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**Westminster Presbyterian
Church**

God Calls Us to Be Present in Worship

Prelude "Christ Is Risen"

By E. L. Ashford

Call to Worship

Psalm 31

Leader: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame.

People: Incline your ear to me, rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

Leader: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me.

People: Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Song of Praise "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

65 in the Purple Hymnal

Prayer of Confession

God our light, our savior, our home: we humble ourselves before you, having refused many of your gifts. You invite us to taste that you are good; we cultivate tastes for lesser things. You show us yourself, that we might believe; we close our ears and eyes to you. You offer us refuge and salvation; we resort to violence as we seek our own security. You call us to be living stones, built into a spiritual house; we disobey your word, and stumble upon the foundation you provide. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your face shine upon us again, that we may grow into salvation, and serve you with faithfulness and hope.

Pardon and the Peace

Life of the Church

God Speaks to Us in Scripture

Prayer of Illumination

Psalter Reading

Psalm 31: 1-5

p. 505 in the Old Testament of the pew Bible
New Testament Reading 1 Peter 2: 2-10
p.233 in the New Testament of the pew Bible

Special Music "He's Got the Whole World"

Children's and Chancel Choir

Blessing of the Children

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 10: 26-33

p.10 in the New Testament of the pew Bible

Sermon

"Fear Factor"

God Calls for a Response

Hymn of Response "Be Not Afraid" (Sing twice)

243 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 "Lovely Is the Dayspring"

-by Carl Simone

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

God Sends Us Back into the World to Witness and Serve

Closing Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

611 in the Purple Hymnal

Benediction

Postlude "My Hope Is in the Lord"

-by Norman J. Clayton

*Please stand if able