Second Sunday of Easter Holy Communion April 7, 2024



About the Prelude

The Prelude is a musical offering to help move the hearts and minds of the gathering community from the daily struggles of life to the worship of God.

The Season of Easter

The Resurrection of the Lord is the center of the Christian year, and the good news we proclaim on this day is the very heart of the gospel. Easter refers not only to a single day, but to a whole season of celebration in the Christian year. The Season of Easter spans the fifty days between the Resurrection and Pentecost, and encompasses the Ascension of the Lord.

The seven weeks of the Easter season make up a "week of weeks" (seven times seven): a symbol in time of the fullness and abundance of God's grace. In ancient practice, fasting and kneeling were forbidden during the weeks of Easter. In this most joyful season, we celebrate the great mystery of our faith that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

About Hymn 239

This 20th-century Easter text is both a song of encourage-ment (stanzas 1-2 directed to the congregation) and a song of praise (stanza 4 addressed to the risen Christ), all ending with joyous alleluias. It was written specifically for the dance-like 17th-century tune found here. TEXT: Cyril A. Alington, 1931; MUSIC: Melchior Vulpius, 1609.

GATHERING

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

***PRELUDE** Pastorella, Mvt. II, BWV 590 J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Peace be with you.Jesus stands among us.John 20: 19, 21Peace be with you.The risen Lord is here!Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega,Rev. 1:8Jesus is the Alpha who was and is and is to come!Rev. 1:8Rev. 1:8

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, grow in faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(The Cross and Bible lead the procession, symbolic of the centrality in worship of Jesus Christ—the Living Word, and the Bible—the written Word.)

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 239**

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Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

CALL TO CONFESSION

What does the Lord require of us but to do justice, *Micah 6:8* and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us come to confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God,
for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked,
we confess that we retreat into ourselves

and our fears.

You make yourself known to us in so many ways,
yet doubt creeps in

and we find it hard to believe.

Draw us beyond our darkness till we see your Christ

and touch his wounds where they bleed in others.

Strengthen our trust in you,
that we may live as faithful disciples

sharing love, making peace, doing justice.

(Silent confession)

Kyrie

Hal H. Hopson

(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.")

*ACT OF PRAISE

(Hymn 513, verse 5) FESTIVAL CANTICLE

This Is the Feast of Victory

(The congregation is invited to sing with the choir.)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. Refrain.

Prayer of Confession

A call to confession expresses God's initiative in calling for repentance and vowing forgiveness in Christ. As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin, captivity, and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

About the Kyrie

The Kyrie (Greek "kyrios" [Lord]) is a corporate musical prayer for grace.

Assurance of Pardon

A declaration of forgiveness proclaims the good news of God's mercy and offers the assurance of pardon in Jesus' name. The liturgist pours water into the font, which reminds us of the grace and cleansing of our Baptism, and the baptismal call to new life in Christ.

Act of Praise

The Act of Praise brings together the choir and congregation to sing God's praise in response to the Assurance of Pardon as the last phrase.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship pad, which is located on the center aisle end of each pew.)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***SCRIPTURE**

Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

Acts 4:32-35

(New Testament, page 122 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 133, Hymn 397 (all sing)

MIREN QUÉ BUENO

(Refrain first by the choir and then repeated by the Congregation; Verses will be sung by the Choir.)

John 20:19-31

(New Testament, page 115 in your pew Bible)

*SERMON

"So I Send You" Heidi Hudnut-Beumler

(A moment for meditation)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

This is the good newsCor. 15:1-6; Mk. 16:9; Mt. 16:16;which we have received,Rev. 22:13; Jn. 20:28in which we stand,and by which we are saved,if we hold it fast:that Christ died for our sinsaccording to the scriptures,that he was buried,that he was raised on the third day,and that he appeared first to the women,then to Peter, and to the Twelve,and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

This Prayer calls on the Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, proclaiming, and living of God's word. This sense of utter reliance on the illumination of the Spirit is an important and distinctive mark of the Reformed tradition.

