

*Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church*  
*The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Sumner*  
*April 24, 2022*

*Gathering*

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

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PRELUDE "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing" Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Sumner

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

One: Let us come before God with all who we are, struggling to meet the day, or ready to meet the day.

ALL: **No matter how we are feeling, we acknowledge with The Bible: "This is the day the Lord has made."**

One: "Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

HYMN 804 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" vs. 1-4 Marion

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

(Refrain:) Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,  
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days. [Refrain]

Yes, on through life's long path still chanting as ye go,  
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe. [Refrain]

At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest,  
the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. [Refrain]

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Amazing God: even though you rolled the stone away from the entrance to Jesus' tomb, some of us still have a stone blocking the entrance to our hearts. Some refuse to change their attitude or change the direction of their life. Today, perhaps today, will be different. Give us the will and the courage to be changed by your powerful Holy Spirit, and by the wonderful news that Jesus arose from the dead. Perhaps we too can arise from our doldrums. We pray for it in the name of our Risen Savior.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" verse 5

Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice give thanks and sing!

## *The Word*

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST LESSON – Luke 24: 13-35

SOLO

“When You Cannot See Me”

Jeffrey Sumner

Arranged by Don Kruger; Words and music by Jeffrey Sumner

Some broken-hearted Christians, walked down a darkened path,  
Wond’ring if the Savior would indeed appear at last.  
In a time of hopelessness, hope appeared again,  
The risen Lord had come, to join dejected friends.

**I am here, said He, I am here.  
When you cannot see me, I am here.  
As you pray to God, your prayers will be heard,  
When you cannot see me, I am here.**

As women trudged to see the tomb where Jesus had been laid,  
they thought about the caring man whose sacrifice was paid.  
As in ages long before, an angel said “fear not,” and so  
the news spread far and wide, salvation had been bought!

**I am here, said He, I am here.  
When you cannot see me, I am here.  
As you pray to God, your prayers will be heard,  
When you cannot see me, I am here.**

As men walked to Emmaus, we walk our roads today  
asking if our sadness will turn to joy some day.  
Then, as if at God’s command, Jesus did appear,  
In a common thing, like breaking bread,  
they knew that He was there.

**I am here, said He, I am here.  
When you cannot see me, I am here.  
As you pray to God, your prayers will be heard,  
When you cannot see me, I am here.  
When you cannot see me, I am here.**

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THE SECOND LESSON – Philippians 4: 4-7



Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "I Know That My Redeemer Lives. Glory Hallelujah"

Wood

### *Announcements*

FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY:

By Helen Chandler, in loving memory of her mother Betty Ellicott.  
By Anne Thrower, in memory of Mac Thrower.

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