

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

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PRELUDE "O Christ, Who Art the Light and Day" Boehm

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Sumner

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

One: Draw near to God.

ALL: **And God will draw near to us.**

One: When we fast we free up space to ponder God's goodness.

ALL: **Let us keep company with Jesus.**

*HYMN "Have Thine Own Way Lord" *Adelaide*

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Thou art the potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Search me and try me, Master today!

Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Wounded and weary, help me I pray!

Power, all power, surely is thine!

Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Hold o'er my being absolute sway.

Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see

Christ only, always, living in me!

*CALL TO PRAYER

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, whose ways are just and true, we confess that we have not lived as Christ has called us to live. We have shut our eyes to evils in the world. We have sealed our ears from the cries of the suffering. We have clung to the hostility we harbor against one another and hardened our hearts to

the creative power of love. Open our eyes to see injustice; our ears to hear the cries of the needy; our minds to imagine an end to human strife. Grant us wisdom to make these changes as we seek to follow Jesus's good example for living. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE 582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines”
Glory to God whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me;
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, amen!

The Word

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST LESSON – Esther 4:1- 3

ANTHEM “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

THE SECOND LESSON – Acts 13: 2-3

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Fast”

Dr. Sumner

*HYMN 523 “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” vs. 1, 4, & 5
(Refrain) “You satisfy the hungry heart with gifts of finest wheat;
come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.”

Bicentennial

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice,
so when you call your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice.
(Refrain)

The mystery of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell.
(Refrain)

You gave yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name in truth and charity.
(Refrain)

Thanksgiving

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 "Andante from Sonata No. 6" Mendelssohn

*DOXOLOGY 606 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

*HYMN 796 "We Come to You for Healing, Lord" *Land of Rest*

We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.

As once you walked the ancient streets and reached toward those in pain, we know you come among us still with power to heal again.

You touch us through physician's skills, through nurses' gifts of care, and through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.

Through nights of pain and wakefulness, through days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.

We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain, in trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Jubilate Deo, Omnis Terra" Benoit

Announcements

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: If you would like to know more about this congregation, please call the church office and Rev. Sumner will call you.

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

BOOK SALE: On March 6th, the Library and Youth will be cohosting a book sale in the Fellowship Hall. It will be available to browse and purchase books from between the 8:45 and 11 a.m. services and also after the 11 a.m. service. The proceeds will be split between the Library Fund and the Youth to help them pay for their summer mission trip. The youth will also be hosting a baked sale, with proceeds also going to their trip.

ASH WEDNESDAY service will be on March 2nd at 5:30 p.m.

LITURGIST: George White

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2	Ash Wednesday Service	5:30 p.m.
March 6	First Sunday in Lent	8:45 & 11 a.m.
March 9	Lent Prayer Service	5:30 p.m.
March 13	Second Sunday in Lent	8:45 & 11 a.m.
March 16	Lent Prayer Service	5:30 p.m.
March 20	Third Sunday in Lent	8:45 & 11 a.m.
March 23	Lent Prayer Service	5:30 p.m.
March 27	Fourth Sunday in Lent	8:45 & 11 a.m.
March 30	Lent Prayer Service	5:30 p.m.
April 3	Fifth Sunday in Lent	8:45 & 11 a.m.
April 6	Lent Prayer Service	5:30 p.m.
April 10	Palm Sunday	8:45 & 11 a.m.
April 14	Maundy Thursday Service	5:30 p.m.
April 15	Good Friday Service	12 p.m.
April 17	Easter Sunday	8:45 & 11 a.m.