

Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Sumner

May 1, 2022

Gathering

Permission for today's liturgy is from *Growing Faith Resources; Follow Me: Practice Joy*
ONELICENSE, permit M-400688

PRELUDE "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Behnke

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Sumner

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

One: Welcome, friends, to this holy day.

ALL: We come to sing, pray, and be fed at the table.

One: Welcome to the table of remembrance and joy.

ALL: The meal we share with others!

HYMN 327 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" *Lasst uns erfreuen*

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land in every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong: Alleluia! Alleluia!

In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are Thy mercies Lord; eternal truth attends Thy Word; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*CALL TO PRAYER

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God: there are so many sad and troublesome things in the world today that cause our hearts to become heavy. When we, or one of God's children anywhere suffers, we all suffer. For any hand in the suffering of others, we acknowledge it and repent. We pray that your joy would find its way into the lives of those who are experiencing weeping or hardship. Fill our hearts and strengthen our souls, that times of joyful laughter can be heard again. In the name of Jesus, our risen Lord we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE *Lasst uns erfreuen*

All creatures, your Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness. O sing ye! Alleluia!

Praise, praise, the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Word

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST LESSON – Romans 12: 9-21

SERMON “Share Others’ Joy”

Dr. Sumner

HYMN 649 “Amazing Grace”

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieve; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come: 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

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 may be mailed or put in the offering plates if in person. Credit card and PayPal contributions: www.wbts.org.

OFFERTORY “I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord”

Callahan

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM “Come and Feast”

Lee Dengler

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. (From the Directory of Worship)

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 SUNG RESPONSES

Celtic Alleluia

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power God of might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest!
Bless-ed is he who comes, he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest; hosanna in the highest!

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come to earth again.

A-men. Amen. A-men.

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.

Sending

HYMN 515

“I Come with Joy”

Dove of Peace

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven loved and free;
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find as all are fed,
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Toccata in G”

Pachelbel

Announcements

FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY:

Martin and Lynn Hecklinger, in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary.

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.

CHOIR MEMBERS:	Jeanne Keiper Mary Ann Sumner
VIDEO ASSISTANT:	Janet Lindfors
VIDEOGRAPHER:	Kristin Downer