

#### **GATHERING**

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

About the Prelude **PRELUDE** 

Johann Jacob Froberger Toccata in D Minor, FbWV 102

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, it was like a dream.

Then our mouths were filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

Then it was said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Let those who plant with tears reap the harvest with joy.
Let those who go out weeping come home with shouts of joy.
Let us worship God!

from Psalm 126

## Lord's Day

Worship on the

The Prelude is a musical offering to

from the daily

worship of God.

help move the hearts and minds of the gathering community

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Worship begins as the people gather - greeting one another, praying in silence, or offering music to the glory of God. The act of assembling in Jesus' name bears witness to the Church's identity and mission as Christ's body in the world.

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Gracious God,

as we near the end of our Lenten journey, we give thanks for the new thing that you are doing and for your provision in our wilderness. As we have wandered, you have steadied us; you have provided manna, that we might not hunger, and you have provided water, that we might not thirst. We have gained new awareness as you have revealed your love. Open our lips, that we might join with all creation in singing your praise, O God. Amen.

\*HYMN 645

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves; and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:8-9)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

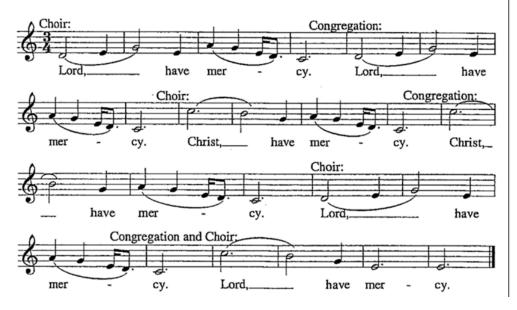
Merciful God,
we humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving kindness.
In your great compassion,
cleanse us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

(Silent confession)

**Kyrie** 

James MacMillan

(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)



Call to and Prayer of Confession

A call to confession expresses God's initiative in calling for repentance and promising 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.

#### 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.")

#### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (11:00 AM)

#### THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

#### Isaiah 43:16-21

(Old Testament, pages 672-673 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalm 51:10

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

### Refrain:



When our God led us back to freedom, like dreamers we beheld the promised land again; our mouths were filled with laughter and rejoicing. *Refrain*.

We proclaimed to the nations what God has done for us; your mighty deeds of love, restoring us to life, you lead your people home to you rejoicing. *Refrain*.

Come restore our fortune, renew us in your love, as rivers through the sand, as springs within the desert; those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing. *Refrain*.

#### John 12:1-8

(New Testament, pages 106 in your pew Bible)

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Psalm 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Renew a right spirit within me.

Renew a right spirit within me.

SERMON

"The Time of Your Life"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and our present hope when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21

#### THE EUCHARIST

#### **OFFERING**

Anthem (8:30 AM)

Let Us Walk This Road Together arr.John Carter

Let us walk this road together, pilgrims trav'ling side by side. Let us brave the stormy weather; in the Rock we safely hide. Let us share our joys and sorrows on the journey here below. If we walk this road together God will guide us as we go.

Let us walk this road together, brothers, sisters in the fold.

Caring not for "why?" or "whether" but by faith made strong and bold.

Who can know where God will send us?

Who can know what God will ask?

Still, by faith we journey onward, sharing in the gospel task.

Let us walk this road together with our hands and hearts entwined.

Let us feel the Spirit's tether drawing us, both heart and mind.

We will pray and praise and worship, brothers, sisters, servants all on the road of grace and glory, ever faithful to God's call.

(11:00 AM)

Do Not Be Afraid Philip W. J. Stopford

Do not be afraid, do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by your name; you are mine, you are mine.

When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you; you will never sink beneath the waves.

When the fire is burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames.

Do not be afraid...

When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side. When you dwell in the exile of a stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes.

Do not be afraid...

You are mine, O my child, I am your Father, and I love you with a perfect love.

Do not be afraid...

#### \*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

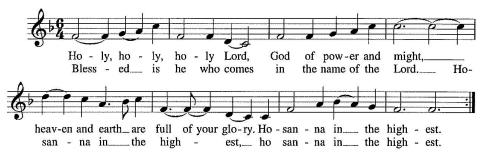
#### \*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

We do give you thanks and praise, great and loving God... you call us back to your love.

Therefore, we lift our voices with the faithful of every time and place, and the choirs of the Kingdom, who forever sing of your goodness and love:



#### Doxology

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

The bread served in today's communion is gluten-free.

### (The congregation may be seated.)

You sent Jesus to speak to the world, ... And we remember his story.

Great is the mystery of faith:



Today, we gather around this table... Come Holy Spirit.

