

WESTMINSTER  PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

Holy Communion

**Third Sunday in Lent
March 7, 2021**

GATHERING

(Silence during the Prelude is requested in preparation for worship.)

***PRELUDE**

Caithness

Craig Phillips

*So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.*

Ubi Caritas

Gerald Near

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God.

(Those who are able may stand.)

Be still and know that God is.

God was, also, in the beginning.

And when all human striving has ceased, God will still be.

**From everlasting to everlasting, God is God,
and alone is worthy to be worshipped.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Gracious God,

We come as we are –

**distracted and weary, hopeful and open –
knowing that you accept us
and are ever mindful of our cares and joys.**

Still in us now

**the many voices that clamor for attention,
that we might center ourselves upon you.**

**Speak to us in word and melody and quiet,
that we may be renewed in our faith
and strengthened for your service. Amen.**

***HYMN 826**

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

CALL TO CONFESSION

In the cross of Christ, we find forgiveness and grace.

We confess our sins, trusting in God's wisdom and strength
rather than our own.

Let us confess our sins and learn together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Teach us the courage, O God,

**to turn from what seems so natural, so safe:
the way of grasping power,
and befriending the powerful,
in the hope of protection and security.**

Teach us the humility, O God,

**to turn from what is so enticing, so persuasive:
the way of accumulating things, and trusting in wealth,
in the hope of comfort and life**

Lead us, O God, in another way,

**the way of true security, true wealth,
the way of Christ, the servant,
the way of weakness and simplicity.**

Lead us, O God, in another way:

**the way of caring for the neglected,
feeding the hungry, housing the homeless,
protecting the threatened, and challenging the powerful,
the foolish way of the Gospel,**

that brings salvation to all. Amen.

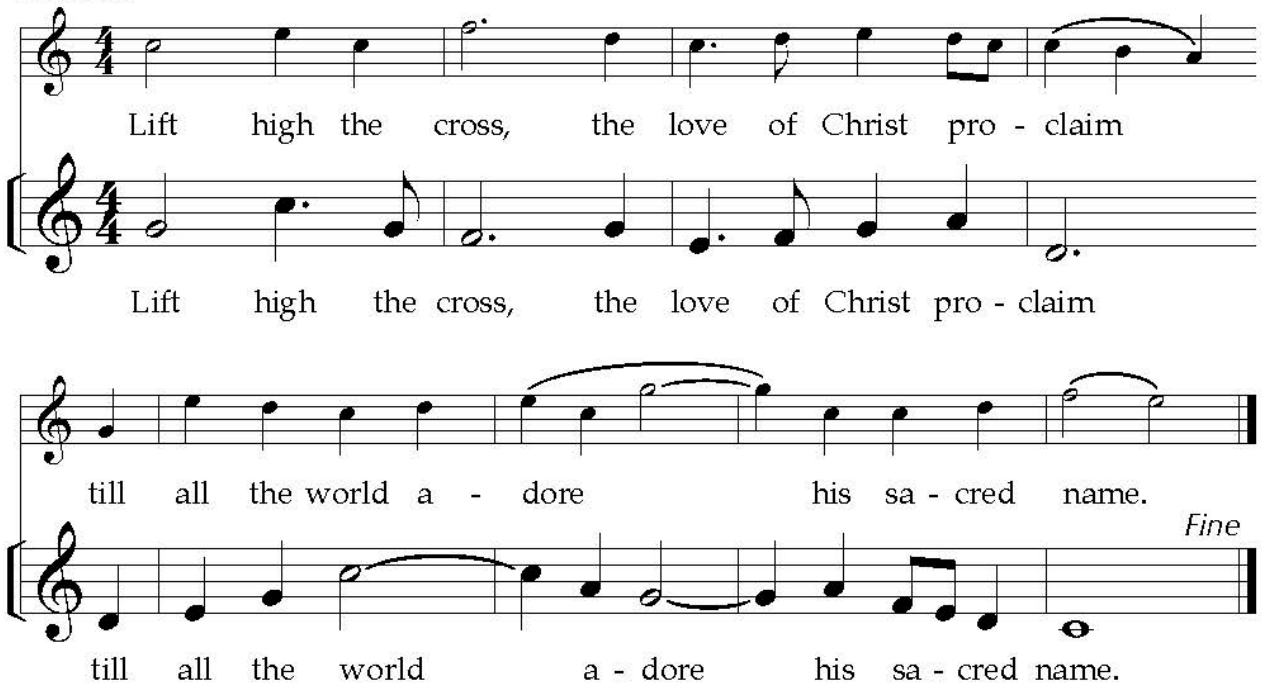
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Lift High the Cross