About Psalm 133, Hymn 397

This infectious song from Argentina paraphrases Psalm 133, with the intention of encouraging a sense of communion among the members of a congregation. The underlying dance/song form is the Chamarrita, brought to South America in the 1800s by Portuguese settlers from the Azores. TEXT and MUSIC: Pablo Sosa, 1972.

Affirmation of Faith

Responding to the word proclaimed, we affirm our faith in the holy, triune God. The affirmation of faith is drawn from sentences of scripture or the creeds, confessions, and catechisms.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthem (8:30 a.m.) I Know That My

I Know That My Redeemer Lives Michael Cox

I know that my Redeemer lives; Glory, Hallelujah! What comfort this sweet sentence gives, Glory, Hallelujah!

Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground, Glory, Hallelujah! The dead's alive, And the lost is found, Glory, Hallelujah!

He lives, who once was dead, He lives, my everlasting head, Glory, Hallelujah! He lives to bless me with his love, He lives to plead for me above, Glory, Hallelujah! Shout on, pray on...

He lives, all glory to his name! Glory, Hallelujah! He lives, my Jesus still the same, Glory, Hallelujah! Shout on, pray on...

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) An Easter Song of Praise Richard Shephard

Sing choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing! Around God's throne exult in harmony! Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave! Salute your king in glorious symphony. Sing choirs of earth! Behold your light has come! The glory of the Lord shines radiantly! Lift up your hearts, lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death! The night is past the day of life is here! Sing church of God! Exult with joy outpoured! The gospel trumpets tell of vict'ry won! Your Saviour lives: he's with you evermore! Let all God's people shout the long Amen. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! To GIVE, please scan the QR code below.



I Know That My Redeemer Lives is a beloved Christian hymn from the 18th century composed by Samuel Medley. It is an affirmation and celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The lyrics of this hymn rejoice in the life of Jesus and the salvation He gives to humankind. Arranger, Michael Cox, is an ASCAP award winning composer, conductor, pianist, and educator. He is currently Composer-in -Residence at Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, TX. In 2009 he retired as Professor of Music Theory and Composition at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's School of Church Music.

Doxology

A short hymn of praise to the triune God (God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit).

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

***INVITATION**

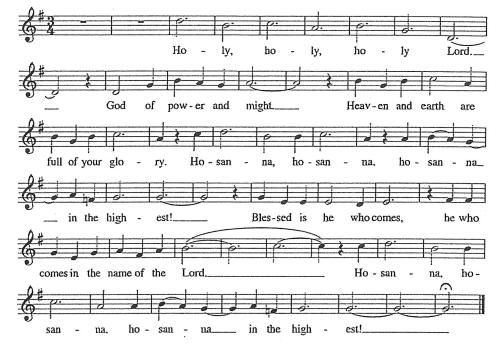
*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

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

It is truly right and our greatest joy... and is risen to raise us to new life.

Therefore, we praise you, singing with angels and archangels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, to the glory of your almighty name:



(The congregation may be seated.)

You are holy, O God of majesty... to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:



About the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Following the offering and preparation of the table, the pastor invites worshipers to the Lord's Supper using scripture, leading the people in a prayer to the triune God: giving thanks for God's creative power, providential care, and covenant faithfulness, along with particular blessings of the day; remembering God's acts of salvation through Jesus' birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension, and promised return; calling on the Holy Spirit to draw worshipers into the presence of the risen Lord, nourish them in the body and blood of Christ, unite them with Christ in the communion of saints and Church in every place, and send them in mission to the world.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit... and may we rejoice with indescribable and glorious joy.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Prayed in unison, see page 35 of your hymnal for words to this prayer.)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(The people will move to Communion stations as directed by the ushers. The celebrant will give each worshiper the bread. The worshiper dips the bread in the cup and partakes. An appropriate response is "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." Please return to the pews, using the side aisles.)

Music during Communion

Anthem (8:30 a.m.) Eat This Bread

Berthier/Taizé

(The congregation is invited to sing the **Response** with the choir.)