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)

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** 

Jacques Bertheir/Taize

Eat This Bread

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.

Eat this bread...

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but this is the bread come down from heaven.

Eat this bread...

Anyone who eats this bread, will live forever.

Eat this bread...

If you believe and eat this bread, you will have eternal life.

Eat this bread...

(11:00 AM)

### American Folksong, arr. Hopson A Lenten Walk

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself; Oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves; Oh, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.

Jesus bore the cross of sorrow; he had to bear it by himself; Oh, nobody else could bear it for him, he had to bear it by himself.

We must take our cross and follow; Yes, we must follow by ourselves; Oh, nobody else can follow for us, we have to follow by ourselves.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### **SENDING**

\*HYMN 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

#### \*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**

Johann Sebastian Bach

Chorale Prelude on Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

<sup>\*(</sup>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 Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler by email at hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org or 615.292.5526 in the church office.

#### **Today @ Westminster**

## **Worship Leaders**

#### **Preaching**

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake Pastor and Head of Staff

#### Liturgist

Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler Associate Pastore of Congregational Care

#### **Lay Liturgists**

8:30 AM Suzie Lane 11:00 AM Keith Cole

#### Music

Cantor: Veronica Selby 8:30 AM Laudate Choir 11:00 AM Westminster Choir

Shelia Pugh Guest Organist

John Semingson
Director of Music Ministries

#### **Red Rose**

The red rose in the Chancel gives glory and thanksgiving to God for the birth of a son, *Samuel David Anderson*, on March 29, 2025, to Myles and Olivia Anderson. James and Lauren Anderson are thrilled grandparents.

#### **Mask Policy**

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville is mask optional.

#### **Hearing Assistance**

We offer personal FM Receivers with an earpiece, 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 - Room 152

2s and 3s - Room 151

#### **Copyright Information**

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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)

# TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



"She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial." John 12:7

Judas critiqued this worship event. Why do we critique worship?

Mary's purchase of perfume was a secular act that turned holy. When has this happened to you?

As we walk the road to the cross this Lent, what might be your sacrificial act that loves just as Jesus loves you?

The Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville, per the Book of Order of the PCUSA, has called a Congregational Meeting during the 11:00 AM service today, to act upon the request of the Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler to retire and thereby dissolve her pastoral relationship effective May 23, 2025.

# May 18 A Celebration for Heidi 12:15 PM

Help us celebrate the years of Heidi's love and dedication to this church. Please join us for a box lunch and a reflection on her time at WPC. More details to come.

Scan the QR code to register for lunch.





#### **Time to Order Lilies**

Lilies will grace our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025. If you would like to purchase a lily (\$10) in memory or in honor of a friend or family member, please scan the QR code.





#### Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

#### **Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall**

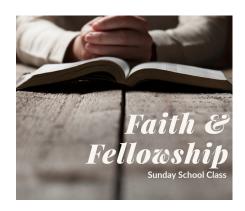


### Keeping Sacred Time: An Exploration of Life's Rhythms.

What rhythms are driving your life? This Covenant Class series is an invitation to look closely at this question and explore the sacred rhythms woven into the world today. The Lenten season offers a unique opportunity to examine one's practices, habits, and daily routines, and to shift focus toward deeper alignment with God. Together, we'll examine how these rhythms—both individual and collective—can guide us toward deeper connection with God and towards lives of deeper

compassion for ourselves and others.

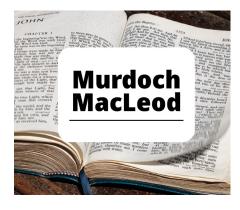
**Today**, we will look together at a couple of specific examples of the many ways that Christians throughout history have practiced the sanctification of time in their own cultural contexts and theological traditions. Led by Dr. Bradley Daugherty, Lecturer in Religion and Honors at Belmont University.



## Faith & Fellowship • 214

The History of Popes: Church of Man or Church of God?

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



## Murdoch MacLeod ● Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

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



**Young Families •** 

Fellowship Sunday



## TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



## **Sunday School**

9:45 AM • Koinonia Youth Café Please see class desciption below.

6:00 PM ● Youth Group



## **Practicing Together** April 6 - April 13 • Koinonia Youth Café

Wondering what to do this Lent? Tired of just giving up chocolate? Wonder no more. Join us this Lent for an intergenerational Sunday School class exploring spiritual formation. This class will learn about a variety of spiritual practices across four Sundays, including Lectio Divina, Sabbath, Anam Cara, the Examen, and Visual Prayer. Not only will we be introduced to these disciplines and practice

them in class, but we'll also discuss how they can help us meaningfully engage in Holy Week and prepare us for the world-changing good news of Easter. This class is intentionally intergenerational, and all ages youth group and up are welcome! Don't just give up chocolate, add our intergenerational spiritual formation class as your Lenten practice this year. Invite an (intergenerational) friend to join you! Led by Adam DeVries and Will Wellman.



