

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* Karen E. Black

Prayer of Preparation (*you may prepare for worship by praying silently*)  
Christ Jesus, risen Savior, breathe on us with your Spirit and fill us with your peace.  
Enter into our doubt and fear and touch us with your grace. Bless us with the faith to  
proclaim that you are our Lord and God, risen from the dead. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements Ellie Forsyth

Call to Worship (responsive)  
Jesus Christ appeared to the disciples.

**We have grace and peace from God who was and is and is to come.**

The disciples received the Holy Spirit.

**We have grace and peace from God who was and is and is to come.**

The Lord God is the Alpha and the Omega.

**We have grace and peace from God who was and is and is to come.**

Let us worship God.

\* Hymn of Praise 248 – *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

\* Call to Confession  
The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words.  
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

\* Prayer of Confession (unison)  
**God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You offer us your forgiveness, yet we refuse to forgive others. You show us signs of resurrection, yet still we fail to believe. Forgive us, God of grace. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and send us out in mission to proclaim your reconciling love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.** (time for silent confession)

\* Declaration of Forgiveness (responsive)  
Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

\* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri* Hymn 581  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, amen.**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children Pam Love

Prayer for Illumination  
Gracious God, send us your Spirit to guide us into the truth, so that we may know and trust the good news of the gospel, and look with hope and joy for the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading – Psalm 150 pew Bible pg. 508

The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *Give Me Jesus* arr. Moses Hogan

Michael Ginn, soloist

Second Reading – John 20:19-31 pew Bible pg. 883

The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – *He Breathed on Them* Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\* Hymn of Thanksgiving 286 – *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

\* Affirmation of Faith: Taken from the *Book of Common Worship* 1992 (unison)  
**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

Prayers of the People (responsive)  
Rejoicing in God's promise of new creation, let us pray to the Maker of heaven and earth, saying: God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church . . . Empower us, by your Holy Spirit, to seek the grace and peace of Christ in the church and in the world. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world . . . Heal this scarred and wounded earth so that the whole creation may praise you with one breath and one voice. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community . . . Make us better neighbors to one another. Unlock the doors we close in fear and teach us to transcend dividing walls. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for loved ones . . . Save those who are sick or in trouble. Hold them in your powerful hand and deliver them from danger. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, keep us working and praying for the coming of your holy realm of peace, when we will share abundant life with you; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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.**

Invitation to Offering

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods yet refuses to help a sister or brother in need? Remembering God's great love for the world, let us offer the gifts of our lives.

Offertory – *He Rose Again and Brought Us Life, BWV 625*

J. S. Bach

\* The Doxology – Hymn 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**With glad rejoicing we bring you our gifts, God of great abundance. May these gifts and all the gifts of our lives be part of what you are doing in the world to turn mourning into dancing and to bring joy throughout your creation, so that all your creatures might praise you, singing: Blessing, honor, and glory to you! Amen.**

### GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn of Consecration 236 – *The Strife is O'er*

\* Blessing and Charge (responsive)

Beloved children, may the love of the holy triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—abide with you forever. **Alleluia!**

Now go forth in Jesus' name, remembering his new commandment to love one another, just as he has loved us. **Amen.**

\* Postlude – *Fanfare*

Jacques Lemmens



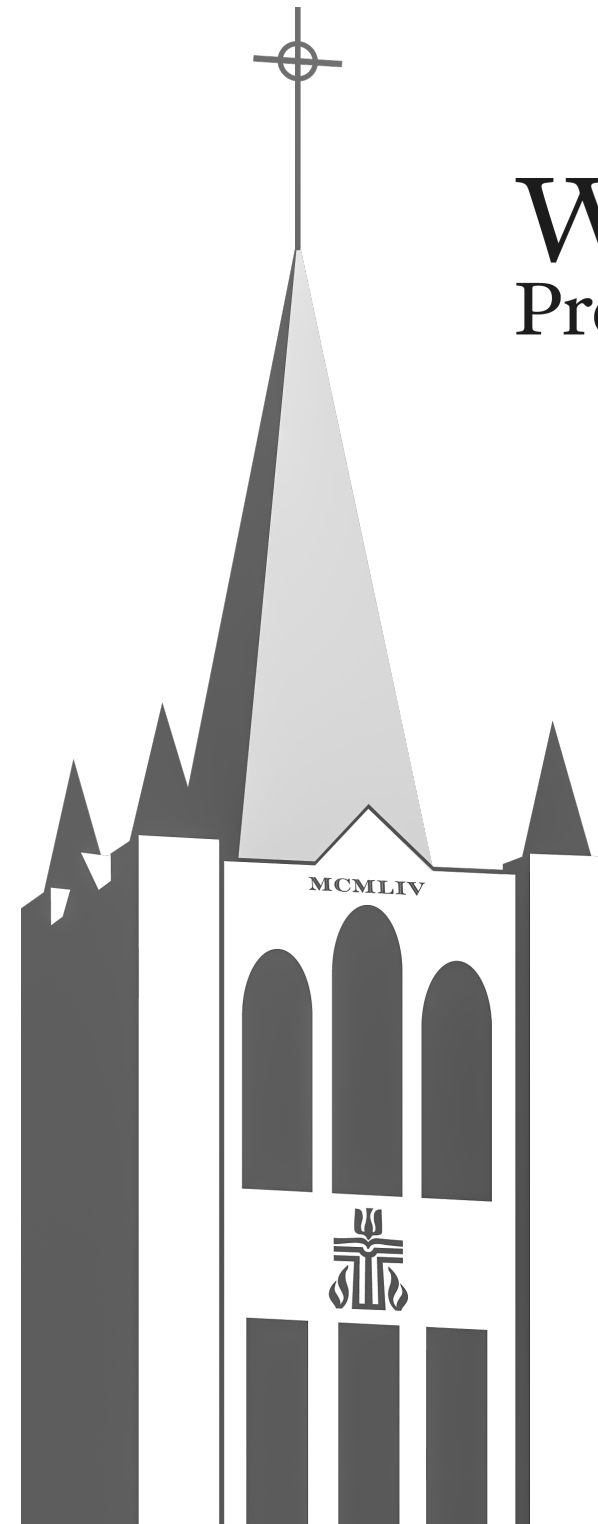
\* Please stand at the \* as you are able. Unison readings are printed in bold.

