

Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church
The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Sumner
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Gathering

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PRELUDE "A Blessing" Nieland

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Sumner

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

One: Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight that sin clings to so closely.

ALL: **Let us run with perseverance the race that is before us.**

One: Sing to the Lord a new song!

ALL: **Let all the faithful praise the Lord.**

Hebrews 12:1; Psalm 149: 1

HYMN 35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty *Lobe den herren*

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul praise him for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear now to his temple draw near;

join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth.

Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been

granted in what he ordaineth.

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is within me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again;

gladly for aye we adore him.

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that at times you call us to proclaim good news to others, yet we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we have fears. Please forgive our reticence.

Give us courage to follow your way that joins us with those in ages past who honored you with faith, hope, and love, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE “O God our Help in Ages Past”
“O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.”

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST LESSON – Deuteronomy 34:1-12

ANTHEM “Carry Me Home”

Arr. Jean Anne Shafferman
Soloist, Erma Gilliam

THE SECOND LESSON – 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Saying Goodbye”

Dr. Sumner

HYMN “In the Sweet By and By”

There's a land that is fairer than day, and by faith we can see it afar,
for the Father waits over the way to prepare us a dwelling place there.
In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore;
in the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.

We shall sing on that beautiful shore the melodious songs of the blest;
and our spirits shall sorrow no more-not a sigh for the blessing of rest.
In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore;
in the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.

To our bountiful Father above we will offer our tribute of praise,
for the glorious gift of his love and the blessings that hallow our days.
In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore;
in the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

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 and clicking "Donate now."

OFFERTORY "Blessed are Ye Faithful Souls" Brahms

RESPONSE *Forest Green*

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 821 "My Life Flows On" verse 1, 2,4 *How can I keep from singing*
My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Recessional on St. Anne" Young

Announcements

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: If you would like to know more about this congregation, please call the church office at 386-767-8342 and Rev. Sumner will return your call.

SPIRES: Copies of the Spire, our monthly newsletter, are available in the Narthex from one of our ushers.

BOOK SALE: On March 6th after both services, a sale of books will be displayed in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will support our future library purchases and our Youth Summer Mission Trip. The youth will also have baked goods for sale while supplies last. Plan to stop by our Fellowship that day!

LITURGIST: George White