

*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

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

One: Welcome, friends, to this holy day.

ALL: **We come to offer thanks; to sing and to pray.**

One: Welcome to this time set apart.

ALL: **A time to remember the holy promises of God.**

One: Welcome to the table of remembrance and joy.

ALL: **The table where we are fed; the feast we share.**

\*HYMN 166 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" *St. Flavian*

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.

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*)

\*KYRIE

Arr. David N. Johnson

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"

Norton Christeson, soloist

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Pray"

Dr. Sumner

\*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!



\*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

### *Announcements*

BAPTISM: 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.

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.

BOOK SALE: 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.

SPIRES: 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. |