

# *Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church*

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## *Sacrament of Holy Communion*

### *Gathering*

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(Those who wish to prepare a juice product and some bread may place them near your seat, and perhaps light a candle if you can do so safely. Then you may pray this prayer over your bread and cup: "O God of Love: I ask you to bless this food before I partake of it, and set it apart for this Holy use, that the bread may be the Bread of Life for me, and the cup may be the Cup of the New Covenant. Amen.)

Permission for today's liturgy is from *Growing Faith Resources*.

PRELUDE "Variations on "Primrose" Broughton

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Sumner

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Rader

One: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it;

**All: the world and those who live in it.**

One: O praise the Lord with me;

**All: let us exalt God's name together.**

(Psalm 24:1; 34:3)

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Earth and All Stars" (vs 1, 2 & 4) *Earth and All Stars*

Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!

Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!

Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!

Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!

## \*CALL TO PRAYER

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Unison as desired)

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

### \*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Dr. Rader

Friends, we are followers of Jesus, yet we stumble and fall along the way. The good news is that Jesus does not condemn us, but lifts us up to continue the journey. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved.

### \*RESPONSE

*Earth and All Stars*

“Classrooms and labs, loud boiling test tubes sing to the Lord a new song! Athlete and band, loud cheering people sing to the Lord a new song! God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!”

## MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 1: 4-8

The Word of the Lord came to me [Jeremiah] saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you’ says the Lord.”

#### THE SECOND LESSON

John 1: 35-50

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter.) The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Will You Say Yes? Did You Say Yes?”

Dr. Sumner

HYMN

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross behind me, the world behind me,  
the cross before me, no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow, though none go with me, still I will follow, though none go  
with me, still I will follow, no turning back, no turning back.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

AFFIRMATION OF DISCIPLESHIP

Leader: ... will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and  
showing his love?

**People: I will with God's help.**

Leader: Let us pray:

**People: Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us; and by your Holy  
Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a  
life worthy of your calling. Establish us in your truth and  
guide us by your Holy Spirit, that we may grow in faith, hope,  
and love, and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, who alone  
is Head of the Church and in whose name we pray. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

RECEPTION OF TITHES and OFFERINGS

This congregation continues to need offerings to support the staff and missions we have. You may mail  
checks to us or have your checks mailed regularly from your bank at no cost to you. Otherwise, you may  
give by credit or debit card by going to [www.wbts.org](http://www.wbts.org) and clicking “Donate now.”

OFFERTORY

“Blessed Jesus at Thy Word”

Beck

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him all creatures here below;  
praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Unison)

Lord Jesus, we dedicate to you all that we bring as gifts this day: bread and juice for communion; financial  
gifts for your church and its ministry; our skills and talents which we offer in your service; our whole being  
(body, mind and spirit) which we have committed again to you this day. Receive our gifts and use them  
for God's glory. Amen.

## *Sacrament of Holy Communion*

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who have been baptized, remembering that access to  
the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in  
faith, repentance, and who trust in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts or whose  
trust is wavering may come to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Christ Jesus.

Baptized children who are being nurtured and instructed in the significance of the invitation to the Table and the meaning of their response are invited to receive the Lord's Supper, recognizing that their understanding of participation will vary according to their maturity. (From the Directory of Worship)

QUARTET

“Lord, We Have Come At Your Own Invitation”

*Paris Antiphoner*

#### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### PRAYER CONTINUES WITH SUNG RESPONSES

*Celtic Alleluia*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power God of might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest!  
Bless-ed is he who comes, he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest; hosanna in the highest!

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come to earth again.

A-men. Amen. A-men.

#### 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.

#### THE COMMUNION

\*CLOSING HYMN

“Jesus Calls Us”

*Galilee*

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea;  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying “Christian, follow me.”

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us, saying “Christian, love me more.”

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christian love me more than these.”

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

### *Sending*

#### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Postlude on G Major”

Handel

## *Announcements*

NEW PARAMENTS: The beautiful new paraments that adorn the lectern and the pulpit have been given by JoAnn Reynolds, in loving memory of her husband, Jack.

### FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY:

Sharon Dell-Gallagher, in loving memory of her parents on what would have been their 76<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Lida Robinson, in celebration of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Roger & Donna Jones, in loving memory of their parents.

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