



**Service of Worship**  
**The Great Vigil of Easter**  
**April 15, 2017**  
**6:30 p.m.**

PASTORAL STAFF:

Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff  
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**Westminster Presbyterian Church extends an enthusiastic welcome**, in Christ's name, to all who worship here or join us in fellowship. Our church family seeks to embody God's boundless love by embracing, liberating and empowering people – whoever they are and wherever they may be on their faith journeys – to realize the transforming power of Christ in our congregation, community and the world beyond.

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~ THE SERVICE OF LIGHT ~

CALL TO WORSHIP

On this holy night, when Jesus passed from death to life,  
we gather to tell the story of God's saving deeds:

**We remember and rejoice!**

How the Creator spoke into darkness, and called forth light and life;

**We remember and rejoice!**

How God delivered Israel through the waters of the sea;

**We remember and rejoice!**

How the Spirit breathed life into dry bones, and stirred prophets to speak;

**We remember and rejoice!**

How Christ triumphed over sin and death, that we too might live;

**We remember and rejoice!**

On this holy night, when Jesus passed from death to life,  
we gather with invincible hope to greet the risen Christ.

**Let us worship God!**

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 1:1-5

The Light Shines in the Darkness

*The new fire is lighted.*

RESPONSE

“The Lord Is My Light”

The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion:  
in God I trust; in God I trust.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line of text. The lyrics are written below the notes.

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia' are written below the notes on each staff. The first staff ends with a comma, the second with a period, and the third with a double bar line.

Rejoice, heavenly powers!  
Sing, choirs of angels!  
Exult, all creation around God's throne!  
For Jesus Christ our King is risen!

*Sung Response: Alleluia!*

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,  
radiant in the brightness of your King!  
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!  
Darkness vanishes forever!

*Sung Response: Alleluia!*

Rejoice, O gathered people! Exult in glory!  
The risen Savior shines upon you!  
Let this place resound with joy,  
echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

*Sung Response: Alleluia!*

PROCESSIONAL SONG

“Kumbayah”

**Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya  
Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya  
Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya  
Oh Lord, kumbaya.**

~ THE SERVICE OF READINGS ~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 1:1-2:4a

The Creation of Heaven and Earth

RESPONSE

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

*LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

**All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice  
and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O brother sun with golden beam,  
O sister moon with silver gleam,  
sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SCRIPTURE: EXODUS 14 & 15

The Exodus from Egypt

*After you have passed through the Red Sea, please take a seat in Rodney Chapel.*

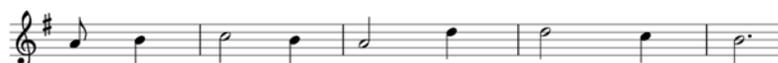
HYMN

“Sing a New Song unto the Lord”

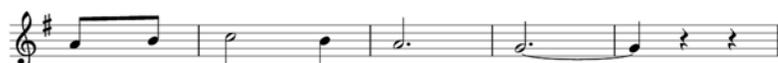
*Refrain: All*

*Verses: Soloist*

  
Sing a new song un - to the Lord;

  
let your song be sung from moun-tain's high.

  
Sing a new song un - to the Lord,

  
sing - ing hal - le - lu - jah!

SCRIPTURE: EZEKIEL 37:1-14

The Valley of Dry Bones

HYMN

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

PENTECOST

*Refrain:*

**Every time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart I will pray.**

**Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,  
out of God’s mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,  
till I asked my Lord if all was mine.**

**Jordan River, chilly and cold,  
it chills the body but not the soul.  
There is but one train upon this track.  
It runs to heaven and then right back.**

~ THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION AND REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM ~

SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 6:3-11

Baptized into Christ

\*HYMN

“We Know That Christ Is Raised”

ENGELBERG

**We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold,  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.  
Alleluia!**

**We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn we share with him an Easter life  
as living members of a living Christ.  
Alleluia!**

PRESENTATION OF THE 2016 - 2017 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Reed Burkhardt  
Chris Eiremann  
Gwen Hubbard  
Sydney Huzar

Patrick Keenan  
Alexandra Kidd  
Katie Lengel  
Jason Lengel

Justin Lengel  
sophia Malatesta  
Luke Mathé  
Davis Piercy

Rabea Pfaff  
Jake Robinson  
Hugh Underhill  
Thomas Zehner

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONFIRMANDS

QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Will you who witness these vows support and pray for these young people as they continue their faith journey alongside us as full members of the Westminster Church community?

