Together we are the Body of Christ. While apart, we covenant still to be the church. We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

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Preparing for the Word

Our service begins with the Prelude, inviting us to prepare for worship.

Prelude

Maccabaeus Festival March
Now the Green Blade Rises
This Joyful Eastertide

Aaron David Miller
Michael Bedford
Alan Bullard
Dr. Melanie Ohnstad, Minister of Music and the Arts/Organist Emerita
Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn

Our Life in Christ

One: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

*Call to Worship* (from Luke 24)

One: Remember all that Jesus has said and done;

All: in Christ the promises of God are fulfilled.

One: Let us worship God!

*Hymn No. 245* Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

Dr. Amanda Weber, Deborah Carbaugh, Alyssa Impullitti, Rob Graham, and Samuel Green
Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O God of resurrected life, we praise you this Easter season for the power of your love. By it, the stone rolled away and the grave was left empty. You have defeated death, but, like the disciples, our fear obstructs this good news. Forgive our reluctance to live as people redeemed. Help us believe where we cannot see, and trust what we know in our hearts. Thank you for the grace freely offered in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, in whose name we pray.

Silent Prayers of Confession Worshippers seek and reflect on God's forgiveness in their own lives.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends, hear the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Anthem Nimemwona Bwana

We have seen the Lord, God with us, Jesus Christ.

Listening for the Word

A Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Readings from Holy Scripture

1 John 1:1-5

One: This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon What Are We Missing?

Responding to the Word

*Hymn No. 252 Day of Arising
Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Offertory Sentences

Having heard the Word, we are invited to respond in gratitude by giving. An offering may be made in the plates at the doors as you leave the sanctuary at the end of the service, on the church’s website, or via the tithe.ly app.

Offertory Ella’s Song

Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received

*Hymn No. 251 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

Hymn continues on next page.
*Charge and Benediction

Postlude Variations: O filii et filiae

*Passing of the Peace

Since the earliest days of the Christian Church, worshippers have greeted each other with a sign of peace. All are invited to offer a verbal greeting, such as: “Peace be with you.”

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

All are invited to move outside to hear the Westminster bells.
Coffee Hour Zoom link
https://zoom.us/j/99399406329?pwd=YnlDMUZ3N3VuTGxDTTZ4R05FdU1tQT09

Coffee Hour Phone link
888-788-0099 -or- 877-853-5247 (US Toll-free)
Meeting ID: 993 9940 6329     Passcode: 832728

April 18: Learn about service opportunities.

The word “bequeath” comes from an Old English word that means “to say, speak to, exhort.” Making a bequest to the church in your will is a simple, effective way to speak into the future of your faith community, leave a legacy of gratitude, and encourage growth for the long term. To learn more, contact Mary Hess, Director of Stewardship (mhess@wpc-mpls.org), or visit westminstermpls.org/legacy-giving.

Today’s flowers are in loving memory of Faith Nixon by her grandchildren

Notice of Birth
Konrad William Koppang, March 15, 2021

Daily Phone Devotions
612.332.7087

April 18....................... Luke 24:36b-48
19......................................Psalm 150
20................................. Hosea 5:15-6:6
21..................................... Mark 16:9-18
22......................................Acts 4:5-12
23......................................Psalm 23
24................................. 1 John 3:16-24
25................................. John 10:11-18

Join us for worship and adult education via livestream | westminstermpls.online.church
-or- facebook.com/westminstermpls

Sundays 9:15 am Learning Hour (livestream only)
10:30 am Worship (livestream and in-person attendance of 100 - pre-register online)
5 pm Gathered at Five (livestream and in-person attendance of 35 - pre-register online)

Wednesdays 6 pm Silence & Song (livestream only)
This Week at Westminster

Sunday, April 18, 2021
8 am | Family Matters

9 am | Family Education Hour

9:15 am | Adult Education and Social Justice Forum: Carbon Neutrality at Home | Livestream

10:30 am | Worship: Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen, preaching | Livestream and Sanctuary

After the 10:30 am Worship | Coffee Hour

4 pm | Youth Group

5 pm | Gathered at Five: Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen, preaching | Livestream and Westminster Hall

Monday, April 19, 2021
7 pm | The Bible Then and Now

Tuesday, April 20, 2021
Noon | Town Hall Forum: Walter Isaacson

4 pm | Youth Group Coffee Shop

Wednesday, April 21, 2021
9 am | Women’s Bible Study

Noon | Centering Prayer

1:30 pm | Moms Group

5:45 pm | FYC Wednesday Night Programming
6 pm | Silence & Song Worship | Livestream

Thursday, April 22, 2021
5 pm | Senior High Mission Trip Meeting

9 pm | Moms “Off the Clock”

Friday, April 23, 2021
6 pm | FYC Families Game Night

Saturday, April 24, 2021

Sunday, April 25, 2021
8 am | Family Matters

9 am | Family Education Hour

9:15 am | Adult Education: Dismantling Privilege in Art and Entrepreneurship | Livestream

9:15 am | Social Justice Forum: Racial Justice and Climate Change | Livestream

10:30 am | Worship: Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn, preaching | Livestream and Sanctuary

After the 10:30 am Worship | Coffee Hour

2 pm | Organs of the Twin Cities: Catherine Rodland, Artist-in-Residence at St. Olaf College | Livestream

4 pm | Youth Group

5 pm | Gathered at Five: Rev. Dr. Meghan Gage-Finn, preaching | Livestream and Westminster Hall