We also could use willing hands to clean up 1-3 p.m. on Saturday. We can take donations ONLY the week of the sale: please make sure all items are clean, in working order, and in new or gently used condition. We cannot put out for sale anything that is soiled or dirty, torn, broken, or not working. Questions? Want to volunteer? Contact Beth Swedeen at bethswedeen@gmail.com or Sara Pope at rose-girl1991@yahoo.com Sale profits go to local non-

profits, and we often donate unsold items at the end of the sale to local groups. Everyone who volunteers is guaranteed a fun time!

Maundy Thursday Soup Supper - April 6

The Fellowship and Worship Committees invite you to enjoy a Soup Supper at 6:30 PM as part of the Maundy Thursday worship service on April 6th. Volunteers are needed to bring a hearty soup, unleavened bread (like matzo, chapati, tortillas, roti and naan), or bars/cookies for dessert. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you are willing to share your cooking skills. For more information or questions you can contact Sandra Cole (srcole30@gmail.com / 608-733-9193) or Sue Hummel (sbhummel@chorus.net / 608-831-3626).

One Great Hour of Sharing

Around the world, millions of people face challenges to obtain food, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. One Great Hour of Sharing is a special collection throughout Lent to help improve the lives of people around the world in challenging situations. Mathew 25 encourages us to see Christ in those who are hungry, thirsty, and oppressed. This special collection is our opportunity to reach out and assist those in need. Please consider making a contribution anytime now through Easter. Checks can be made to Westminster with "OGHS" in the memo.

Taizé Worship

Our mid-week Taizé Worship continues. This service, which begins at 6:30 p.m., and will alternate locations, as follows:

· At Covenant Presbyterian: March 29

Please consider joining us. The service will not be livestreamed or recorded for later.

SAVE THE DATES!

- Mallards Game! We will be having a Mallard's baseball game outing on Thursday June 22 at 6 PM. Cost will be \$13 a person.

- VBC – Westminster will be joining forces with Christ Presbyterian Church from July 31 through August 3 for Vacation Bible Camp. Children, youth and adults are invited to participate!

- Women's Retreat - We will be having another Women's retreat at Holy Wisdom on Saturday, October 7. Kathleen Owen will be leading.

Family Lent Resources

Families and children of all ages: The Family Ministries table in the Narthex has Lenten Devotions, Lent calendars, and One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks for the taking! Come check it out!

Easter Lily Orders ~ Honoring & Remembering

The sanctuary will be decorated with lovely lilies again for Easter. If you would like to honor or remember a loved one on Easter, you may contribute to the floral fund. Lilies are \$15 per plant and order forms will be available in the pews and Narthex. Please return your order form with your check by Palm Sunday, April 2. You can make checks payable to Westminster and mark "Lily" in the check memo section.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

Care List: Shirley Dieter, Sally & Vern Forsberg, Ann Friedley, Jack Hamann, Gloria Hanson

Members & Friends: Paul Quin, Peg Zimmer, Patrick Mullin, Nancy Smart, Tom Garcia, Connie Dettloff

