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

Gathering

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PRELUDE "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"

Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Sumner

CALL TO WORSHIIP

(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 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!

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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.

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One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Practice Joy in All Times"

Dr. Sumner

Vruechten

HYMN 244 "This Joyful Eastertide"

This joyful Eastertide away with sin and sorrow!

My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain:

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain: but now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen; arisen!

My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. [Refrain]

Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river. Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver. [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. Please consider your offering at this time. Checks may be mailed or put in the offering plates if in person. Credit card and PayPal contributions: www.wbts.org.

OFFERTORY

"Morning Has Broken"

Kolander

DOXOLOGY 606

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

HYMN 611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above. Hymn to Joy

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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