



Strengthening Servanthood



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT - APRIL 6, 2025

Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help; in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your protection; and in all our sorrows your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD)

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**please stand as you're able*

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

PRELUDE

Variations on Jesu, Priceless Treasure, J.G. Walther¹

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord, and where I am, there will my servant be also.

People: God is transforming our fears into courage, our tears into joy, our worries into generosity. We are God's people, a people blessed by divine forgiveness and abundant love.

Leader: Let us worship God in song!

*HYMN (insert)

This Is a Time to Remember, Dudley²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Steadfast God, throughout the ages you have cared for your people. You transform our tears into laughter, our sorrow into joy. Yet we fail to trust you, our fears overwhelm us, our tears drown our hope. Forgive us, O God- when we criticize others, when we are afraid of tomorrow, when we lose hope in your goodness. Help us anticipate tomorrow with trust in your goodness and your steadfast love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***SONG OF CELEBRATION 754 (verse 3)** *Help Us Accept Each Other, Baronita*³

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart,
the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:16-21

GOSPEL

John 12:1-8

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Poland

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

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

SERMON

The Ministry of Self-Giving

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 629**

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee, St. Agnes*⁴

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 203 (refrain) *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love, Chereponi*⁵

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Strengthening Servanthood prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.

OFFERTORY

The Alabaster Jar, arr. C. Courtney⁶

*DEDICATION HYMN 761 (vs. 1)

Called as Partners in Christ's Service⁷

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to grace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

SANCTUS HYMN 565 - Holy, Holy, Holy, Sanctus⁸

Leader: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION HYMN 566 - Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen⁹

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Beautiful Savior, arr. C. Ore¹⁰

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***HYMN 757**

*Today, We All Are Called to Be Disciples, Kingsfold*¹¹

***CHARGE**

BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE (insert)**

*Make Me a Servant, Make Me a Servant*¹²

POSTLUDE

*Fantasy in a minor, J.S. Bach*¹³

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Leaders Today:

Preacher: Pastor Sara Tonje

Liturgist: Liane Kosaki

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr/Josh Mou

The Chancel Choir

Ushers/Greeters: Ed Cothroll, Kate Fletcher, Judy Graham, Gary Stephens (Deacon)

Communion: Bill & Linda Tanke, Abe & Carrie Aberle

This Is a Time to Remember

Words and Music by
Bryan Jeffery Leech

Stately ♩ = 84

F Gm/F F F/A Gm Gm⁷ Gm/C C

1. This is a time to re-mem - ber___ the great - ness of the Lord;
2. This is a time to re-mem - ber___ the glo - ries that have been;
3. This is a time to re-mem - ber___ the church is his, not ours;

3 F Gm/F F F/E Dm Gm⁷ C(sus) C F

he has so faith - ful - ly led us___ as prom - ised in his Word;___
this is a time to press on - ward___ to vis - tas yet un - seen; for
this is a time to sur - ren - der___ our - selves, our wealth, our powers;___

5 B^b C⁹/B^b Am⁷ Dm⁷ Gm C(sus) C⁷

he has so boun - ti - fllly giv - en___ his grace like fresh - ening rain;___
Christ is a - live in his peo - ple,___ he meets us face to face;___ he
this is a time to be ser - vants___ to give our - selves a - way,___

7 Dm Dm/C B^bΔ⁷ F/A Gm⁷ B^b/C C⁷ F

he has so lov - ing - ly par - doned___ and made us whole a - gain.
grants us the pow'r of his Spir - it___ to serve him in this place.
build - ing the church of the fu - ture___ un - til the com - ing day.

Make Me a Servant

Unison G Em D7sus/A D7sus D7 D7sus/A

Make me a ser- vant, hum- ble and meek, Lord, let me

C/D D7 C/G G Am/G G B7 Em Em7/D

lift up those who are weak; and may the prayer of my

Em/C# Cm6 G/B D7sus/A G/B

heart al- ways be: make me a ser- vant, make me a

Am7/C G/D D7sus D7 C/G G

ser- vant, make me a ser- vant to - day.

WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS April 6, 2025

Conversations Time - Calling a New Pastor

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 6, 13, 27, & May 4th at 11am-12noon

- Where: the elevator side of the narthex

Memorial Treats Needed

We are looking for treats (bars/cookies/cheese/fruit) for the memorial of Bob Forsberg on Saturday April 26 please. If you are able to bring something, please sign up in the Narthex coat rack table. Thanks!

Coins for a Cause - April

April is the month for our first "Coins For A Cause" collection for 2025. 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 youth, 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. Thanks in advance for any coins you may contribute to this

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

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 anytime now through Easter. When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Care List: Jack Hamann, Gloria Hanson, Patrick Mullin, Bucky Pike

Members & Friends: Bob Klassy, Dick Zimmer, the family of Bob Forsberg, the Tarr family

Cards for the family of Bob Forsberg may be sent to his daughter:

Karen Pederson - 16737 Weston Bay Rd., Eden Prairie, MN 55347