Response

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Creator. **Response.** Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but this is the bread come down from heaven. **Response.** Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. **Response.** If you believe and eat this bread, you will have eternal life. **Response.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 and on the first Sunday of each liturgical season.

SENDING

About Hymn 256

This 20th-century text provides a helpful corrective to a long history of negative attitudes toward Thomas for failing to believe the other disciples' report that Christ had risen. His fact-seeking "skeptic mind" sounds remarkably modern and makes him a more sympathetic figure. TEXT: Thomas H. Troeger, 1984; MUSIC: Attr. Elkanah Kelsay Dare; harm. Pilsbury's United States Harmony, 1799.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

Service in the World

Christian worship and service does not end at the conclusion of the Service for the Lord's Day; we go forth to love and serve the Lord in daily living.

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These Things Did Thomas Count as Real KEDRON

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Concerto in A Minor, Mvt. I, BWV 593 Antonio Vivaldi/arr. Bach

*(Those who are able may stand.)

Welcome

Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. Any who are interested in joining us in this journey are invited to contact Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org or 615.292.5526.

TODAY@ WESTMINSTER

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching

Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Liturgist

Rev. Dr. Guy D. Griffith Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Spiritual Nurture

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Kathryn Wyatt 11:00 AM Scott Carey

Music

8:30 AM Laudate Youth Choir 11:00 AM Westminster Choir

Dr. John Semingson Director of Music Ministries

Dale Nickell Organist and Associate Director of Music Ministries

FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Jean Damrich Sullivan and Mark Clay Garrett, Jr. on Saturday, April 6, 2024.

RED ROSE IN THE CHANCEL

The red rose in the chancel is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of a son, *James Joseph "JJ" Ludlum* born on March 28, 2024 to Sara and Steven Ludlam. Big brothers Hanley and Michael are thrilled!

RESERVE YOUR DATE FOR SANCTUARY OR PARLOR FLOWERS

Several dates in June, July, and August remain open to reserve the Sanctuary or Parlor for flowers. Honor your friends and loved ones with beautiful arrangements created by the very talented members of our Flower Guild.

The Sanctuary (\$150) is available June 30; July 7 and 14, and August 18. The Parlor (\$75) is available on all dates through the end of July except May 12 and August 25.

Contact Terri Eckert today at teckert@nashvillewpc.org to reserve your date!

Mask Policy

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville is mask optional. The balcony remains masks required.

Hearing Assistance

We offer personal FM Receivers with an ear-piece, located in the Narthex and in the Parlor on the Welsh dresser. Instructions can be found at each location.

Large Print Hymns

Looking for large-print hymns? They can be found in the Narthex at the Sanctuary entrance or in the Parlor on the Welsh dresser.

Recorded Worship Services

To watch a service at a later time, go to www.nashvillewpc.church and scroll down to the Worship Service Archive. Click on the service you would like to view.

Dial-a-Sermon

Dial 629.206.1073 after 10:15 AM each Sunday morning to listen to the sermon. The sermon will be available all week.

Childcare

Childcare is available on Sundays from 8:15 AM to 12:00 PM.

Nursery - Room 146

Toddlers & 2s - Room 152

<u>3s, 4s, 5s and Kindergarten</u> -Room 151

Cover Art

LeCompte, Rowan and Irene LeCompte. Christ shows himself to Thomas, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <u>https://</u> diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/actimagelink.pl? <u>RC=54879</u> [retrieved April 4,

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Our Mission

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)





"Jesus showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." John 20:20-21

How has Jesus made himself known to you in your life, and in the world?

Why was it important for Jesus to show the disciples his wounds? What does it reveal about Jesus, and what does it tell us about God?

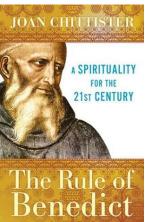
Jesus sends out his disciples with his ministry of peace. How and where is the Spirit calling and gifting you to share his ministry of peace?

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM



Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall Key Players in Supporting Roles: What we can learn from the Post-Easter Church.