#### **Children & Youth Choirs**

4:00 рм Rehearsals

Gloria Alleluia Jubilate **Tintinnabulation**  5:00 рм Rehearsals

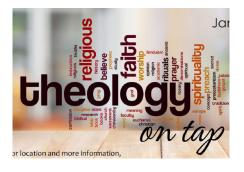
Laudate Choir Chiming Children

# **YOUNG ADULTS**



April 13
Volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House
3:00 - 6:00 PM

For info please contact: Michael Drake, drakerduck@gmail.com Lane Russell, Irussell7942@yahoo.com



April 15
Theology on Tap
7:00 PM ● Location TBD

For more info, please contact: Michael Drake,drakerduck@gmail.com Lane Russell, Irussell7942@yahoo.com

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## 8:30 & 11:00 AM ● Worship Services

#### **Children and Worship**

Childcare is available for children who are infants through kindergarten during both services. While childcare is available, children are always welcome in worship. There are quiet toys and worship bags for children. They may be found in baskets in the Parlor and in the back of the Sanctuary. The bags have plain paper, crayons, a pencil and a children's bulletin.

## 9:45 AM ● Sunday School

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

Godly Play/Kindergarten in 183

4th & 5th Grade in room 292

1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapel first and then will be picked up in rooms.



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## Word Search

See if you can find these words in the puzzle on the left.

Bethany dinner feet fragrance hair Jesus Lazarus nard Passover perfume raised six



April 13 Congregational Care Class 9:45 am • Goodpasture Hall

### LIVING AS THOSE PREPARED TO DIE, DYING AS THOSE PREPARED TO LIVE

Our faith calls us to affirm that "(i)n life and in death we belong to God" (PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith).

Dr. Tiffany Hines and Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler will provide the third class in the Congregational Care series on preparing for end-of-life. How to plan a memorial service celebrating life and witnessing to the resurrection will be covered, as well as how to talk with your family about advance directives and understanding palliative/hospice care. Resources will be shared, and the class format will include plenty of time for discussion and questions. If you are unable to join us but would like to receive resources, please be in touch with Heidi, hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org.

Thursday Morning Theology Group Dogmatics in Outline

9:30 AM • Overlook Room

We will be reading through Karl Barth's *Dogmatics in Outline*. Karl Barth was a Swiss Reformed theologian and one of the most influential theologians of the 20th century. This will be a great class for folks interested in learning more about Christian theology and the Reformed tradition in particular. All are welcome! Contact Will Wellman if you have any questions, wwellman@nashvillewpc.org.

April 22 Book Group

The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson

Presented by Ken Hande



**DAY CHANGE** 

April 15 Music Box

**Goodpasture Hall** 

11:00 AM ● Fellowship

**11:15** AM ● Program

12:00 PM • Lunch

Please join us as we welcome Isabel Bartles, Nashville Symphony Orchestra violinist.

Three Movements by Ottorino Respighi for Violin and Piano

#### Performers:

Isabel Bartles holds degrees in music from Ole Miss and LSU. She did additional study in Tel Aviv, Israel and Stuttgart, Germany. The orchestras she played in before joining the Nashville Symphony, include, Herzliya Chamber Orchestra, Israel and the Innsbruck Symphony Orchestra, Austria.

Alex Bolton is a self-taught pianist and prolific composer with a passion for chamber music. He is the keyboardist with Two Rivers Community Orchestra and has recently written a Piano Concerto, which he premiered with them in April 2025. Alex earned a master's degree in criminal justice from Troy University, and he works in Nashville as a federal probation officer. He hosts a monthly Piano Music Lovers group and performs chamber music and solo recitals at every opportunity, with an emphasis on lesser-known composers and works.

If you would like to stay for lunch, please make your reservation with Sherri Givens, sgivens@nashvillewpc.org. Cost: \$10.



April 12 Have a new baby? Meet some new friends! 9:00 AM • Parlor

We hear it all the time: "The people who mean the most to us here are the people we raised our kids with." Join us for our first gathering of families who have had a baby within the past year (since January 2024).

Meet some fellow sojourners and introduce your little one to some future friends! We will meet for coffee, snacks, and conversation. Then, we'll go to the Egg Hunt.

Big siblings welcome!

