

# REJOICE!

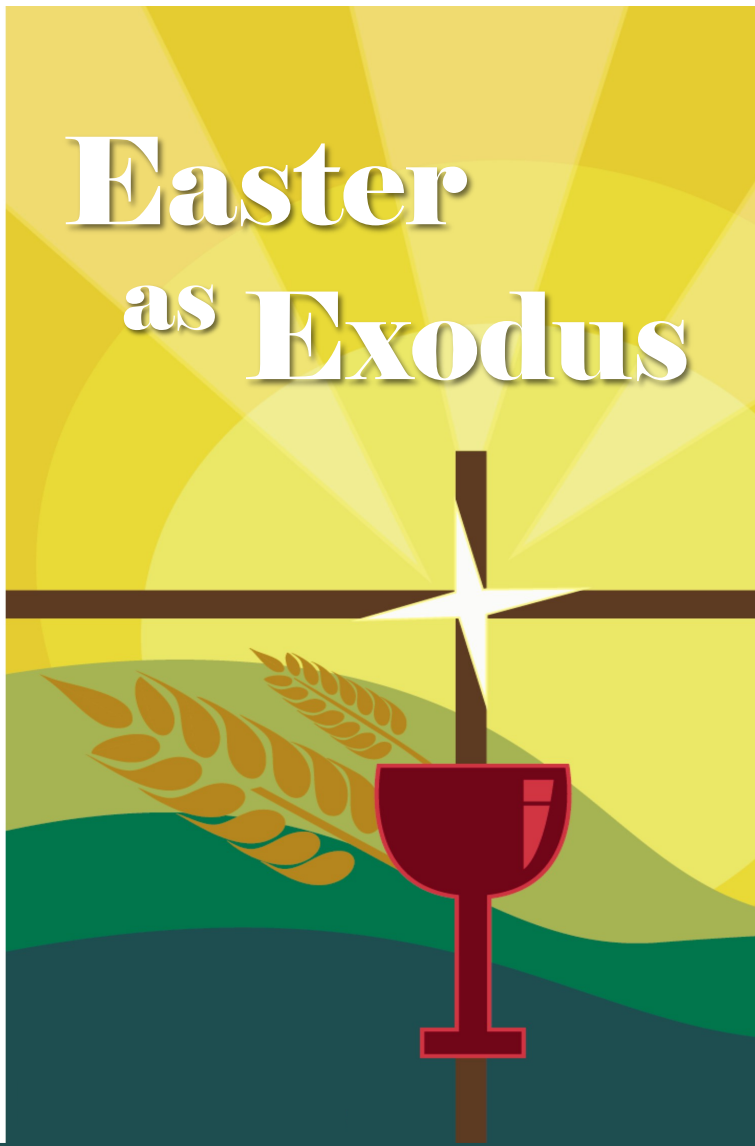
*He  
is  
Risen*

Sunday,  
April 20, 2025  
at 9:45AM



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Easter  
as Exodus



# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*\*please stand as you are able*

**PRELUDE**

*Were You There, African American Spiritual*<sup>1</sup>

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Luke 24:1-12, The Message*

**\*HYMN 232**

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Easter Hymn*<sup>2</sup>

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

**Today's news of resurrection hope seems too good to be true. Our minds question how this is possible. We hold doubt and fear, waiting for empirical evidence. Forgive us for being slow to see that you are making all things new. We confess the ways we have caused harm and done what is evil. Help us to rebuild our broken lives with trust in your commands, remembrance of your ways and empathy for everyone. In Jesus name we pray. Amen**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*CELEBRATION SONG 587**

*Alleluia!, Celtic Alleluia*<sup>3</sup>

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Amy Poland*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE**

*Job 38:1-18, NRSV*

**SERMON**

*What Do I Know?*

**TAIZE CHANT 466**

*Come and Fill Our Hearts, Taize Ecumenical Community*<sup>4</sup>

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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**CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

