## Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Sumner The First Sunday in Lent March 6, 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 "Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above"	Telemann
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dr. Sumner
<ul> <li>CALL TO WORSHIIP</li> <li>One: Welcome, friends, to this holy day.</li> <li>ALL: We come to offer thanks; to sing and to pray.</li> <li>One: Welcome to this time set apart.</li> <li>ALL: A time to remember the holy promises of God.</li> <li>One: Welcome to the table of remembrance and joy.</li> <li>ALL: The table where we are fed; the feast we share.</li> </ul>	(Responsively)
*HYMN 166 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" Lord, who throughout these forty days, for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay.	St. Flavian

As you with Satan did contend, And did the victory win, O give us grace to persevere, in you to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence, and through this Passion-tide, yes evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

\*CALL TO PRAYER

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Merciful God, whose ways are good and true, we confess that we have not lived as Christ has called us to live. We have shut our eyes to evils our world allows. We have sealed our ears from the cries of those who suffer. We have clung to the hostility we harbor against others, and we have hardened our hearts to the redemptive power of love. Therefore, we pray: Open our eyes to see and act on injustice; give us courage to resist oppressive powers; open our ears to see injustice in our world. Grant us wisdom to pursue the ways of peace. And give us the desire to embody the compassion of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen. (*Silence for 30 seconds*)

Arr. David N. Johnson

\*KYRIE Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

\*OUR HOPE FOR FORGIVENESS One: ...May the peace of God be with you. ALL: **And also with you.** 

## The Word

### MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST LESSON - Philippians 1: 3-11

THE SECOND LESSON - Matthew 6: 9-13

SOLO "The Lord's Prayer"

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

SERMON "Pray"

\*HYMN 472 "Kum Ba Yah" Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah! Norton Christeson, soloist

Dr. Sumner

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

### **Thanksgiving**

PASTORAL PRAYER

#### **RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

This congregation continues to need offerings to support the staff and missions we have. Please consider your offering at this time. Checks and cash may be put in the offering box at the door as you depart. Credit card and PayPal contributions may be given through www.wbts.org.

OFFERTORY

"Orison" (Prayer)

Wagner

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM

"Teach Me, O Lord, the Way of Thy Statutes"

(Permission granted by G. Schirmer) Thomas Atwood

## 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.

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 times of silence)

THE COMMUNION

(If you plan to partake of the bread and cup, you will be instructed when to do so.)



\*HYMN 722 "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" *Canonbury* Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone. As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet. O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungry ones with manna sweet.

O, teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart. And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Psalm XX"

Marcello

### <u>Announcements</u>

<u>BAPTISM</u>: Leif Colloton Loescher will be baptized at our 11:00 a.m. service! His parents are Erik and Ashley, and his brother is Reed, also baptized here.

<u>CHURCH MEMBERSHIP</u>: 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.

<u>BOOK SALE</u>: Today the Library and Youth will be cohosting a book sale in the Fellowship Hall. It will be available to browse and purchase books between the 8:45 and 11 a.m. services and 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.

LENT PRAYER SERVICES continue Wednesday at 5:30.

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

LITURGIST: George White

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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