

Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church
The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Sumner
The Second Sunday in Lent
March 13, 2022

Lent is the season of 40 days before Easter, not counting Sundays. It is a season of extra prayer, sacrifice, service, and renewed spiritual disciplines.

During these 6 Sundays, the cross and candlesticks, when used, are wood; and the flower containers are wicker instead of silver. The flags are removed and there is no Gloria sung again until Easter.

Gathering

Permission for today's liturgy is from *Growing Faith Resources; Follow Me:*
"Practice Spiritual Disciplines"

PRELUDE "The Humble Heart" Clarke

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Sumner

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

One: Tis a gift to be simple tis a gift to be free,

ALL: **Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be.**

One: And when we find ourselves in the place just right

ALL: **Twill be in the valley of love and delight.**

One: Today we lift up simple gifts;

ALL: **Like Jesus' words to love God, and love our neighbors**

As ourselves.

*HYMN 630 "Fairest Lord Jesus" *Crusaders' Hymn*

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,

O thou of God to earth come down,

Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,

Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,

robed in the blooming garb of spring:

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer

who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,

and all the twinkling starry host:

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer

than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Ruler of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

*CALL TO PRAYER

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
Abundant God, so much of our harmful behavior is rooted in envy. You have given us our daily bread, but many want more. We can get seduced by commercialism, telling ourselves that we need many of the things people are peddling. Forgive us when we may indicate that what you provide for us is not enough. Help us to live our lives simply and faithfully, trusting you to provide what we need. Amen.
(30 seconds of silence)

*KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*OUR HOPE FOR FORGIVENESS

One: I announce to you today that our sins are forgiven.
ALL: **God's grace is amazing!**

The Word

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST LESSON – Philippians 4: 10-13

CHORAL ENSEMBLE “Be Thou My Vision”

THE SECOND LESSON – Matthew 6: 19-21

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

SERMON “Embrace Simplicity”

Dr. Sumner

HYMN 340 “This is My Song”

Finlandia

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,

Announcements

FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY:

Marianne Sabatka, in celebration of her family member's March birthdays.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: If you would like to know more about membership and affiliate membership at Westminster, please call the church office and Rev. Sumner will call you.

LENT PRAYER SERVICES continue Wednesday's at 5:30.

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

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER: The women of WBTS are invited to a get-together in Peninsula Hall Tuesday March 22 at 10:00 am. It will be a wonderful time to enjoy the company of friends as well as make new friends in fellowship. Pastor Jeff and our new Christian Ed director Ashley Camp will be with us to welcome the women back to our first event since March of 2020. We are looking forward to a new, exciting way to study and pray together. There will be refreshments and a time to "catch up".

To prepare for the event, we ask you to please RSVP to either Edith Moser at phone # 383-7567 / email erivermt@aol.com or Barbara Wagner at # 756-5500

LITURGIST: Janet Lindfors

UPCOMING EVENTS

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	7:30 p.m.
April 15	Good Friday Service	12 p.m.
April 17	Easter Sunday	8:45 & 11 a.m.