


**Westminster Presbyterian
Church**

Midweek Lenten Prayer Service

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Sanctuary · 11:45 a.m.

Prelude

Sinfonia in g minor

J.S. Bach

Improvisation on “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Joseph Parry/Carter

***Opening Sentences**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

Jesus told his disciples:

If any want to become my followers
let them deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord’s name be praised.

Prayer of the Day

May the strength of God pilot us.
May the power of God preserve us.
May the wisdom of God instruct us.
May the way of God direct us.
May the shield of God defend us.
May the host of God guard us against the snares of evil
and the temptations of the world.
May Christ be with us,
Christ before us,
Christ in us,
Christ over us.
May your salvation, O Lord,
be always ours this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
- 2 **Lord, hear my voice!**
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!
- 3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
- 4 **But there is forgiveness with you,**
so that you may be revered.
- 5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in God's word I hope;
- 6 **my soul waits for the Lord**
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.
- 7 O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is "plenteous redemption."
- 8 **It is God who will redeem Israel**
from all its iniquities.

Scripture Reading

John 2:23-3:15

Prayers of the People

Individual Prayers (Individuals are invited to share prayer concerns aloud.)

Merciful God,
we praise you that you give strength for every weakness,
forgiveness for our failures, and new beginnings in Jesus Christ.
Especially we thank you for
the guidance of your Spirit through this day...
signs of new life and hope...
people who have helped us...
those who struggle for justice...
expressions of love unexpected or undeserved....

Almighty God,
you know all needs before we speak our prayers,
yet you welcome our concerns for others in Jesus Christ.

Concluding Prayer

Eternal God,
as we are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ,
so give us the grace of repentance
that we may pass through the grave with him
and be born again to eternal life.
For he is the One
who was crucified, dead, and buried,
and rose again for us, Jesus our Savior. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

*Dismissal

The God of peace be with us. **Amen.**
Bless the Lord. **The Lord's name be praised.**

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*Please stand as you are able.

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*Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light
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“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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