Questions? Call or Email Ashley Higgins, ahiggins@ nashvillewpc.org.



April 12
Easter Egg Hunt
North Parking Lot
Playground
10:00 AM ● Arrive
10:15 AM ● Hunt

Enjoy an Easter Egg hunt for two-year-olds through fourth graders. We will have a wonderful time of hunting eggs and playing together.

## We will provide bags to gather eggs, you will NOT need baskets.

Refreshments and time to play after the hunt will be fun.



June 2-8 Music Camp

Join us for Summer Music Camp! Rising 1st-6th graders are welcome to participate in the staged musical play, "The Tale of the Three Trees" by Allen Pote and Tom Long. Auditions will be held on April 27.

Scan the QR code to register.





#### **WE NEED YOU!**

We are doing a MAJOR membership directory update project, and we need your help to stay connected.

Please scan the QR code below to share basic information with us for the directory or fill out the pew card and drop it in the offering plate.

Also, we are seeking updated photos on all members/ couples/families. Please scan the QR code below to submit a photo; if you take a photo at the Easter flower cross in

front of the Sanctuary on April 20, send us that one!

If you prefer to send in a photo directly, or to gain access to the online church membership directory, please contact Hannah Boles, Membership Secretary, hboles@nashvillewpc.org; 615-292-5526. We would also love for you to let us know if you would like a printed church directory when they become available in early fall.

**Sunday, April 13,** we will have photographers available between services in the Parlor, 9:30 – 11:00 AM and at 12:00 PM following the 11:00 AM service, if you would like us to take a photo for you for the directory.

To update your contact info, please scan this OR code:



To update your photo, please scan this QR code or send photo to Hannah Boles, hboles@nashvillewpc.org.



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## **MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**



#### **Plant A Tree**

Order a tree through Green Interchange and then make plans to pick it up at the WPC North Entrance on Saturday, April 26, from 9:00 AM to noon.

Reserve your trees or make a donation by scanning the QR code. Specify WPC as the pickup spot. Plant the trees or give them to others to enjoy.

## **Preston Taylor Ministries**

### **Lenten Mission Opportunity**

Volunteers are needed to provide dinners for the students on Mondays (food for 15) and Wednesdays (food for 30). If you or a group of your friends feel called to serve in this way during this Lenten season, please contact Janet Kuhn, janetkuhn@mac.com, or scan the QR code.



## **Westminster Garden Team**

Westminster is partnering with our neighbor Hillwood Presbyterian to start a community garden! We are in the initial phases and looking for volunteers who would like to be a part of dreaming, planning, and creating this garden on Hillwood's property. We plan to meet with folks from Hillwood in late April or early May to begin the process! If you're interested in helping out, please email Will Wellman, wwellman@nashvillewpc.org.

## **MINISTRY TEAM**



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## **Holy Week Schedule**

## April 13 - Passion | Palm Sunday

Procession of Palms 8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship Service Alleluia, Gloria, and Jubilate Children's Choirs Laudate Youth Choir Westminster Choir

## **April 17 - Maundy Thursday**

Service of Holy Communion | Stripping of the Chancel 7:00 PM
Laudate Youth Choir

## April 18 - Good Friday

Choral Service of Darkness 7:00 PM
Westminster Choir

## **April 20 - Easter Sunday**

7:30 AM Worship Service
Holy Communion
Brass Ensemble
Laudate Youth Choir

9:15 AM Worship Service Brass Ensemble Westminster Choir

11:00 AM Worship Service Brass Ensemble Westminster Choir

## THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

#### Sunday, April 6

8:30 AM Worship

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 ам Worship

12:15 рм Communion@Home Lunch

4:00 рм Children's Choir Rehearsal

Tintinnabulation

5:00 PM Laudate Choir Rehearsal

Chiming Children

6:00 PM Youth Group

#### Monday, April 7

10:00 ам Таі Chi

11:45 AM Centering Prayer

5:00 рм Pickleball

#### Tuesday, April 8

7:00 AM Daybreak Believers

7:30 AM Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

9:00 AM Harvard Handbells

11:30 AM Tuesday Lunch Bunch

#### Wednesday, April 9

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

9:30 AM Westminster Bells

#### Wednesday, April 9

10:00 AM Tai Chi

7:00 PM Men's Basketball

WPC Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, April 10

8:00 AM Westminster Café

9:30 AM Women's Bible Study

9:30 AM Thurs Morning Theological Group

10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting

#### Friday, April 11

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

10:00 ам Таі Chi

5:00 PM Pickleball

#### Saturday, April 12

9:00 AM New Young Families Meet & Greet

10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt

11:30 AM AA



## 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.





Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.