

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

## Order of Worship for May 24, 2020

Prelude and Welcome

Words of Praise

From Psalm 34

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

**People: I sought the LORD and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.  
Those who look to him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be ashamed.**

Prayer

Song of Praise      Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Prayer of Confession

**O Lord, our helper, we often run toward sin instead of away  
from it. We fix our eyes on our own desires and pursue them  
recklessly with no thought of danger to our souls. We are  
overconfident, thinking that we can resist sin, only to  
discover that we are far weaker than we ever imagined.  
Father, forgive us and grant us renewed faith to follow you.  
(*Silent Confession*)**

Song of Response

**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.**

Time with the Children

Opportunities to Serve and the Morning Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

**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.**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 2:12-30

Sermon      From Jail with JOY! All the Way for Jesus

Song of Response      Lift High the Cross

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**

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

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

We are glad you joined us for worship!

We welcome questions and prayer requests. Call the church office 843-766-8311 or  
text 843-810-2232.

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# 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our  
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the  
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine  
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing  
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
 bears all our years away;  
 they fly forgotten, as a dream  
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,  
 be thou our guard while life shall last,  
 and our eternal home.

# Lift High the Cross

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Refrain  
 Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim  
 Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim  
 till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*  
 till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*to Refrain*  
 the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.  
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

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CRUCIFER  
 10.10 with refrain