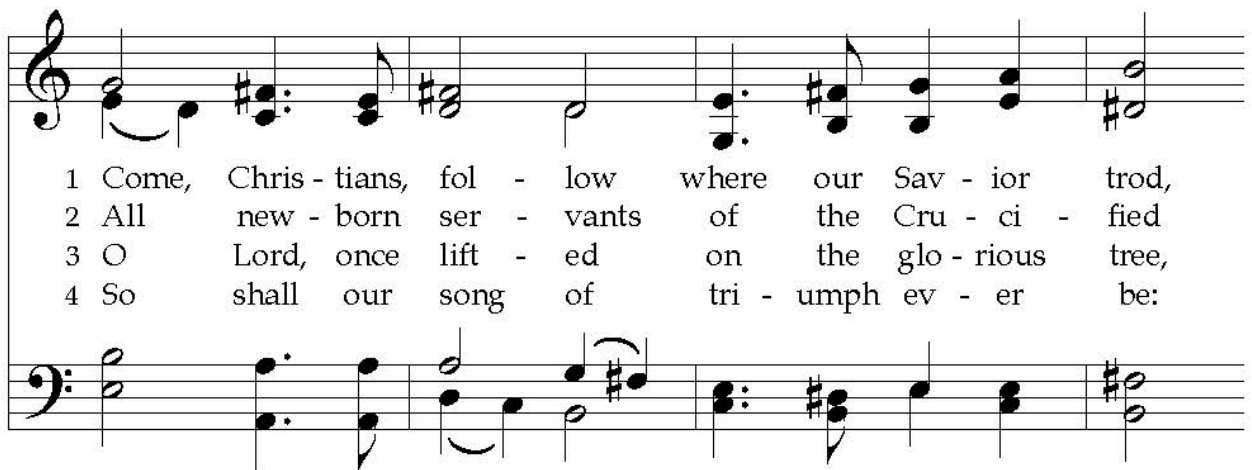
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Refrain


Descant



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim
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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

to Refrain

Kyrie (*Sung responsively by the choir and congregation*)

James MacMillan

Choir: Congregation:
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have
mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ,
have mer - cy. Lord, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(The liturgist pours water, which reminds us of our baptism.)

In our baptism we die with Christ to sin
and are raised with him to a life of righteousness.

Believe the Good News: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

*The Peace

Since God in Christ has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you.")

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

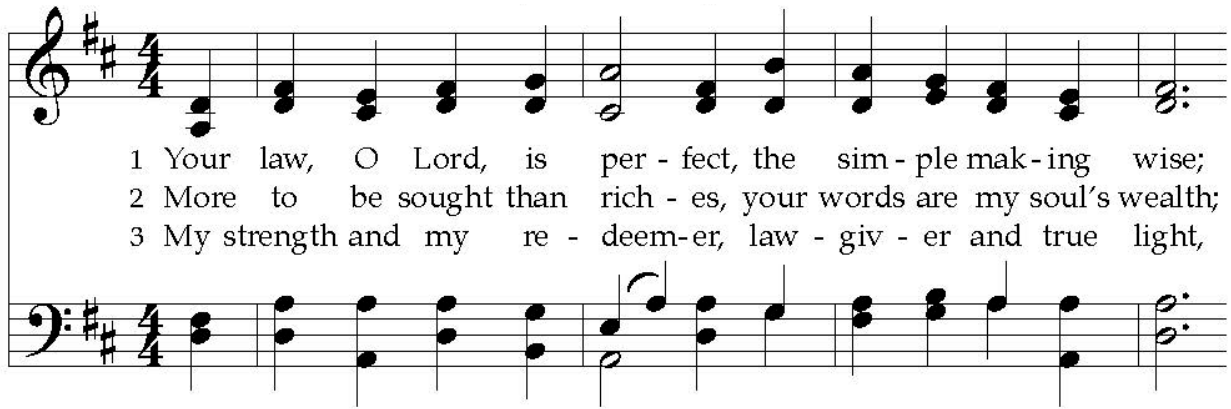
(Sung responsively after each scripture reading.)

Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

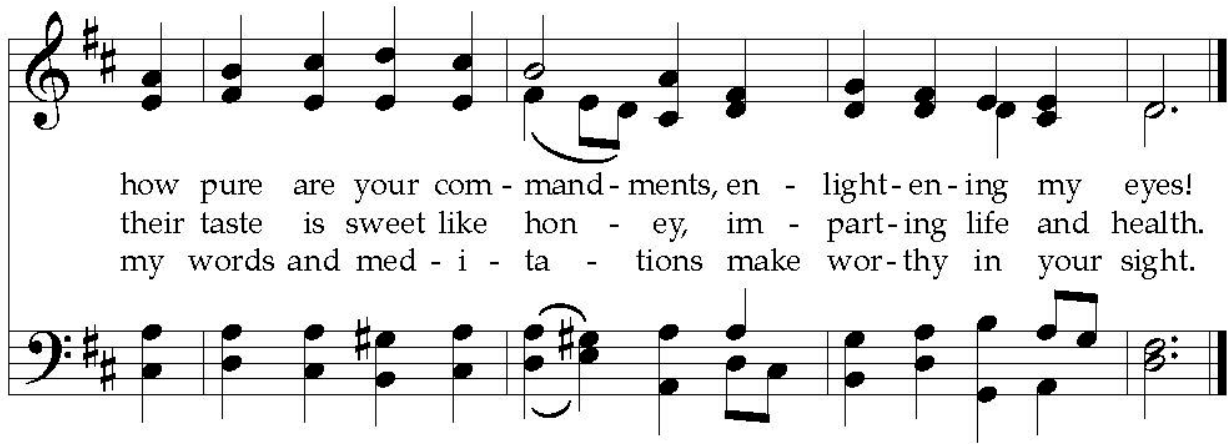
Renew a right spirit within me.
Renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 19 (Hymn 61)

CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN



1 Your law, O Lord, is per - fect, the sim - ple mak - ing wise;
2 More to be sought than rich - es, your words are my soul's wealth;
3 My strength and my re - deem - er, law - giv - er and true light,



how pure are your com - mand - ments, en - light - en - ing my eyes!
their taste is sweet like hon - ey, im - part - ing life and health.
my words and med - i - ta - tions make wor - thy in your sight.

John 2:13-22

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

SERMON

"Your Most Powerful Memory"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthem

Ubi Caritas

Victor C. Johnson

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Amen.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love
one another. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

***PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE**

***INVITATION**


***GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is our greatest joy to offer you praise ... and never fails to bring us hope.

So, with the choirs of angels and with every generation of believers,
we proclaim your glory:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, _____
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
san - na in the high - est, ho san - na in the high - est.

(The congregation may be seated.)

Holy are you, Glorious God, ... so we could follow Jesus into your kingdom.

As we gather to remember his love for us,
may we proclaim the mystery of our faith:



Christ has died; _____ Christ is ris-en; Christ wil come a - gain.



Christ has died; _____ Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

Healing God, send forth your Spirit ... open our hands in service to all
your children.

Then, bring us to that Table of Grace
 where we will sit with all your children in eternity,
 one people, with one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
 now and forever.



THE LORD’S PRAYER (*Prayed in unison*)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our debts,
 as we forgive our debtors;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory, forever. Amen.**

***BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

***COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

Music during Communion

Anthem

Call of Wisdom

Will Todd

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy;
 walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory.

Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction,
 entering a lonely place, welcoming a friend or stranger.

I am here, I am with you. I have called: do you hear me?

I am here, I am with you.

Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value,
 jewels sparkle for a while, what you long for is not lasting.

I am here, I am with you . . .

Rulers govern under me with my insight and my wisdom.

Those who know me know my love; those who seek find their answer.

I am here, I am with you . . .

God the Father and the Son, Holy Spirit co-eternal.

Glory, glory be ascribed to you, now and to the end of ages.

I am here, I am with you . . .

