



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship for April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday

In-Person at 8:45 am | In-Person and Online at 11:00 am
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WELCOME

PRELUDE

Celebration Fanfare

CHARLES CALLAHAN

◆CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
One: Sin and death shall reign no more.
All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
One: You have turned our mourning into dancing.
All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
One: Let this place resound with joy.
All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
One: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God!

◆INVOCATION

◆HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you have shown your power to deliver us from sin and death and to renew all creation. We confess we still fall into doubt and fear. We continue to cling to selfish ways and doubt your power to make all things new. Forgive our lack of faith. Have mercy on our weakness. Raise us from the death of sin that we may live with Christ in the joy of his resurrection, now and forever.

◆ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

◆SONG OF RESPONSE

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

◆SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

One: Christ is risen!
All: **He is risen indeed!**

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:1-18

SERMON

The Dawning of the Light

◆HYMN (*see insert*)

In Christ Alone

GETTY & TOWNEND

OFFERING

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.

◆AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: O Death, where is your victory?
O Death, where is your sting?

All: **Christ has risen! Death is swallowed up in victory!**

One: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

All: **Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ!**

One: The Lord has risen.

All: **He has risen indeed! Alleluia!**

◆SENDING SONG

Thine is the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

We sing together:

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

BENEDICTION

◆POSTLUDE

Canzon septime toni No. 2

GIOVANNI GABRIELI

◆*Please stand, if able*

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

Guest Musicians:

Susan Messersmith, trumpet
Jonathan Kammer, saxophone
Vincent Kiray, horn
Anne Holmi, horn

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John 20:1-18

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

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1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Maestoso ♩ = 80



In Christ a - lone my hope is found. He is my
In Christ a - lone! Who took on flesh; Full - ness of
There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the
No guilt in life, no fear in death - This is the



light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fin - al



ground, firm through the fier - est drought and storm. What heights of
ness, scorned by the ones He came to save: 'Til on that
Day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for -
cross as Jes - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied; For ev' - ry
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am
hell, no scheme of man, can e - ver pluck me from His hand; 'Til He re -



ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
His and He is mine - bought with the prec - ious blood of Christ.
turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

COVID PROTOCOLS FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

When You Arrive

1. Everyone is required to wear a mask upon entering the church. If you don't have a mask, the ushers will have plenty available for you and your children (older than 2). Wearing a mask, along with social distancing, is the best way for us to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among our church family, especially given the fact that up to half of all people who have the virus don't feel or display any symptoms.
2. Hand sanitizer will be available and should be used upon entering.
3. In the sanctuary, every other pew will be roped off and closed to provide as much social distancing as possible. In order to minimize touch contamination, please pick up your own bulletin from the narthex table.
4. Ushers will guide you and your family to a properly distanced seat, starting with the front of the sanctuary. Please graciously allow them to do so in order to maintain social distancing while safely maximizing occupancy.
5. All restrooms will be open for use, one at a time please.

During the Service

1. During time for children, the children will remain with their family and not gather on the chancel steps.
2. Offering plates will be at the entrances/exits to receive your offering.
3. Please keep your mask on through the entire worship service.
4. If you have young children, this may be their first time back in the sanctuary in a long time. You may be worried about how they will behave, if they will make too much noise, or if they will be too wiggly. Please don't worry at all! We welcome the signs of life- especially after going so long without it! Please note: we won't have the worship bags (with crayons and coloring pages) available for children, but you are welcome to bring things from home.

After the Service Ends

1. The ushers will dismiss the congregation by row from the side aisles, beginning at the rear of the sanctuary, in order to keep us distanced as we exit.
2. Please place your used bulletins in the recycling baskets at each exit or take them home with you. Please do not leave them on the pews.



WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

We are delighted that you have joined us for in-person or online worship, and we hope you are encouraged and strengthened in the faith. If you have a prayer request or questions about faith, life, or being part of the Westminster family, we invite you to reach out by call or text to one of our pastors.

Pastor Daniel Smoak: 843-872-1001

Pastor Lissa Long: 843-810-2232

For more information about Westminster or to subscribe to our weekly ENews and email updates visit our website at www.wpccharleston.org

VIRTUAL FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

Please let us know you're here by completing the Virtual Friendship Register. Simply scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to open or find on our website under the Quick Links, Virtual Friendship Register.



EASTER MORNING FLOWERS

Our traditional flowering cross to celebrate our savior's resurrection is located outside the side entrance. Please join in adding flowers. Following the 11:00 am service, it will be moved to the front steps for family photos and sharing with the community.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Calling All Men! Join us for Bible Study the first Tuesday of every month. April 6, 7:30–8:30 am on Zoom. We're currently virtual (you must supply your own coffee and breakfast from home!), and hopefully we'll soon be able to make the transition to in-person. Pastor Daniel is leading our study. Join us for the Fellowship and Encouragement!

Here is the ZOOM login information.

Meeting ID: 856 1961 4490

Passcode: 12345

Dial in by phone: 646-558-8656

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

On April 25, we'll begin a new sermon series on the book of Nehemiah. Return, Rebuild, Renew. Nehemiah's Life after Exile is just the word we need as we seek God's guidance in recovery from Covid.

The preaching schedule until then:

Today	John 20:1-18	The Dawning of the Light
April 11	John 20:19-31	Jesus and Thomas
April 18	Acts 3:12-19	What Is Astonishing You Today?

JOIN US FOR DISCIPLESHIP!

CHILDREN - Join us in Sunday School Zoom at 9:00 am. Meeting ID: 867 718 0847 Passcode: 1776

YOUTH - Check your emails! Mrs. Janie has a great schedule planned for Middle School and High Schoolers. If you haven't received an email, please let the Church Office know.

ADULTS—

On April 11, we begin a new study called "Meeting the Spirit." Facilitated by Pastor Daniel, Pastor Lissa, and Lindy Coleman. Join us on Sunday mornings 9:00–9:45 am on Zoom.

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Westminster Prays

Carol Cummings	Meg Powell	Summer Garris	Andria Sanchez Freeman
Bill Myers	Keith Gordon	Mary Ashley Barbot	Chrissie Bosworth
Dart Willer	Shirley Seay	Doris Fox	Ginger Sieftring
Bill Pennekamp	Larry Salley	Joyce Aydlett	Martin Davis
Kate Pennekamp	John Ligon	Daryn Baker	Kevin Ritzel
Sara McCoy	Dot Dangerfield	Curtis Sponseller	Gloria Underhill
Love Moody	Lydia Crosby	Sean Fitzgibbon	Jeff Bryant
Karen Dangerfield	David Morris IV	Thom Penney	Barbara Johnston
Lisa Wilcox	Brian Carlow	Nikolai Fruth	Michael Morgan
Harold Fountain	Frances McLean	Allan Scott	Lydia Howell
Holli Hughes	David Kerr	Mary Martschink	Lee Zack
Fran Ligon	Sharon Hutchinson	David Wiggins	Joye and Kurt Teachman
Nancy Plowden	Harper Croft	Jamie Brooks	Nita Rodemann
Gary Brooks	Deb Sloan	Ginger Greene	Jean Isbell
Steve Buddin	Liz Shelor	Hanger Family	Will Kuenzel
Gary Shetler	Clif Green	Allene Buddin	Rosa Oswald

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Abby Grace, Cole

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Paul Patrick

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Sandra Pell
Kendall Ramsay
Carole Russell
Nathan Snider
Graham Wade

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