

# Children, and Youth, Sunday

Westminster Presbyterian  
April 19 at 11am  
3rd Sunday of Easter



*WPC*

# We Come Into God's Presence with Joy

Life of the Church

Carly Polikoff

Prelude

*The Chase*  
*Op. 100, No. 9*  
Levi Gehrke, Piano

by Johann Bergmüller

\* Call to Worship

Cora Johnson

(congregation please read bold type)

*Even when things are hard,*

**God is with us.**

*Even when we are sad,*

**God is with us.**

*Even if it is raining,*

**God is with us.**

*Even when we lose someone special,*

**God is with us.**

*Even when we are eating pickles,*

**God is with us.**

*Even when we are riding our bikes,*

**God is with us.**

*Even when we are hurt,*

**God is with us.**

*Lord, Lord please always,*

**Be with us.**

*Written by the WPC Elementary-Age Class*

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Ever-surprising God, you meet us with grace at every stage of our lives.  
You teach us to love others, care for all of creation,  
And make the world a better place.  
We confess that we don't always live that way.  
We get caught up in our own worries  
And ignore people who may need our help.  
We know what is right, and sometimes choose what is easy instead.  
We are sometimes part of things that cause harm beyond our control.  
Forgive us, and help us take action to change what we can.  
Teach us to recognize you in the people and places we least expect,  
And to reflect who you are to the world around us.**

*Silent prayers of confession.*

Assurance of Grace

\* Passing of the Peace

Zora Polikoff

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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\* *You are invited to stand as you are able.*

\* Song of Response #582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

*We Hear God's Word*

Scripture Reading

Genesis 28:10-17

Martin Gehrke

Anthem

*Jesus Loves Me*  
Rainbow Bells

A Moment to Wonder

Marlo Polikoff

*This morning, adults are the ones invited into curiosity by our youth. Anyone who would like to come to the chancel steps is welcome, but wherever you are sitting, we hope you will wonder with us!*

Dramatic Scripture Presentation Luke 24:13-35

Actors: Levi Gehrke, Carly Polikoff, Charlotte Gehrke, Cora Johnson,  
Martin Gehrke, Quentin Gehrke

Sermon

*Oh There You Are!*

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

## *We Respond to God's Word*

\* Song of Response #591

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Charlotte Gehrke

and Zora Polikoff

**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.**

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*This Little Light of Mine*

*Anyone of any age who would like to participate is welcome to join us on the steps to sing and sign!*

\* Song of Response #240      *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (v.1)*

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* Hymn #543

*God, Be the Love to  
Search and Keep Me*

GREEN TYLER

*We Go Forth to Serve*

\* Benediction

Zora and Carly Polikoff

Postlude

*Sonatina*  
*Op. 13 No. 1 Mvt. 1*  
Martin Gehrke, Piano

by Dmitri Kabalevsky

Dismissal

*All of our worship leaders will come to the chancel to be recognized  
before they dismiss us into the week.*

*And let all God's people say:*

**Alleluia! Amen!**

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Ushers: Simona Killian, Ellie Johnson, Cora Johnson

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## *This Week's News*

**Shopping bags of nonperishable food** and personal and household items dedicated with our offering today will be given to Hope Clinic's food pantry.

**Spring Cleanup:** Our annual Spring Cleanup is planned for Saturday, May 2, from 9am-noon. Join us in keeping our building and grounds beautiful!

**Quarterly contribution statements** are available for you to pick up on the coffee bar counter.

**Sacred Songs in Harmony:** Avital Granot (soprano), Shawn McDonald (organ), and Deborah Rebeck Ash (flute) will be presenting a recital at Westminster on Saturday, May 2, at 3pm. Featuring music from Jewish and Christian traditions, it will be an afternoon of reflection, prayer, and shared spiritual expression through works of beauty, longing, and hope. Admission is free, and all are welcome!

**House N2 Home:** After last summer's mission planning workshop, and in response to your feedback, we added the local nonprofit House N2 Home to our budgeted mission partners. House N2 Home furnishes living spaces for people transitioning from homelessness into housing in Washtenaw County. They welcome donations of household items, either new or gently used, making it a great place to turn to when cleaning out or downsizing. We are holding a donation drive from now–May 10. Collection bins are located outside the library, and a full list of most needed items can be found on our website.

**Live Music by Writers Co:** Join us for an evening of music with local trio, Writers Co! Nate Veldhoff with bandmates Bekah Brudi and Zack Smith will bring their acoustic-driven, jazz-folk influenced sound to Westminster on Friday, May 15. Enjoy some desserts at 6:30pm with music at 7pm. Sign up on the bulletin board to help us get a head-count and to let us know if you can bring a dessert to share. All are invited!

## *Grow in Faith and Friendship*

**Reading Through the Bible Group** meets Sundays at 9:30am in Room 34 and via Zoom. Contact Marcia Anderson (hilden.anderson@gmail.com; 734-757-4305) for more information.

**Sunday Morning Adult Ed** meets in the fellowship hall at 9:30am.

**Children and Youth Faith Formation** meets on the second and third Sundays of each month at 9:30am. Contact Cathy Daniels (catld1121@gmail.com) for more info.

**Monday Conversations** are weekly at 1pm online: an opportunity to discuss Sunday's sermon in a small group. The Zoom invitation is in the Friday *Good Things* and Sunday podcast emails.

**Mary Martha Group** meets the first and third Mondays at 7pm via Zoom. Contact Margaret Klammer (mklammer@comcast.net) for more information.

**Matthew 25 Study Group** meets at 7pm on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. For meeting information, please contact Elizabeth Tidd (lizbeth0405@yahoo.com) or Carol Hufnagel (carol.hufnagel@tetrattech.com).

**Thursday Book Club** meets weekly at 1pm at Westminster and over Zoom. Contact Linda Harnisch for more information (rlharnisch@gmail.com).

### **We pray for our Westminster family**

**Ongoing needs:** Cara Doane, Donna Greyerbiehl, Kathy Kamm

For deacon care, contact your deacon directly or send an email to the deacon moderator, Amy Welzenbach (awelzenbach411@gmail.com). To list prayer requests here, in the *Friday Good Things Are Happening* email, or Prayer Chain, contact Jill Fairchild (jill@thefairchilds.net or 734-417-0816). You can join our email prayer chain by contacting Jill. To keep us current, please share updates on those for whom we are praying.

## *Welcome to Westminster*

**Our Values:** Love, Compassion, Connection, Inclusion, Earth-Care, Service

**Our Mission:** Show the love of Jesus Christ by welcoming everyone, without exception, into the full life of the church; participating in the joyful worship of God; engaging in regular study, reflection, prayer and sharing of our faith; committing ourselves and our resources to the spiritual and physical needs of our church family and neighbors near and far; seeking to be a good neighbor in our neighborhood.

**Sunday worship podcasts** are at [westpresa2.org/online-sermons](http://westpresa2.org/online-sermons).

**For deacon care**, please contact Amy Welzenbach ([awelzenbach411@gmail.com](mailto:awelzenbach411@gmail.com)).

**Thank you for continuing to fulfill your pledges** and financial commitments in support of the mission and ministry of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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