The Rule of Benedict: Crafting Our Own Rule of Life Room 208

This class will continue our earlier examination of Christian spiritual practices and how to adapt them to our busy lives by focusing specifically on the Rule of Benedict. We will use Joan Chittister's book *The Rule of Benedict: A Spirituality for the 21st Century* as a guide to explore Benedict of Nursia's 1,500-year-old text, the cornerstone of Western monasticism. In learning more about this spiritual classic, we also discuss its relevance to our spiritual life today and work together on crafting our own rule of life.



Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

Coffee & Conversation: Sunday School for Parents of Youth and Young Adults

Please join us for a summary conversation of Dr. Echerd's series on *The Pursuit of Paradise: Arabs and Israelis, Holy Lands and Homelands.*

For more info, please contact Fran Linley, fran.linley@gmail.com.

Faith & Fellowship • 214

Join us for a discussion on the Letters of Paul.

For more info, please contact Donna Schwaber, dkschwaber@gmail.com.

Murdoch MacLeods • Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

For more info, please contact Paul DeWitt, pdewitt@comcast.net.

Young Families • Overlook Room No class this Sunday as we will be at NaCoMe.

For more info, please

contact Krissie Self, krissiebself@gmail.com.

Youth Ministry

Sunday School 7th - 12th grade 9:45 ам Koinonia Youth Café

Combined Sunday School

No Youth Group

Youth & Children Choirs

4:00 PM Children's Choir Party Tintinnabulation Rehearsal

5:00 рм Laudatate Choir Rehearsal

Children's Ministry 9:45 дм ● Sunday

School

2s are in room 149 3s are in room 161 4s are in room 163

Godly Play/ Kindergarten in 183

5th and 6th in room 292

1st - 4th Chapel first and then will be picked up in rooms.





April 8 Women's Covenant Group 11:30 ам • BYO Lunch 12:00 рм • Program Goodpasture Hall

Imagine Nashville, which you might not have heard about, will be our program this month. As we all know Nashville has grown by leaps and bounds, bringing both opportunities and challenges to our city.

We are really excited about this program and hope you will join us!

For more info, please contact Janice Kemp, Harriet Sewell, and Margaret Wheeler. Imagine Nashville is a citywide, community-led initiative guided by the belief that we must share our dreams and ideas to shape our future. So, we have been working to reach across geographic, socioeconomic, racial and ethnic lines, and age differences to ensure everyone has a chance to share their wildest dreams, their most practical concerns, and, most of all, their ideas for how we should go forward.

April 11 Music Box Series 11:15 AM Goodpasture Hall

This month's program will feature renowned Nashville Cellist and Poet, Julia Tanner. She was a member of the Nashville Symphony for thirty-seven years and the author of *Picnic On The Fault Line*. Her program, appropriately called *Poems and Cello*, will begin at 11:15 a.m., followed by a luncheon. Those wishing to have lunch, for which there is a ten-dollar charge, need to make a reservation by emailing Sherri Givens at sgivens@nashvillewpc. org. or calling the church office, 615.292.5526.

April 23, 2024 WPC Book Group 9:30 ам • Fellowship 10:00 ам • Program Location: Room 10

Leader: Stephanie Boaz, Parish Associate

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time. A novel by Mark Haddon.



I'm Living Out the Word through Joy in Learning by working together with church friends to share our love of continued learning with children both in and out of the Westminster community.

-Mary Prue Alley





М-W-F ● 10:00 ам Tai-Chi

Experience the benefits of Taijiquan play as you learn warm-up exercises, fundamental movements and the 37-posture Yangstyle "form".

To learn more and to register, please scan the QR code or visit westminsterjoy.org.





June 10 - July 12 Nations Ministry Hillcrest United Methodist Church

Nations Ministry is searching for folks interested in gardening, resume writing, public speaking, financial literacy and other opportunities! Small group or one-onone setting. To learn more and to register, please scan the QR code or visit westminsterjoy.org.





Thursdays Knitting & Crocheting 10:00 ам • Parlor

This lovely group of ladies welcomes all levels of knitters and crocheters. They work on servicerelated needs, individual needs and baptism caps. To learn more about this ministry, please scan the QR code.







