

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Of Westminster



*The Service of Worship*  
*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

April 7, 2019 – 11:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Shepherd’s Peace” - Eithun

*(During the prelude we invite you to center yourself for worship)*

Call to Worship:

Leader: We come to this place because we want to know God,

**People:** *who helps us set aside the past, to walk the path to new life.*

Leader: We come in these moments because we want to know Jesus,

**People:** *who anoints us with the resurrection.*

Leader: We come with these people because we want to know the Spirit,

**People:** *who shapes us for life with God, so we may praise God forever!*

 Prayer for the Day: *(in unison)*

*You have done great things for us, God of great love. You make a way through our brokenness, so hope might be restored; you loosen our grip on fear, so we might take hold of the One who cradles us in the palms of grace.*

*You are doing great things through us, Brother of the poor. You make a way through our doubt, so we may have the faith to follow, as well as to serve by your side; you gather up our tears, turning them into fountains of joy.*

*You will do great things in us, Anointer of our hearts. You make a way through our hardened hearts, melting them into rivers of wonder for all; you touch our tongues, so they tingle with delights, and laughter tumbles out of our mouths.*



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*Continue to make a way through us, God in Community, Holy in One, as we pray together, saying, 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: #102 “Were You There?” (Words are on the screens.)

Confession of Sin:

Call to Confession

 Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

*Like Judas, God of new things, we like to complain about your generous ways, rather than living in your grace. The poor are always with us, we believe, which justifies our ignoring them. In our memories, we see a perceived golden past, and so close our eyes to the new things you do in our midst. We are so enamored with our achievements that we are not willing to throw them away in order to follow Jesus.*

*Forgive us, Restoring God, and help us to notice the kingdom springing forth in our midst. By your grace, may our fears turn to faith, our seeds of grief produce a bumper crop of joy, and our tears turn into torrents of tenderness as we journey with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to Jerusalem.*

 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-1<sup>st</sup> grade) are invited to Children's Worship. They will return after the sermon.)

Moment for Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing Gregg Gillespie

Anthem: “Lenten Reflection” – Glasgow

 Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 43:16-21 (NRSV)  
Philippians 3: 4b-14 (NRSV)

L: This is the word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: “When We Don’t Know God”

 Hymn: #276 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (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 – Russ & Marie Schlitzer –

The Offering:

Invitation to Offering

Presentation of Offerings

Offertory: “Fall Slow Tears” – Schram

 Prayer of Dedication

 Hymn: #543 “Abide with Me” (verses 1-4) (Words are on the screens.)

 Benediction

 Response: “Go Forth” (on the screens)

 Postlude: “Fugue in G Major” - Josef Seeger (1716-1782)

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

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

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