*Elder Josh Mou - ministry update*

## CALL FOR THE OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

*Now Glad of Heart, K.L. Scott<sup>5</sup>*

## \*DEDICATION HYMN 609

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow<sup>6</sup>*

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## \*HYMN 513

*This Is the Feast of Victory, Festival Canticle<sup>7</sup>*

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Luke 24:13-21, *The Message*

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

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, we praise you for your love: bringing order out of chaos, breathing life into dust, leading captives into freedom, calling wandering children home, giving bread to the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, raising the dead to life.**

Leader: ...According to his commandment:

**People: We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.**

## 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 (dip the bread into the cup). If you are unable to come forward, remain seated and the communion elements will be served to you. The bread is gluten free and all are welcome.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth, G.F. Handel<sup>1</sup>*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION, LORD'S PRAYER

### \*HYMN 238

*Thine Is the Glory, Judas Maccabeus*<sup>8</sup>

*During the singing of the hymn, any who would like to join in singing Handel's "Hallelujah" are invited to gather with the choir in the Chancel. Copies of the score are available for your use.*

Basses - back row, left side

Tenors - back row, right side

Sopranos - front row, left side

Altos - front row, right side

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Hallelujah, from Messiah, G.F. Handel*<sup>1</sup>

### POSTLUDE

*Toccata, from Symphony No. 5, C.M. Widor*<sup>9</sup>

*The postlude is offered as a grateful thanks to God. We invite you to remain seated as we listen together.*

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### Leaders Today:

Preacher: Pastor Sara Tonje

Liturgist: Karen Stephens

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr

The Chancel Choir

Children's Ministry: Amy Poland

Ushers/Greeters: The Hayes Family, Sue Hummel, Eileen Ahearn (Deacon)

Communion: Sue Hummel, Mark Kliewer, Meg Beally, Ann Rowley, Linda Moss



## WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS - April 20, 2025

### Church Discussions

The Session invites you to participate in a conversation about our mission and ministry to prepare for calling a new pastor. We will be using the 2024 Westminster Self Study Overview as a way to see current challenges and opportunities that the church is facing. Our goal is to have honest and hopeful conversations toward a shared understanding of the priorities for Westminster.

- When: Sundays April 27, & May 4th at 11am-12noon

- Where: the Yuma side of the narthex

### Coins for a Cause - April (One more Sunday!)

All coins collected in the offering plates for the 4 Sundays in April will go to this endeavor. As we did in 2024, we are asking our children, with Amy Poland's guidance, to use these monies to select gifts from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. So bring your spare change to church and drop those coins in the collection plate.

### One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) - The PCUSA Offering

One Great Hour of Sharing supports disaster relief, programs to prevent hunger & poverty and refugee assistance as well as issues of climate change. Please consider donating to OGHS today! When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

**Note:** The church office will be closed tomorrow 4/21, in observance of the Easter holiday. Happy Easter!

Get ready for the Westminster

## VBS 2025!

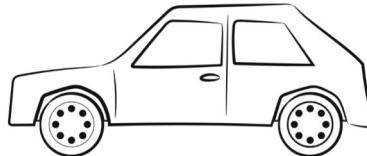
August 4-7

9am -12pm

Christ Presbyterian Church,  
944 E Gorham St.

Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup>  
grade welcome!

[westminstermadison.org](http://westminstermadison.org)



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

**Care List:** Sally & Vern Forsberg, Jack Hamann, Gloria Hanson

**Members & Friends:** the family of Bob Forsberg, the Tarr family, Dick & Peg Zimmer (moving)

**Bob Forsberg's Memorial**

Bob's memorial will be at Westminster on Saturday, April 26 at 11:00AM. A luncheon will follow the service in fellowship hall.

Thank you to those who signed up to bring treats for the memorial.

*Join us for an  
Organ Concert*

*May 10, 2025 at 1pm*

Westminster's Minister of Music

**Joe Chrisman**

will present a 45-minute program of  
classical organ and piano music.



to Celebrate the Life of  
**Nanci Bjorling**

*The Bjorling family extends an  
invitation for you to enjoy this special  
musical event!*

*All are welcome.*