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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:

"Walk By Faith!"

Westminster Chancel Choir, music by Williams and Raney, Hope Pub. Co.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: In the midst of this Easter season, we remember.... Christ is risen! People: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia! The whole creation rejoices; the birds sing from every tree.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is in our midst!

People: Babies babble with sounds of joy; words cannot express our overflowing hearts.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is our light forever!

People: Breathing peace on us in these moments; surrounding us with grace and hope.

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn

"Christ is Alive!"

Purple Hymnal # 246

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Hear the brokenness of our lives, Precious God. We cover our ears so we cannot hear the cries of those in need, or your urging us to respond. We rush together to defend every issue that matters to us, but quickly disperse when you would call us to be your advocates. We shout as loud as we can to cheer on our sports teams, but can manage only whispers when it comes to sharing the good news. Forgive us, Eternal Guide, and do not hold our sins against us. We lay the garments of our foolishness at your feet, so you might clothe us in grace and hope. *(Silence for personal prayer...)*

Time of Quiet Confession

Assurance of God's Grace:

Passing of the Peace (Collection of Prayer Requests)

L: May the peace of Christ be with you. P: And also with you.		
Scripture Reading:	1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35	
Message:	"A Good Place To Be"	Pastor Melody Young
*Hymn of Response:	"Emmaus Bound on Easter Day"	See Insert
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: "Spirit, Breathe on Me" Ruth Elaine Schram, Based on familiar hymn tunes, 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

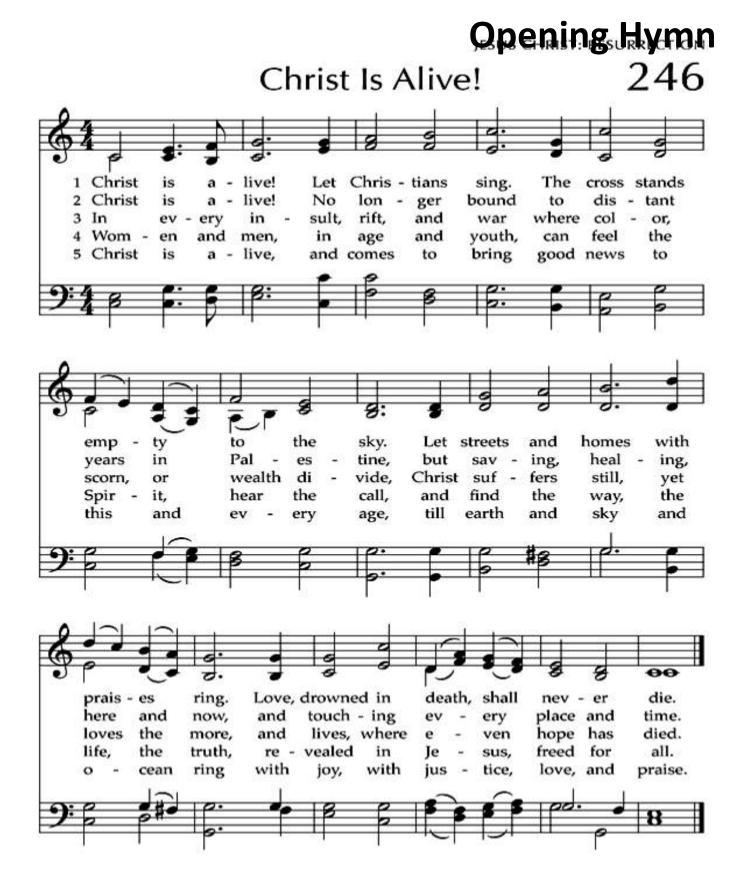
"Thine is the Glory"

Purple Hymnal # 238

*Benediction

Postlude:

"Lift High the Cross" Sydney Nicholson, Arr. by Phil Norris, King's Brass Pub. Co.



In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

Hymn of Response

Emmaus-Bound on Easter Day

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2009

O Waly Waly Traditional Scottish Melody

1. tra-velers Em - ma - us - bound Ea - ster on Day, Two be - side the They could not 2. When you ap - peared two, Ex - plain-ing 3. For as you spoke to them God's word, They shared their home; 4. you broke the bread. They saw you, 5. In scrip - ture and at ta - ble, too, Ο Ris - en way. They'd once had walked a - long the hope, but hope had they talked see that it was you; but as and shared their They un - der - stood what God had all they'd seen and heard, en from the dead! That mo-ment's grace helped them to ris -Lord, may we know you. And may your pres - ence give us When you, died 0 Lord, fied. ci were cru -You gave them pain, hope and gain. joy а And that done had а new day be gun. The gift of God's see ter - ni e ty. To share God's love grace in place. ev ery -

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Sending Hymn