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

SENDING

***HYMN 157**

I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)
 F Dm Am Dm

1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
 2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but
 3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The
 4 I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black. It's
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. †

(Em) (A)
 Gm C

danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They
 I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll

(D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)
 F Dm Am Dm

came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
 live in you if you'll live in me, †

(Em) (A7) (G) (D)
 Gm C7 Bb F

Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
 came with me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die.
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

(F#m) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (D) (Bm)
 Refrain Am Dm Am Dm F Dm
 Dance, then, wher-ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the
 (Em) (A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A7) (D)
 Gm C F Dm F C7 F
 Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be,
 (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
 Gm C7 F B^b F
 and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.
 Renew a right spirit within me.
Renew a right spirit within me.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Rathbun

Craig Phillips

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

**(Those who are able may stand.)*

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS: Liturgist: Guy D. Griffith, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Spiritual Nurture.

MUSICIANS: Susan Kelly, Ally Hard, Hannah Sims, Colby White, vocalists; John W. Semingson, Director of Music Ministries; Polly Brecht, Organist. The print music for today's Offertory Anthem was given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Rev. Marshall and Doris Semingson by Bill and Kelly Christie, 2014.

COMMUNION: The Presbyterian Church (USA) practices "open Communion" without regard to denominational affiliation. All who seek to become more faithful to Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table. Westminster celebrates the "Eucharist," meaning "thanksgiving," on the first Sunday of each month, on the first Sunday of each liturgical season, and on every Sunday during the Season of Easter, except Baptism Sundays.

LENT: The word “Lent” is derived from the Old English word *lencten*, meaning “Spring,” which in turn derives from the Old High German *lenzin*, referring to “the lengthening of days.” The season we know as Spring was originally called Lent. Lent gradually adhered strictly to church practice, and Spring came to designate the season following Winter.

Lent lasts for forty weekdays plus Sundays, a number richly grounded in Biblical tradition. In the Bible there are 120 references to the number forty, among them: the days of Noah’s deluge; the days that Moses spent on the mountain; the years Israel wandered in the wilderness; the days of Elijah’s journey to the cave of the “still, small voice;” and Jesus’ forty-day wilderness sojourn in which he was tempted by Satan.

Lent has traditionally been a time in which Christians have engaged in self-reflection, fasting, prayer, confession, and repentance in anticipation of the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ. At Westminster, in order to emphasize the meaning of Lent, we adopt a more penitential posture in worship. There are no flowers; no festive choir processional; no *Act of Praise* following the *Confession and Assurance of Pardon*; and at several points in the service we incorporate the ancient and plaintive supplication from Psalm 51: “Create in me a clean heart, O God.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: In-person worship services in the Sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. continue today, March 7, 2021. Indoor Service protocols (<https://bit.ly/39K0gOX>) will be maintained. Reservations must be made in advance.

If you are interested in attending a worship service, please reserve your spot below, and let us know how many people will be in your party. You will be able to see immediately if space is still available. Attendance is capped at 63 people. In the reservation comment section, you will be able to address any needs you may have during the service.

Please [click here](#) to make a reservation for the **8:30 am service**.

Please [click here](#) for **childcare reservations** for the 8:30 am service.

Please [click here](#) to make a reservation for the **11:00 am service**.

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If you miss the service, you can watch it later in the day or week. Go to nashvillewpc.org and in the Quick Links box, click on WPC Live Stream Services. The newest service may not yet be dated.

WELCOME: Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. If you are interested in learning about membership, please contact Melissa Threatt (864.506.0267; melissa.threatt@gmail.com) or Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler (615.292.5526; hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org).

LENTEN MID-DAY PRAYER EVERY WEDNESDAY THROUGH LENT: Westminster's staff will be leading Lenten Mid-Day Prayer in the Sanctuary every Wednesday from 11:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m. to March 31st. Go to nashvillewpc.org and in the Quick Links box, click on WPC Live Stream Services.

EASTER LILIES: This year, our Easter worship services may be different, but we will continue with our treasured tradition of gracing our Sanctuary with lilies on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021. [Click here](#) to order a lily (\$10 each) in honor of or in memory of a loved one, complete a form from the Information Desk or in the Church Office, or email your order to Terri Eckert at teckert@nashvillewpc.org. *The deadline for submitting names to be included in the Easter bulletin is Sunday, March 21, 2021.*

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Purpose Statement

*Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light
found in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

“For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.” (2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

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