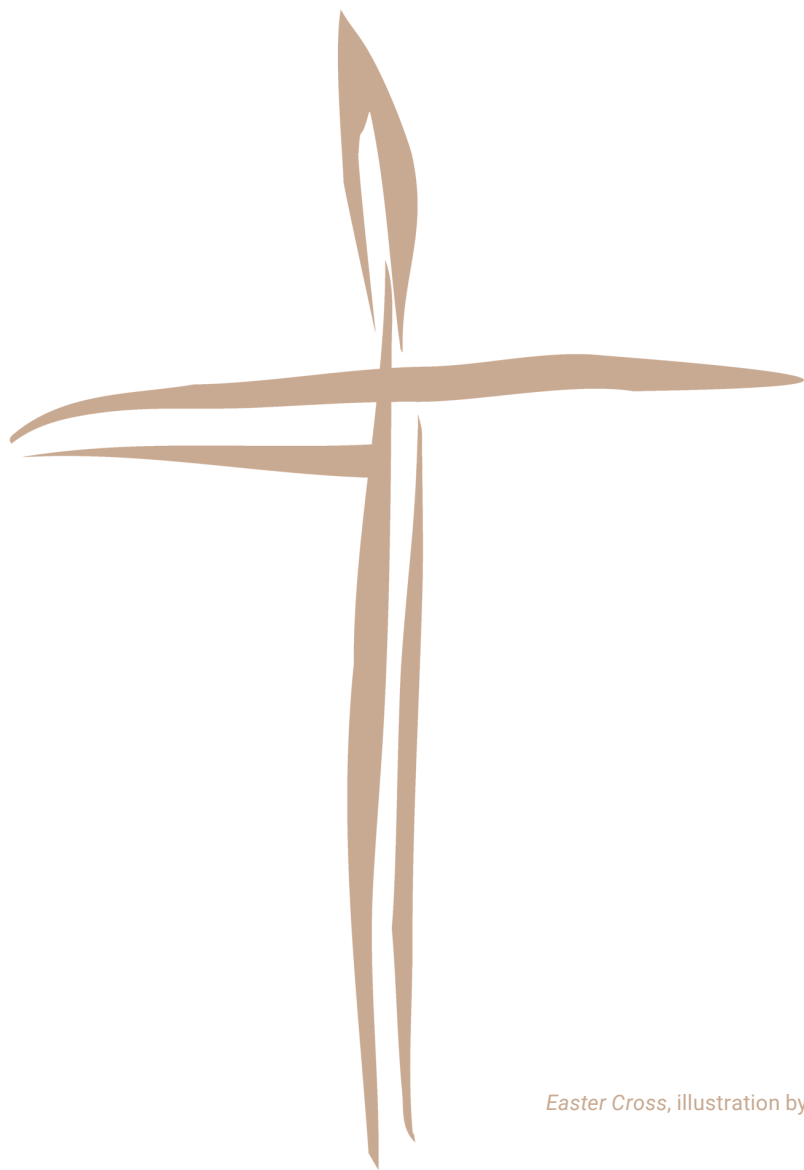


Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Easter, April 4, 2021, 9 am and Noon



Easter Cross, illustration by Barbara Beshoar McClrath



*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

Toccata on Great Day

Prayer of St. Gregory

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fiat Lux

Adolphus Hailstork

Alan Hovhaness

arr. Kenneth Vigne

Theodore Dubois

Jonathan Brandt, trumpet; Kenneth Vigne, organ

Easter Greeting

9 am Rev. Dr. Meghan K. Gage-Finn **Noon** Rev. Alexandra Mauney

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

*Call to Worship

One: The night is far gone;

All: the dawn has come.

One: The stone that the builders rejected

All: has become the chief cornerstone.

One: He who once was dead,

All: is now alive and lives forevermore.

One: Christ is risen!

