

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

Create in Me, a Clean Heart, J. Leavitt¹

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 19

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

People: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

People: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

Leader: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

People: They are more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey. Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

***HYMN 5**

God the Sculptor of the Mountains, Jennings-Houston²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of righteousness, we confess that have not kept your commandments. We bow down before idols, declaring our allegiance to other powers and principalities. We take your name in vain, using it to justify our own prejudices and opinions. We do not make adequate time to rest and remember your goodness, nor to revel in the delight of family and friends. We look the other way in the face of violence and oppression, misogyny and sexual assault, land grabs and unjust economic practices. Our dishonesty and greed get the better of us. Yet you gave us commandments not for condemnation, but so that we might live in justice and joy. Purify us by your righteousness and enfold us in your grace. Sanctify our intentions and actions, that our lives may begin to reflect your Beloved Community (*continue with silent confession*). **Amen.**

SONG OF CONFESSION HYMN 577

Lord, Have Mercy, Kyrie Eleison³

After the cantor sings the verse once, the congregation will sing the verse once.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear these words from the Apostle Paul, "God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength." The grace of Christ is sufficient for us.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*PASSING THE PEACE *(please use a fist/elbow bump or wave for your greeting)*

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

People: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

People: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

People: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Leader: Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

People: **But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.**

Leader: Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

People: **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

SERMON

Altered from the Inside

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 707**

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord, Hall⁴

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 467 (vs. 3)

Give Us Light, Jyothi Dho⁵

After the cantor sings the verse once, the congregation will sing the verse once.

Grant us peace; grant us peace; grant us peace, O Lord.

MINUTE FOR EDUCATION

Ed Cothroll, Education Committee

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY

View Me, Lord, a Work of Thine, J. Berkeley⁶

View me, Lord, a work of Thine; shall I then lie drowned in night?
Might thy grace in me but shine, I should seem made all of light.

Worldly joys like shadows fade, when the heavenly light appears;
But the covenants Thou hast made, endless, know nor days, nor years.

In Thy word, Lord, is my trust, to Thy mercies fast I fly;
Though I am but clay and dust, yet Thy grace can lift me high.
—Thomas Campion, 1567-1610-

***DEDICATION HYMN 716** (vs. 1) *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending, Beach Spring⁷*
God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

SEALING THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, ...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and
with all the faithful of every time and every place who forever sing to the
glory of your name:

People: Sanctus Hymn 565 *Holy, Holy, Holy⁸*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might, heaven and earth are
full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.*

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty,... Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: **Memorial Acclamation Hymn 566** *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*⁹
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...We pray the prayer taught to us by our Lord Jesus Christ,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF BREAD AND POURING OF CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The congregation is invited to come forward and form two lines using the center aisle. The elements are received by intinction. Please take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. If you are unable to come forward, remain in your seat and the communion elements will be served to you. The bread is gluten free so that all may participate.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Aria, F. Peeters*¹⁰

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this holy meal, uniting us with Christ, and giving us a foretaste of our unity with all the saints. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 432**

*How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord, Repton*¹¹

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Fugue in g minor, J.S. Bach*¹²

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Leaders Today:



Pastor: Rev. Scott Anderson

Liturgist: Jean Loup

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr

The Chancel Choir

Ushers/Greeters: Andrea Kenny, Sue Dornfeld, Erin DeMuth, Joyce Buseman (Deacon)

Communion: Carl Martin, Sandra Cole, Mark Kliewer, Eileen Ahearn

WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aging 101 Workshop

Westminster Presbyterian will be leading a free workshop on aging Saturday, March 16 from 9am-Noon at Westminster. This event will focus on three main sessions:

1. Communicating with the aging and homebound.
2. Exploring various living options.
3. The Madison Police Department will present on how to identify and avoid common scams and frauds.

Coffee and refreshments will be served. This event is open to the community and all ages. We hope you can join us. Feel free to bring friends and neighbors!

Coffee Help Still Needed!

Ever made a cup of coffee? You're perfect! Please consider volunteering to help make coffee for Sunday mornings. It's easy and very appreciated! There is a rotating schedule and we are flexible to your needs. Please sign up in the Narthex or talk to Connie Evans ce24ce24@gmail.com. Thank you!

2024 Lenten Daily Devotional

A free downloadable devotional guide - Bless the Lent we Actually Have: 40 Days to Reflect, Pray, and Bless our Imperfect Lives

By Kate Bowler, Professor of Church History, Duke Divinity School

Jesus will walk with us through whatever kind of Lenten day you are having. The lovely one. The garbage one. The one that barely seems like it counted at all. You can find the link on our website: westminstermadison.org, or in the weekly church email. If you would like a physical copy, please contact the church office at: info@westminstermadison.org or 608-238-3121.

Coins for a Cause - March

March is the month for our first "Coins For A Cause" collection for this year. All coins collected during the offertory in March will go to this cause. This time we are asking our children and youth, with the guidance of Amy Poland, to use these monies to select a gift from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog.

Adult Education During Lent

This year we are focusing on The Historical Jesus: The Evolutionary Challenge of a Mediterranean Jewish Peasant. This is a five-week Lenten series with New Testament Scholar Dr. John Dominic Crossan and consists of five video lectures which will be shown after

church on Sundays at 11:00AM (details on the lectures below). They are also available to watch at the following link:

<https://trippfuller.com/2024/01/14/the-historical-jesus/>

Enter password: historical

Week #3 - Today, March 3 Lecture: *Jesus' Execution: What Happened That Passover in Jerusalem?*

Livestream QnA – Tuesday, Mar. 12th at 1:00PM (found at the link above) Special Guest – Dr. Jennifer Garcia Bashaw (professor, minister, author, and public scholar)

Join the Lenten series Facebook discussion group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1606883999849401>

Secret word: historical

New Pictorial Directory - Please sign up!

Harmann Studios will be at Westminster on April 17-19 to take photos for our new church directory. Members AND friends of the congregation are welcome to sign up for an appointment using the QR code here. If you need help with signing up, the Membership committee will be available in the Narthex after worship on March 17, March 24 and April 7 to assist. Questions? Contact the church office at info@westminstermadison.org.



Greeters needed during the photography sessions!

We need greeters for the photography sessions for our church directory (April 17-19). The role is easy! Just give members their paperwork and direct them to the photography room! The sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Thank you for your help.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Care List: Patrick Mullin, Bucky Pike, Rick & Connie Dettloff, Nell Seiberlich

Members & Friends: Betty Bush, Lu Kummerow, Dale & Marian Rohde, Loretta Rusch (on the passing of her daughter Teri-Ann Wallace)