

Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church
The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Sumner
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Gathering

Permission for today's liturgy is from
Growing Faith Resources; Honor God's Diversity

Today's service encourages us to think about God and others in new and welcoming ways.

On May 22, 1955, Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church was chartered as a congregation of St. John's Presbytery. Today's service celebrates that event! Our order today follows their order!

"The Master is here and calleth for Thee"

PRELUDE

"Pastoral"

Sumsion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Minister

CALL TO WORSHIIP (from Psalm 122:1)

(Responsively)

One: I was glad when they said unto me;

ALL: **let us go into the house of the Lord!**

One: Let us worship God!

HYMN

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine,

For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;

My gracious Redeemer, my Saviour art Thouh;

If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee, because Thou hast first loved me,

And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;

I love Thee for wearing, the thorns on Thy brow;

If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I will love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,

And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;

And say when the death dewlies cold on my brow,

If ever I loved Thee, My Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,

I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;

I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,

If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

(unison)

O God, who art the Hope of all the ends of the earth, the God of the spirits of all flesh: We beseech Thee to hear our humble intercessions for all races and kindred, that Thou wilt turn our hearts unto Thyself. Remove from our mind's hatred, prejudice, and contempt for those who are not of our own race or color, class or creed; that departing from everything that estranges or divides, we may by Thee be brought into unity of spirit, in the bond of peace. Amen (Book of Common Worship, 1946)

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.

The Word

RESPONSIVE READING FROM PSALM 90

One: Lord thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

ALL: Before the mountains were brought forth or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

One: Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

ALL: For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

One: Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which growth up.

ALL: In the morning it flourisheth, and growth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

One: For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

ALL: Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

One: For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

ALL: The days of our years are three-score years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

One: Who knoweth the power of thine anger? Even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.

ALL: So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

One: Return, O Lord, how long? And let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

ALL: O Satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

One: Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

ALL: Let thy work appear until they servants, and thy glory unto their children.

One: and let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yeah, the work of our hands establish thou it.

SERMONETTE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

QUIET TIME

HYMN OF DEVOTION "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

Jesus, keep me near the Cross, There a precious fountain,

Free to all, a healing stream, Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.
In the Cross, in the Cross be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the Cross, a trembling soul, Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star Shed His beams around me.
In the Cross, in the Cross be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the Cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day, with its shadows o'er me.
In the Cross, in the Cross be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the Cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand, just beyond the river.
In the Cross, in the Cross be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM "Blessed are You" Courtney

WORSHIP THROUGH 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 "Aria in F Major" Handel

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."

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON - Luke 6: 20-31

THE SERMON "The Challenges of Liberation"

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

CLOSING HYMN 321 "The Church's One Foundation" verses 1, 2, 4, 5 Aurelia

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,

And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace for evermore:
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Now Let All Loudly Sing Praise”

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Announcements

FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY:

By Barbara Reid,

By the Coleman Family, in celebration of Barbara Wagner's 83rd birthday.

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