

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

*Prelude to a Te Deum, M.A. Charpentier<sup>1</sup>*

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 47

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**People: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our Sovereign, sing praises.

**People: For God is the Sovereign of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*HYMN

*Crown Him With Many Crowns, Diademata<sup>2</sup>*



*All:* 1. Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up -

*All:* 2. Crown him the vir - gin's Son, The God in -

*Choir:* 3. Crown him the Lord of love— Be - hold his

*All:* 4. Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed

*Choir:* 5. Crown him the Lord of peace, Whose pow'r a

*All:* 6. Crown him the Lord of years, The po - ten -



on his throne; Hark, how the heav'n - ly  
 car - nate born, Whose arm those crim - son  
*hands and side,* Rich wounds, yet vis - i -  
 o'er the grave And rose vic - to - rious  
*scep - ter sways* From pole to pole, that  
 tate of time, Cre - a - tor of the



an - them drowns All mu - sic but its  
 tro - phies won Which now his brow a -  
*ble a - bove,* In beau - ty glo - ri -  
 in the strife For those he came to  
*wars may cease,* Ab - sorbed in prayer and  
 roll - ing spheres, In - ef - fa - bly sub -



own. A - wake, my soul, and sing Of  
 dorn; Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet  
*fied.* No an - gels in the sky Can  
 save. His glo - ries now we sing, Who  
*praise.* His reign shall know no end, And  
 lime. All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For



him who died for thee, And hail him as thy  
 of that rose the stem, The root whence mer - cy  
*ful - ly bear that sight,* But down - ward bend their  
 died and rose on high, Who died, e - ter - nal  
*round his pierc - ed feet* Fair flow'rs of par - a -  
 thou hast died for me; Thy praise and glo - ry



match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
*burn - ing eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.*  
life to bring, And lives that death may die.  
*dise ex - tend Their fra - grance ev - er sweet.*  
shall not fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God, lover of humankind,  
you have asked us to proclaim your name to all people.  
We confess that we have held back  
from doing that, shy and self-conscious.  
Forgive us, we pray, and  
empower us in Jesus' name  
(*continue with silent confession*). Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The promise of our faith is that we are already forgiven and, in Christ's name, given the power to rise up and subdue all that separates us from God and each other. Receive the Holy Spirit and be empowered to be witnesses of God's resurrection power in Jesus Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### \*ACCLAMATION HYMN

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven, Ode to Joy<sup>3</sup>*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high!  
Alleluia! to the Savior who has won the victory.  
Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! to the Triune Majesty!

### \*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

### FIRST LESSON

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.  
For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.  
He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.  
He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.  
God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.  
Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.  
For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.  
God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.  
The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

### SECOND LESSON

Luke 24:44-53

Then Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

### SERMON

*We Are Witnesses*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 264

*At the Name of Jesus, King's Weston<sup>4</sup>*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

## **PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 240** (refrain) *Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks, Alleluia* No.1<sup>5</sup>

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

## **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Ann Martin

## **CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCES**

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*O Clap Your Hands*, R. Vaughan Williams<sup>6</sup>

## **\*DEDICATION HYMN 609** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, Lasst Uns Erfreuen*<sup>7</sup>

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 DEDICATION (unison)**

**Holy One, we clap our hands and shout for joy! We give you praise and these offerings, for, with Christ ascended by your side, you are God, awesome and Most High! Amen.**

## **BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

## **\*HYMN 265**

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*, Duke Street<sup>8</sup>

## **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals*, S. Karg-Elert<sup>9</sup>

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**Leaders Today:**

Pastor: Rev. Scott Anderson  
Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman  
The Chancel Choir

Liturgist: Karen Stephens  
AV/Tech: John Tarr

Ushers/Greeters: Karen Osborne, Lynnette Tortorich, Ed Cothroll,  
Doug Evans (Deacon)



## WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Photos Are Here—Please Pick Them Up**

The directory photos are in! If you had your photo taken, even if you didn't order, you still receive an individual photo, so please remember to grab yours. They are on the coat rack table in the Narthex. The actual directories should be in later and we will announce when they are available.

### **Pentecost “Jazz” Worship Next Sunday—Wear Red!**

On Pentecost Sunday, May 19 (9:45AM), Westminster will gather in worship to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. Perhaps no other musical style better embodies the free movement of the Holy Spirit than the inspired innovation of jazz. To enhance our worship experience, we will welcome a trio of guest jazz musicians (piano, string bass, and drums) from Dream City Jazz.

Dream City Jazz is an ensemble that epitomizes the vibrant tapestry of jazz music, seamlessly blending tradition with contemporary flair. Hailing from the heart of the Driftless region of Wisconsin, Dream City Jazz has cultivated a sound that resonates with fans of classic jazz while pushing the boundaries to incorporate elements of modern musical genres. The repertoire ranges from timeless standards to innovative original compositions, all delivered with the impeccable skill and passion of its members.

On this special Sunday, you are encouraged to wear red, which is the liturgical color of Pentecost. Dream City Jazz will be offering an extended prelude, which will begin at 9:30 a.m. Please be sure to invite a friend to worship with you through jazz at Westminster on May 19! More details on Dream City Jazz will also be in the May newsletter.

### **Westminster's VBC 2024 (with Christ Presbyterian)**

Children, youth and adults are encouraged to join Camp Firelight Vacation Bible Camp from August 13 -16, from 9 am-12 pm at Christ Presbyterian Church. At Camp Firelight VBC, we will embark on a Summer Camp Adventure with God! Through an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time we will discover how to put our trust in God in every situation. There will be Bible adventures, science activities, crafts, songs and more! For more information please see Amy.

Campers and Volunteers— sign up today! Just go to our website [westminstermadison.org](http://westminstermadison.org) or check the weekly church email!

## **Weeding Help Needed**

We are looking for a volunteer to take over a small area up front for some hand weeding. It involves about ½-¾ of an hour of time a month whenever you choose, unless there is a lot of rain. Tools are in the shed for our use. Contact the office or let Lu Kummerow know if you can help 608-334-2203 - thanks!

## **Calling All Grads!**

If you have a child or grandchild that is graduating High School or College, let us know! We will highlight the grads in our June newsletter. Just call or send a short note to Katie (info@westminstermadison.org) **no later than Sunday May 26**. Please include their name, school of graduation, major if decided or graduating college and any other details. You may send a photo if you have one. Thanks!

## **Mallard's Baseball Game Outing - June 9th.**

We will be going out to the Duck Pond to enjoy a Mallard's baseball game on Sunday, June 9th at 4 PM. Past participants have had a great time cheering on our local team. We will have reserved group seating in the grandstand on the first base side. The cost is \$16 and will include a Mallard's baseball cap. Sign up is in the Narthex. Deadline for sign up is Wednesday, May 29.

## **\*IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS\***

**Care List:** Jack Hamann, Gloria Hanson, Hugh Moss, Patrick Mullin

**Members & Friends:** Nell Seiberlich, Peg Zimmer, Connie Dettloff, Carol Lee Iverson, Betty Bush