

April 28, 2024



Westminster Presbyterian Church
“Glorifying God and Reflecting the Love of
Jesus Christ to the World.”

****Please stand if desired***

Please use the prelude time to quietly prepare for worship.

Prelude: "Fanfare Prelude on 'St. Thomas'"
("Rise Up, O Church of God"), Aaron Williams, Arr. by Douglas E.
Wagner, Lorenz Pub. Co.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

L. Come, let us worship together!

All: Let us worship the resurrected and living Lord!

L. For our God is a God of life, not death; love and not condemnation.

All. We gather to sing praises to our Lord who lifts us from fear and shame,

L. Our Lord who awakens us again and again to the fullness of life.

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** "Come Thou Almighty King"
Purple Hymnal # 2

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on us, O God. Please do not lose patience or sever us from the true vine. Rather, we humbly ask, for you to heal our diseases, discipline and train our wandering tendrils, prune our unfruitful branches, and cut away our diseased ones. May we remain in Christ and he in us, through all the changing seasons of life. We ask this sincerely in Jesus' name. Amen.

Time of Quiet Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace (*Collection of Prayer Requests*)

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

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Scripture Reading: Psalm 22: 25-31, Acts 8:26-40

Message: “How can I unless someone else guides me?”

***Hymn of Response:** “Love Divine, All Love Excelling”
Purple Hymnal # 366

Prayers of the People, and Lord’s Prayer

Pastor: LORD, in Your Mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed by 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.

Our Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory: "Jesus Paid It All"

John T. Grape and Frederick C. Maker, Arr. by Ruth Elaine Schram,
Lorenz Pub. Co.

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow/ Praise God all creatures here below/ Alleluia, Alleluia/ Praise God the source of all our gifts/ Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts/ Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit/ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Prayer of Dedication

***Sending Hymn** "Help Us to Accept Each Other "

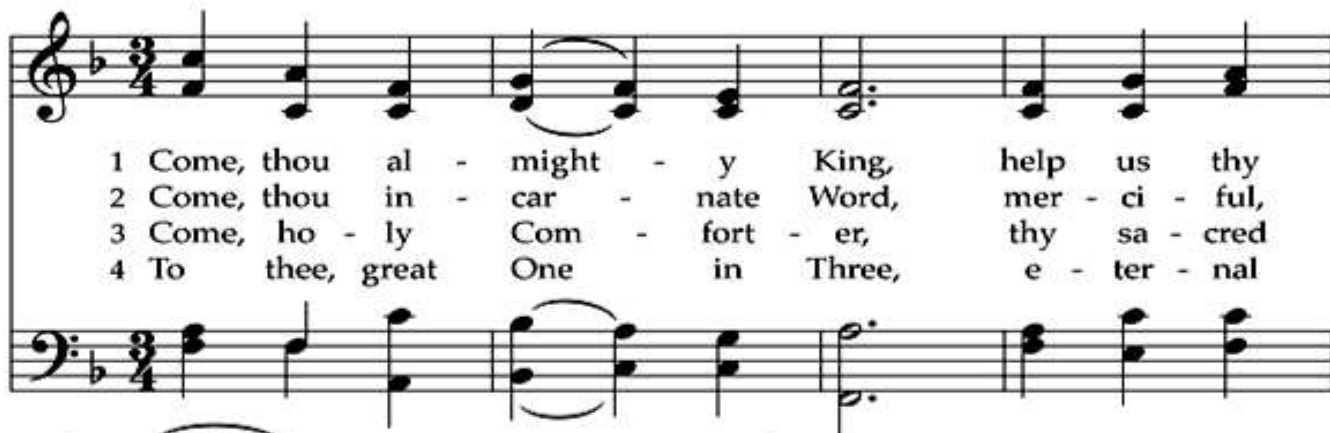
Purple Hymnal # 754

***Benediction**

Postlude: "Hosanna!"

Based on familiar hymn tunes, Arr. by Ruth Elaine Schram, Lorenz
Pub. Co.

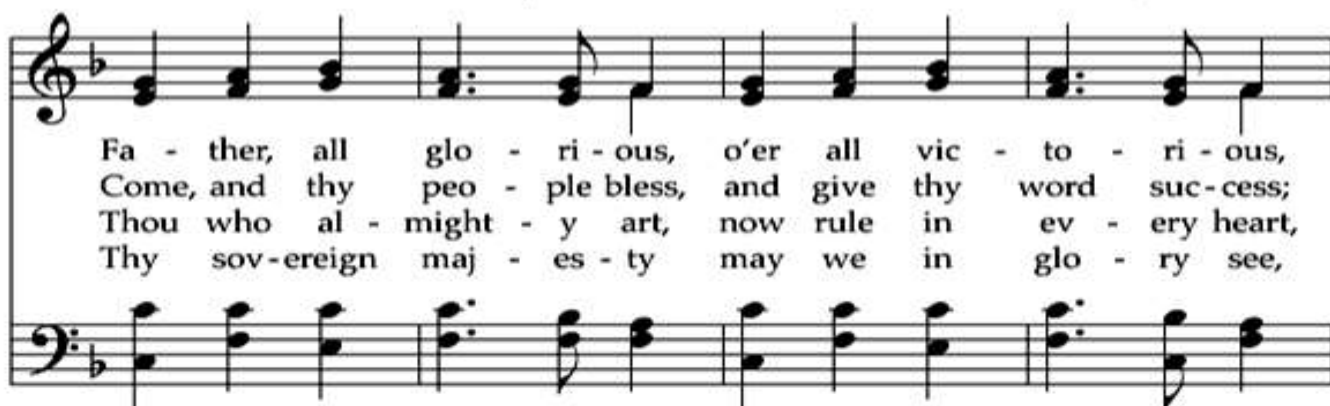
2 Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal



name to sing; help us to praise:
 might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
 prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!



Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;
 Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
 Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,




come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

The author of this Trinitarian text is unknown, but this hymn has proved popular since the middle of the 18th century, partly because of its effective use of biblical metaphors, but also because of the strength of this tune, which was composed especially for these words.

Hymn of Response

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

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pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Sending Hymn

Help Us Accept Each Other 754



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.