Tuesday - Friday 8:00 ам - Noon

Be our guest! Park in the north entrance parking lot by the blue outdoor umbrella. Enjoy specialized coffee, various teas, and cold drinks along with homemade yummies. We have new high chairs for our littlest guests!

Volunteer

Tuesday - Friday



As we grow, we are looking for more servers and bakers!

If interested in becoming a volunteer or for more info, please scan the QR code below.



Scripture Reflection

April 10



Wednesdays 9:15 - 10:30 ам

This is a beautiful opportunity to experience the joy of watercolor while sharing life through scripture.

RSVPs are encouraged. Scan QR code.



Stuffing Envelopes

April 16, 17



Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Would you be willing to help with Westminster Home Connection mailings? If you can help, please let Beth Drake, beth@westminsterjoy.org, know you can!

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Plant A Tree

The Earth Care Task Force will sponsor a tree pick-up at Westminster in partnership with Green Interchange.

Scan the QR code by April 14 to purchase a tree for a nominal donation of \$1.99 and pick them up in the morning on Saturday, April 20.





Learn How to Help

April 24 Learn More about Crowded Table 10:30-11:30 ам Westminster Café

Everyone is welcome join us as we learn more about Crowded Table. Crowded Table partners local churches with foster families and caseworkers in Davidson County.

Save the Date

May 4 FaithWorks

Join us for a congregational-wide event in which we all go out into the community and help our local mission partners.

More info and registration to come.



THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, April 7	
	Worship
	Sunday School
11:00 am	-
12:00 рм	Communion@Home
4:00 рм	_
	Children's Choir Party
5:00 рм	Laudate Rehearsal
Monday, April 8	
10:00 am	
11:30 ам	Women's Covenant Group
11:45 ам	Centering Prayer
5:00 рм	Pickleball
Tuesday,	April 9
7:00 am	
7:30 ам	-
	Westminster Café
9:00 am	Harvard Handbells
Wednesday, April 10	
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8:00 am	Westminster Café
	Westminster Bells
10:00 am	
	Men's Basketball
7:00 рм	Westminster Choir
	, April 11
	Westminster Café
	Women's Bible Study
	Knitting & Crocheting
11:15 ам	Music Box Series
Friday, April 12	
7:00 am	Men's Bible Study
7:30 am	Westminster Café
10:00 AM	Tai Chi
5:00 рм	Pickleball
S:00 PM Saturday 11:30 AM	

For more information on the events listed here, please contact the church office, 615.292.5526.

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If you have questions about a certain event listed on our calendar, please contact a member of our program staff.

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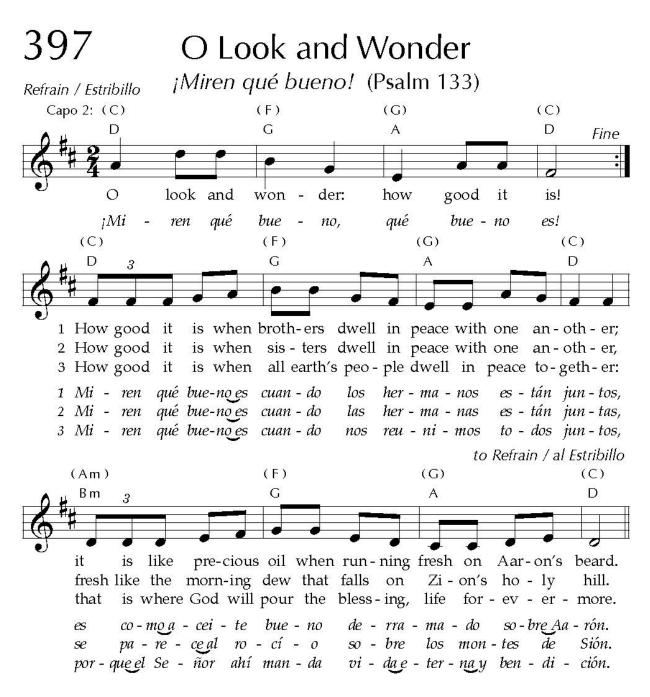


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