

Easter as Exodus

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 27, 2025



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**please stand as you're able*

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

PRELUDE

Offertoire For Easter on O Filii et Filiae, F. Dandrieu¹

CALL TO WORSHIP - *After each Bible passage, please respond with the refrain.*

Refrain: #238 *Thine is the Glory²*

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;

Endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.

*HYMN 255

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing, O Filii et Filiae²

WHAT WE BELIEVE (Full Version approved by the PCUSA General Assembly in 1998)

...Resurrection hope is a hope for the transformation of this world, not a hope for escape from it. It is the hope that evil in all its forms will be utterly eradicated, that past history will be redeemed, and that all the things that ever were will be made new. It is the hope of a new creation, a new heaven, and a new earth, in which God is really honored as God, human beings are truly loving, and peace and justice reign on earth.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord we gather before you, aware of our unworthiness to be called your sons and daughters. We confess that we are tempted away from your ways by power, wealth, and the illusion of self-sufficiency. We have not believed your Word nor followed your commandments. Have mercy on us and set us free from the sin that clings so closely to us. Shape and transform us by your resurrection power we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CELEBRATION SONG 587

Alleluia!, Celtic Alleluia³

*PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - HYMN 591 *Halle, Halle Hallelujah!⁴*

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

SERMON

Witnesses Have Questions

*HYMN

Ask the Complicated Questions, Restoration⁵



1. Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions,
 2. Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,
 3. Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
 4. For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er



do not fear to be found out;
 fol - low where the Spir - it blows;
 test as - sump - tions long grown stale;
 truth both sim - ple and pro - found;



for our God makes strong our weak - ness,
 test com - pet - ing truths for wis - dom,
 for Christ calls from shores of won - der,
 in the knock - ing, ask - ing, seek - ing,



forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
 for in ten - sion new life grows.
 dar - ing us to try and fail.
 we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 243

Be Not Afraid, Taize Ecumenical Community⁶

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

Thatcher Root

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

We Walk By Faith, arr. K. Kosche⁷

*DEDICATION HYMN 609

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*⁸

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: It is right to give us thanks and praise.

*HYMN 240

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks, Alleluia No.1⁹

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Easter Song, arr. Bruce Greer¹⁰

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: Ed Cothroll

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr

Ushers/Greeters: Bob & Betty Bush, Richard Appen, Yong Joo Erwin (Deacon)



WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS - April 27, 2025

Church Discussions TODAY

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

WPC Mallards Game June 7th

The Fellowship committee invites you to come out to a Madison Mallards baseball game again this year on Saturday, June 7th at 6:05. Come and enjoy an evening of baseball with your friends from Westminster. Our seats are in the terrace level and the cost of \$16 includes a Mallard's baseball cap. You can sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or contact Juanita Halls (jjh71152@gmail.com). Checks to WPC with memo line "Mallards".

Ascension Day Celebration—You are invited:

What: An Ascension Day Celebration- An Artist Gallery Opening

When: Thursday May 29, 6 to 8 pm

Where: Westminster Presbyterian Church

How: Gallery Opening and Hands-On Creative Stations

Who: All ages welcome

Refreshments will be served

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Care List: Patrick Mullin, Rick Dettloff, Nancy Prine

Members & Friends: the Tarr family, Dick & Peg Zimmer, Michelle Harris (friend of Eileen Ahearn)

Get ready for the Westminster

VBS 2025!

August 4-7

9am -12pm

Christ Presbyterian Church,
944 E Gorham St.

Kindergarten through 6th
grade welcome!

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*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.