**We will.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One,  
whom alone we worship and serve.  
With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*From A Brief Statement of Faith of the PC(U.S.A.)*

*At the asterisk (\*), please stand as you are able*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

HYMN

“Lord, When I Came into This Life”

*LAND OF REST*

1. **Lord, when I came into this life  
you called me by my name;  
today I come, commit myself,  
responding to your claim.**
2. **Within the circle of the faith,  
as member of your cast,  
I take my place with all the saints  
of future, present, past.**
3. **In all the tensions of my life,  
between my faith and doubt,  
let your great Spirit give me hope,  
sustain me, lead me out.**
4. **So help me in my unbelief  
and let my life be true:  
feet firmly planted on the earth,  
my sights set high on you.**

~ THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION ~

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy ...

... who forever sing the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

... Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life.**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

THE 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

\*COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*The Lord's Supper is open to **all** who trust in Christ.  
When you approach a communion server, please take a piece of bread,  
the symbol of Christ's love for you, and dip it in the cup, representing the new life in Christ.*

SONG

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**Loving God, we rejoice that you have made yourself known in broken bread, in wine poured out, and in the fellowship of friends. May the meal we have shared renew our faith and strengthen us for service. Send us out from this feast filled with resurrection hope and eager to proclaim the good news. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

\*HYMN

"The Day of Resurrection!"

LANCASHIRE

- 1. The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad,  
the Passover of gladness,  
the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
from sin's dominion free,  
our Christ has brought us over  
with hymns of victory.**
- 2. Let hearts be purged of evil  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light,  
And listening to his accents,  
may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own "All hail!" and hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.**
- 3. Now let the heavens be joyful;  
let earth its song begin;  
the round world keep high triumph  
and all that is therein.  
Let all things seen and unseen  
their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord has risen,  
our joy that has no end.**

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 28:1-8

The Resurrection

SENDING

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen!**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen!**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

*Worship Leaders:* Gregory Knox Jones and Sudie Niesen Thompson

*Song Leaders:* Paul Fleckenstein and Merideth Hite Estevez

*Bearer of the Light:* Justin Lengel

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE OF READINGS

### **The Creation of Heaven & Earth**

*Readers:*

Robin Rosser

Chris Hickey

Barb Stratton

Rick Suarez

Jill Getty

Bob Moore

Lilly Coleman

*Musicians:*

Merideth Hite Estevez

Meghan Hale

Jim Moseley

Aiden McCulloch

### **The Exodus from Egypt**

*Readers:*

Susan Moseley

Sophia Malatesta

Jason Lengel

Rabea Pfaff

*The Red Sea:*

Baden Saathoff

Evie Saathoff

Keira Tolbert

Juliet van Zanten

Victoria van Zanten

Lexie Wolff

*Soloist:* Meghan Hale

### **The Valley of Dry Bones**

*Reader:* Jon McPheeters

*The Spirit:* Sophia Wolff

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION AND REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Kristian Tolbert

Hillary King

Susan Moseley

Susan Williamson

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

*Communion Servers:*

Chris Eiermann

Katie Lengel

Sydney Huzar

Luke Mathé

*Resurrection Story Reader:* Hugh Underhill

We are grateful to Wendy Hatch and the 180° Youth, whose artistry helped us tell the Story of Creation, and to Mike Enderle for building the new fire.