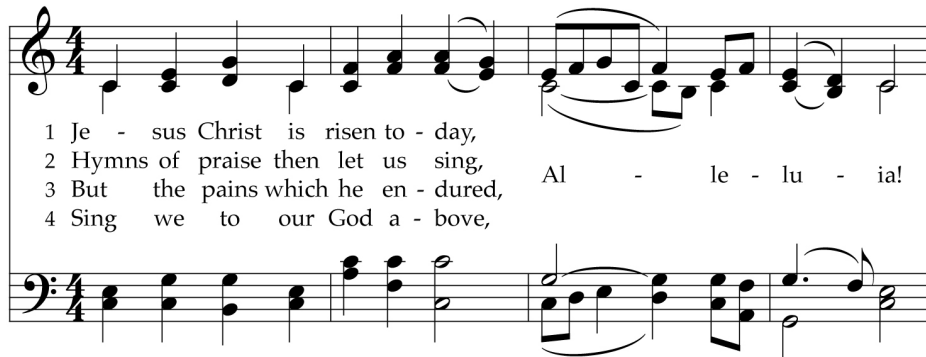
All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

One: Let us worship God!

***Hymn No. 232** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Dr. Amanda Weber, Carolyn Cavadini, Alyssa Impullitti, Rob Graham, Nathan Petersen-Kindem

The congregation is invited to stand and reflect on the hymn text while it is sung.



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured,
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
praise e - ter - nal as God's love.



suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing.
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (Unison)

O God of resurrected life, we praise you this Easter day 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. Amen.

Anthem *Now is the Hour of Darkness Past*

Daniel Pinkham

Alleluia! Now is the hour of darkness past; Christ hath assumed his reigning power. Behold the great accuser cast down from the skies, to rise no more. 'Twas by thy blood, immortal Lamb, thine armies trod the tempter down; 'twas by thy word and powerful name they gained the battle and renown: Alleluia! Rejoice, ye heavens! Let every star shine with new glories round the sky! Saints, while ye sing the heavenly war, raise your Redeemer's name on high. Alleluia!

Listening to the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Alexandra Mauney

Readings from Holy Scripture

Isaiah 65:17-25

Mark 16:1-8

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

Meditation *What Is Our Easter Vision?*

Rev. Dr. Timothy Hart-Andersen

Responding to the Word

*Hymn No. 246 *Christ Is Alive!*

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

***Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Offertory Sentences *The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is received today*

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 Anthem *Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One*

Healey Willan

Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear upon the earth. The time of singing of birds is come. Arise my love, my fair one, and come away.

***Sung Response** *O God, Beyond All Praising*

O God, beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Rev. David Tsai Shinn

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Alanna Simone Tyler

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray...

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 Distribution of Bread and Cup

Closing Prayer

***Hymn No. 526** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Response *Yonder Come Day*

Trad. Georgia Sea Islands Song, arr. Paul John Rudoi

Oh day, yonder come day. Day done broke in-a my soul, yonder come day. Mornin' day, yonder come day.
Brand new day, yonder come day. Hush, hush, somebody's callin' my name. Oh my Lord, oh my Lord what
shall I do? Oh day, yonder come day... On my knees, yonder come day... When I heard him say, yonder come
day... Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus. I ain't got long to stay here. Swing low, sweet chariot,
comin' for to carry me home! Oh day, yonder come day. Day done broke in-a my soul, yonder come day.

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.

Postlude *Toccata from Symphony V*

Charles Marie Widor

Ring the Westminster Bells

When indicated by an usher, all are invited to exit the Nicollet Mall doors and, staying safely distanced, enjoy the Easter ringing of the Westminster Bells from the Mall or Upper Westminster Plaza. Please remember to keep on your masks, and when you leave, to enter the building to get to the garage maintaining safe distance from others.

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April 4..... John 20:1-18
5 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
6 1 Corinthians 15:50-58
7 Mark 16:1-8
8 Acts 4:32-35
9 Psalm 133
10..... 1 John 1:1-2:2
11..... John 20:19-31

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