Today's liturgy is drawn from the lectionary resource, Call to Worship, Year C 2015-2016 and the Book of Common Worship, 1992.

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*"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation—everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"*

II Corinthians 5:17



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## PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

(\* new added prayers)

*Terri Banks, friend of Pam Love – at home with 24-hour care*

*Linda Basden, neighbor of Janeil Harris – Alzheimer's*

*Dave Beveridge, friend of Alice Crotwell – stomach cancer*

*Jan Bozeman – constant pain*

*Laura Pearce Cureton, Nancy Johnson's goddaughter – nerve block therapy continues*

*Kim Davis, Dan Davis's sister-in-law – battling cancer*

*Vida Davis, sister of Ruthie Davis – dementia*

*Jessica Dubing, daughter of a friend of Ruthie Davis – paralyzed from motorcycle accident*

*Cathy Dudley – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)*

*Bill and Louise Edwards, friends of Charles Brown – strength and endurance*

*Hudson Elliott, grandson of friends of the Reidenbachs—NICU at UMMC with undiagnosed health concerns*

*Teresa Ginn, Michael Ginn's aunt – dementia*

*Brigitte Glowiak, Carolyn McLarnan's family – breast cancer*

*\*Lee Graham, Pam Love's son-in-law – health issues*

*\*Mary Gunn – prayers for health concerns*

*Arlandra Harvey, former choir member – waiting for a kidney transplant*

*Peggy Henry, Karen Reidenbach's sister—in rehab for addiction*

*Charlotte Hill*

*Patricia Holcomb, sister of Glenn Nobles – broken bone*

*Ann Johnson*

*Geraldine Jones*

*Collier Knutson, grandson of a friend of Gwen Combs – waiting on heart transplant*

*Roger Kuyrkendall, Carrie Creel's father –Alzheimer's*

*B.J. Lambert*

*\*Margaret Lochhead – health issues*

*Deloris McLaurin, Glenn Nobles' first cousin – dementia*

*Glenn Nobles – endurance and strength*

*Carolyn Mitchell Pintard, Bill & Betty Mitchell's daughter – grave health issues*

*Shannon Love Roberson, daughter of Pam Love – health issues*

*recovering, no visitors*

*Michael Scheetz, Maggie Scheetz's son – prayers for health issues*

*Laura Todd, Grayson Rayborn's cousin – multiple health issues*

*Louise Traxler, Karen Reidenbach's mom – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)*

*Elizabeth Robinson, Betty & Bill Mitchell's daughter – chemo and radiation treatment*

*Isobel Treen, Carolyn McLarnan's cousin – heart issues*

*\*Keli Ward, Ann Aldridge's daughter-in-law – at home waiting on surgery*



## Greeting and Announcements

**Welcome to Westminster!** We're very glad to see you in worship. We hope you will sense Christ's presence. If you are looking for a place to grow and serve, we'd love to tell you more about us. Please silence cell phones during the worship hour.

**The June/July Today** devotionals are on the narthex cabinets.

**The Youth** will meet today from 5:00-6:30 p.m. A meal will be provided.

**Brown Bag** will meet Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.

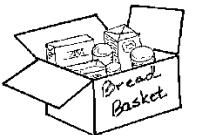
**Choir** will meet Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet on Thursday at 7:00 a.m. at Loblolly Bakery.

**The furniture ministry** needs bedroom, kitchen, and living room furniture. This includes small bookshelves and small desks. Please call the church office if you have items to donate.

**Eyeglasses** are also being collected. There is a box on the narthex cabinet.

**Breadbasket volunteers are needed.** Westminster has Breadbasket on May 5–9. Please call Martha at (601) 584-7574 to volunteer for Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.



It's time to stir up your favorite recipes for the **Dessert and Casserole Auction** on Wednesday, May 7, following supper. The money raised goes to the youth and children's trips during the summer.

**The Youth** would like to thank the people who donated candy and trinkets for the Easter egg hunt. The children enjoyed the hunt.

**May 11 is Youth Sunday.** Please support our youth. They are working hard planning the service. This is a great time for us to see the talents of our youth.

To donate to WPC online, scan the QR code and follow the instructions.

