



Welcome to Worship



April 16, 2023

**The mission of Westminster Presbyterian Church:
*Creatively sharing Christ's love; we welcome, we serve, we grow.***

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PRELUDE
WELCOME

Ariana Recher
Linda McCreery, Worship Assistant

*SONG **My Lighthouse**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*SONG **God, I Look to You**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that many a time we are more doubters than believers. We doubt your love for us when we see the oppression, sickness, death, violence against nature, wars, and hatred against each other. Help us to recognize these outcomes of our selfishness, greed, and the evil spirit of dominance. Help us to learn from the courage of Jesus to take up the cross to stand against oppression. Enlighten us as we celebrate resurrection to rise again and again to annihilate injustice and to create peace in this world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Your Labor Is Not In Vain

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Here I Am, Lord"

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE
SERMON

Acts 1:1-11

Worship Assistant
Pastor Kelly

*SONG **Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks** Hymnal #240

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNAL PRAYER

**Our Mother, who cares for the earth,
Nurturing are your ways.
Your web of life be woven,
Your way be found within,
As it is all around.**

**Thank you this day for our bread and toil
And forgive us our misuse of the earth
As we forgive others their misuse of us.**

**And lead us not into exploitation,
But deliver us from lording it over you,
And over each other,
And over all our other fellow creatures.**

**For you give the waters of life,
The hills, valleys, and plains of home,
The breeding, seeding, feeding ground,
For now and for as close to forever
As we will ever come.
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Assistant

OFFERING

WITH OFFERTORY

"Draw the Circle Wide"

Worship Team

*DOXOLOGY

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Hymnal #582

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SONG

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Hymnal #248

BLESSING

Pastor Kelly

BENEDICTION

"Pie Jesu" from Weber's *Requiem*

Maggie Sather &
Ramona Morris

POSTLUDE

Ariana Recher

*Stand as you are able

Remember in prayer:

Eva, granddaughter of Dick & Rachelle Hughes, in the hospital with respiratory illness.

Evelyn Aiken, who suffered a fall this week.

Sheila Powell, whose husband, Tom, passed away this week.

A Congregational Meeting will take place today following the regular worship service for the purpose of electing new elders and deacons. Please join us for coffee hour afterward.

Teal colored attendance pads are at the center aisle of your row. Please fill it out and pass it down the row, returning it to the center when done. Leave completed sheets on your seat as you leave.