



**Westminster Presbyterian
Church**

Midweek Lenten Prayer Service

**Wednesday, March 5, 2024
Sanctuary · 11:45 a.m.**

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love Is This

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OPENING SENTENCES

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

Jesus said:

Come to me, all you that are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you,
and learn from me;
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy,
and my burden is light. Amen.

***HYMN 630**

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

PSALM 42

- 1 As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.
- 2 **My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.**
**When shall I come and behold
the face of God?**
- 3 My tears have been my food,
day and night,
**while people say to me continually,
“Where is your God?”**

4 These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:
How I went with the throng
and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.

**5 Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God, for I shall again praise God.
I shall praise my help and my God.**

6 My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.

**7 Deep calls to deep
at the thunder of your torrents;
all your waves and your billows
have gone over me.**

8 By day God commands God's steadfast love,
and at night God's song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

**9 I say to God, my rock,
"Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I walk about mournfully
because the enemy oppresses me?"**

10 As with deadly wound in my body,
my adversaries taunt me,
**while they say to me continually,
"Where is your God?"**

11 **Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why you are disquieted within me?
Hope in God, for I shall again praise God.
I shall praise my help and my God.**

SCRIPTURE

John 5:25-29

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God, bless those who have no hope;
make your home with them.
Bless those who grieve; strengthen them with gladness
in the midst of heartache.
Bless those who have been brought low;
remind them that they are your children.
Bless those who long for things to be made right;
fill them with a vision of your future.
Bless those who hunger and thirst;
move us to share.
Bless those who show mercy;
may they experience your grace.
Bless those who work for peace;
assure them they are not alone.
Bless those who are harassed for doing what is right;
grant them the courage of obedience.
Bless those who face insults, lies, and gossip
for who you have made them to be;
fill them with a strong core of joy.

We invite you to share and name aloud your prayer concerns.

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.**

***HYMN 215**

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WONDROUS LOVE

DISMISSAL

May God bring us hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. **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.**

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Purpose Statement

*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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