

Unison Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus the Christ, and you have fed us with this spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with the gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God Sends Us Back into the World to Witness and Serve

Closing Hymn “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”
232 in the purple hymnal

Benediction

Postlude “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”
-By John Darwall arr. by Peter Benjamin

**Please stand if able*

Ushers: Sally & Jack Nehring

Layreaders: Youth of the Church

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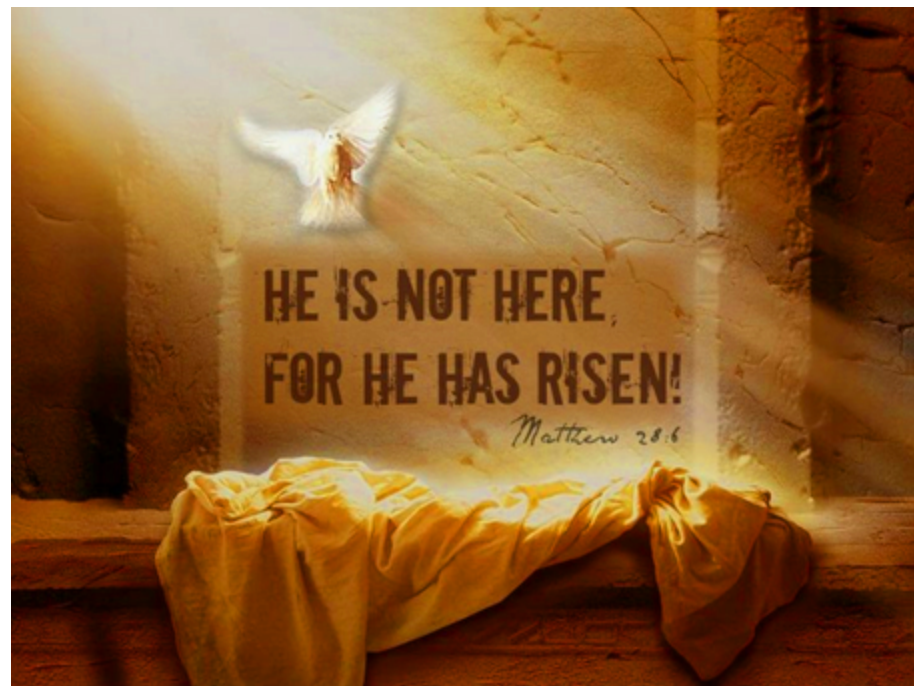
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Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

God Calls Us to Be Present in Worship

Prelude “Rise Up, Easter Morning” Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen!

Congregation: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Opening Prayer

Song of Praise “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”
239 in the purple hymnal

Prayer of Confession

God of Life, you reveal yourself to us in ways and in places where we least expect to find you. Amidst the decay of death and the paralysis of fear, we discover your bold and living presence among us, and begin to see just how good the story of our salvation really is. Yet we turn away from you, refusing to acknowledge your gracious presence among us. We prefer clinging to our fears to embracing your hope; forgive us for turning away from you. Captivate us with the Good News of your sure salvation, through Christ Jesus, our Risen Lord. Cause our hearts to burn within us as we walk with him, that we may declare with assurance and live in confidence that all is well, and all shall be well.

Pardon and the Peace Pastor Ed Wegele
Welcome and Life of the Church

God Speaks to Us in Scripture

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 31: 1-6
(p. 733 in the Old Testament of the pew Bible)

New Testament Reading Colossians 3: 1-4
(p. 201 in the New Testament of the pew Bible)

Blessing of the Children

Gospel Lesson Matthew 28: 1-10
(p. 33 in the New Testament of the pew Bible)

Sermon “Fear and Great Joy” Pastor Ed Wegele

God Calls for a Response

***Hymn of Response** “Christ Is Alive!”
246 in the purple hymnal

Prayers of the People

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 Offering

Offertory
Piano and Organ Duet: “Hosanna”
-arr. by Ruth Elaine Schram

Doxology
Prayer of Dedication

Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People