

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Of Westminster



The Service of Worship
4th Sunday in Lent
March 31, 2019 – 11:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “What Wondrous Love is This/This Love of God” – arr. Halberg
(During the prelude we invite you to center yourself for worship)

Call to Worship:

Leader: Do you feel it? God's kingdom is beneath our feet.

People: *We live in the new creation shaped by God out of our brokenness.*

Leader: Do you know it? God's reconciling love in Christ
has shattered our ways of viewing people.

People: *No longer do we label our sisters and brothers,
we welcome them with open arms.*

Leader: Do you believe it? God has made everything, including us, new,

People: *and sends us forth to share this good news with everyone!*

 Prayer for the Day: *(in unison)*

Holy God, Word Shaper: *you are not angry at us, but you forgive us; you are not our enemy, but the One who runs towards us with wide open arms, throwing steaks on the grill to celebrate our newness!*

Jesus Christ, Shaper of our story: *you travel to that distant country called “our sin” to bring us home once again; you share your inheritance with us so we might be blessed; you know the famine of our spirits and fill it with your hope.*



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God in Community, Holy in One, from now on we will remember our life in you, even as we pray as Jesus taught us, 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 sins as we forgive those who sinned against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

 Hymn: #85 “What Wondrous Love Is This” (Words are on the screens.)

Confession of Sin:

Call to Confession

 Prayer of Confession: *(in unison)*

On this very day, Waiting God, we admit all the lengths to which we go, so we might avoid you. You offer us that kingdom of joy and wonder, yet we would hide in places where temptation waits. You invite us to feast on your grace and peace, but we stubbornly refuse, because you also welcome those we call 'outsiders.' We are quick to see all the mistakes that those around us make but hope you will ignore our foolish choices.

Celebrating God, before we come to our senses, we find you running towards us, sweeping us up in your arms, tears of grace mingling with our cries of confession, a mighty river washing away our sinful ways to restore us to new life. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we find no limitations on your grace, no reservations about your love, but a feast that overflows with wonder, a place we can finally call home.

 Silent Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace:

L: May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

P: ***And also with you.***

(Now please share The Peace with those around you.)



Children’s Moment *(Following the Children’s Moment, children ages 4-7 (preschool-1st grade) are invited to Children’s Worship. They will return after the sermon.)*

Anthem: “Stained Glass” – Sorenson

 Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 32 (NRSV)
Luke 15:1-10 (NRSV)

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: ***Thanks be to God.***

Sermon: “Help Me, I’m Lost”

 Hymn: #101 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (Words are on the screens.)

 Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed *(page 14, The Hymnal)*

 Concerns, Prayers of the People *(Prayer Cards can be found in the pew.)*
Prayer Family – Helen and Dennis Pollock –

The Offering:

Invitation to Offering

Presentation of Offerings

Offertory: “Our Souls Rest in You” – *arr. Nix*

 Prayer of Dedication

 Hymn: “420 “God of Grace and God of Glory” (Words are on the screens.)

 Benediction

 Response: “Go Forth” *(on the screens)*

 Postlude: “Prelude No 1” – *J.S. Bach*

Please note: at places marked by  all who are able are asked to stand.

As Our Service of Worship Ends, Our Ministry of Service Begins!
