

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
**Order of Worship for May 17, 2020**

**GATHERING**

**Prelude and Welcome**

**Song of Praise** Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)

**Words of Praise** From 2 Samuel 22

Leader: O Lord, you are my lamp.  
The Lord lights up my darkness.

**People: In your strength we can advance against a troop;  
with our God we can scale any wall.**

Leader: God's way is perfect.  
All the LORD's promises prove true.

**People: He is a shield for all who look to him for protection.**

Leader: For who is God except the LORD?  
Who but our God is a solid rock?

**People: God is our strong fortress,  
and we will praise his Holy Name!**

**Prayer**

**Song of Praise** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

**CONFESSION**

**Prayer of Confession**

Lord, we have not responded well to the gift of your grace.  
Instead of responding to your love with lives of integrity,  
we continue to sin against you and our neighbor. We

know that you will forgive us, and we use that knowledge  
as permission to keep doing the wrong thing. Lord, give  
us the faith we need to be disciples of Christ, and keep us  
from hypocrisy. We pray, for your glory, Amen.

**Song of Response**

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (2x)

**THE WORD**

**Time with the Children**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson** Philippians 2:1-18

**Sermon** From Jail with JOY! You Light Up My Life

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Song of Response** Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
seek, and you shall find;  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

**Prayers of the People and 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

## Opportunities to Serve and the Morning Offering

### Offertory

### Song of Thanksgiving Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (2x)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong;" let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" (2x)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

### Prayer of Dedication

### SENDING OUT

### Sending Song

God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

### Blessing and Postlude

Leading the service today: Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Lissa Long, Pastor; Janie Bruce, Youth and Children; Robin Zemp, Music; Meg Dorsel, Video

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## 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er  
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

TEXT: Martin Luther, 1529; tones: Frederick Hevey Fleege, 1852  
MUSIC: Martin Luther, 1529; alt.

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