



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 11, 2025**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

- Psalm 23

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**please stand as you're able*

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

PRELUDE

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need, V. Thomson¹

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

Refrain 616

Our God Is an Awesome God, Awesome God²

Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power and love, our God is an awesome God!

WHAT WE BELIEVE (PCUSA Catechism - 1998)

LEADER: What do you affirm when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as "our Lord"?

ALL: That having been raised from the dead he reigns with compassion and justice over all things in heaven and on earth, especially over those who confess him by faith; and that by loving and serving him above all else, I give glory and honor to God.

***HYMN 39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness, Faithfulness³

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION 422

Create in Me a Clean Heart, Create in Me⁴

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

***HYMN 633**

Praise Ye the Lord, Cleveland⁵

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 15:1-3, 20-21

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Poland

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

NEW TESTAMENT

Mark 14:26, Matthew 26:30 & Psalm 114

SERMON

Celebration Songs

***HYMN 853**

We Are Marching in the Light of God, Siyahamba⁶

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

CALL FOR THE OFFERING - *Please also pass the friendship form through the row.*

OFFERTORY

The 23rd Psalm, B. McFerrin⁷

***DEDICATION HYMN 609**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow⁸

***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...

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Prelude in C Major, J. Pachelbel*¹⁰

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: Ann Rowley

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr

The Chancel Choir

Ushers/Greeters: Bob & Betty Bush, Judy Graham, Doug Halls (Deacon)



WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calling All Grads!

If your child or grandchild is graduating from high school or college, we'd love to celebrate them in our June newsletter. Please send their name, school and any plans after graduation to Katie no later than May 23 at info@westminstermadison.org. Thanks!

Education Hour May 18th

Westminster has been approached for help by DAIS (Domestic Abuse Intervention Services). Before Mission Committee works to support this organization either financially or by providing items on their Wishlist such as clothing, diapers, wipes, toys, kitchen items, toothbrushes etc., we want to learn more about them. To that end, Mary Donahue, their Director of Development and Communications, has agreed to speak with us on May 18 during our education hour to answer any questions we might have. Mission Committee hopes that you'll be able to join us!

Adult Forum May 25 - Center for Black Excellence and Culture

On May 25th, Jason Fields, Executive Director of the Center for Black Excellence and Culture will join us after worship. Jason will talk about the development of the Center and what the hopes are for programming in the building. The Center is currently under construction on Park Street. It is a building that has been designed to serve the needs of the Madison black population by supporting business and the arts. Come hear more about this innovative project.

Ascension Day Celebration—You are invited to 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. Complete details in the May Newsletter.

WPC Mallards Game June 7th

The Fellowship committee invites you to a Madison Mallards baseball game this year on Saturday, June 7th at 6:05. 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".

Allied Community Dinner

The Allied Community Dinner is on July 11 from 5:30-7:00PM at Allied Park Shelter. Our church and others from Allied Partners are providing and serving the meal. We would love your help! There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for various duties including cooking, set up and clean up. Westminster is providing the main course again (casseroles) so please sign up if you can help. Questions? Contact Eileen Ahearn or Kathy Key. Thanks!

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

Members & Friends: the Tarr family, Bob Klassy, The Shaver's granddaughter