



Welcome to Worship



April 21, 2024

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

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PRELUDE
WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Betsy Romeo
Pastor Kelly Wadsworth
Deanie Anderson, Worship Assistant

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Deanie Anderson, MPEJ and
Vicki D'Annunzio, Building & Grounds

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*SONG
*PASSING OF THE PEACE
*SONG

Let it Rise

O God, Within the Psalms

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We who too often lose our way gather today to say, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for God founded it on the seas and established it on the waters." And yet those same waters are polluted by the trash we have made and discarded. We need to pause to ask ourselves again what it would be like to see creation liberated and experiencing God's freedom and glory. Along with all creation we wait for the glory of God to be revealed, and we commit to playing our part as the children of God. May we find liberation from our throw away addiction and take action to foster the healing for our land and water. Amen.

ASSURANCE (SUNG)

(Prepare Me to Be a) Sanctuary

SPECIAL MUSIC

Come to the Water

Terri Crall and
Chris Duval

SCRIPTURE
SERMON

Acts 3:1-10; 17:1-9

Worship Assistant
Pastor Kelly

SONG

All Creatures of Our God and King

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
COMMUNAL PRAYER

O God, in the silence of contemplation, help us hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor as one cry, unified, amplified. May we hear the cry of your creation calling out to be seen from every corner; may our practice of deep listening bring us to see all those creatures whose dignity is routinely ignored. That, in our seeing, we might be moved from indifference to compassion, domination to collaboration, from "mastery over" to harmonious coexistence. We pray for our practice to bring us deeply into a compassionate relationship with the earth, our common home, and with each of the interconnected ecosystems which contribute to the delicate web of our livelihood. As our contemplation leads us to compassion, may that compassion be the breath of every action we take. Let us glorify the sacredness of both the natural world and the world's poor, that your resplendence may radiate. Amen.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Hymnal #582
Worship Assistant

*SONG

For the Beauty of the Earth

Hymnal #14 (v. 1, 2, 5)
Pastor Kelly

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Creation is Waiting for Us
Fall in Love With the Earth*

*Stand as you are able

Children are all welcome in the worship service any time! There is staffed nursery care for children ages 0-2. Sunday School for age 3-grade 5. Ask an usher or greeter for guidance.

Sanctuary flowers today are provided by Susan Tanabe in loving memory of her mother, Rose Marie Marsh.

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.