



Presbyterian Church

Central Campus
4400 North Shartel Avenue

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3rd Sunday of Easter
April 26th, 2020

Westminster Sunday Worship

Prelude: *Amazing Grace*

Traditional

Bruce Robertson, Bagpipes; Steve Thompson, Organ

Time of Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: We come to worship God, physically separated, but still deeply connected.

People: We gather together admitting we hunger for peace amid a time of profound anxiety and fear. We come to hear the wisdom of scripture.

Leader: We come together remembering and rejoicing that God is faithful. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Nothing can separate us from God's love, not even Death.

All: Come, let us worship God, made known in Christ Jesus; the Lord is our light and our Salvation.

Processional Hymn: #248 *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Hymn to Joy

Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God of Resurrecting Power, by the transforming love in Jesus Christ, you overcame death and promise the gift of new beginnings. In the good news of Easter's light we gather to worship this day, but even as we offer you our praise, we confess we often see darkness rather than Your revealing light. We admit our fears as we face a rapidly spreading virus and face the depression from weeks of isolation. We often complain about having to shelter at home for longer than expected, when others are asked to go to the front lines. We still have a tendency to panic buy and delight in stocking our own pantry but often overlook the stranger who comes after us to find the grocery shelves nearly empty. In all the ways this time of quarantine affects us – emotionally, physically, and spiritually, we pause to boldly, in the silence, to give over to you our both confessions and concerns.... (a silence is kept) Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of God's grace.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Response to Forgiveness: #581 *Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

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.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Leader: As we prepare to hear God's word read and proclaimed, in this Eastertide, we light the Christ Candle, recalling Christ as the promised light in the darkness. We are reminded of the words from Romans to "Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." (Romans 12:15, NRSV) In the name of Christ, our healer and our Light, we light this candle as our world is filled with hardship, illness, violence, anxiety, fear, grief, and injustice.... especially in this time of the pandemic. (light candle) God our hope, Christ our light, Holy Spirit be with us, always.

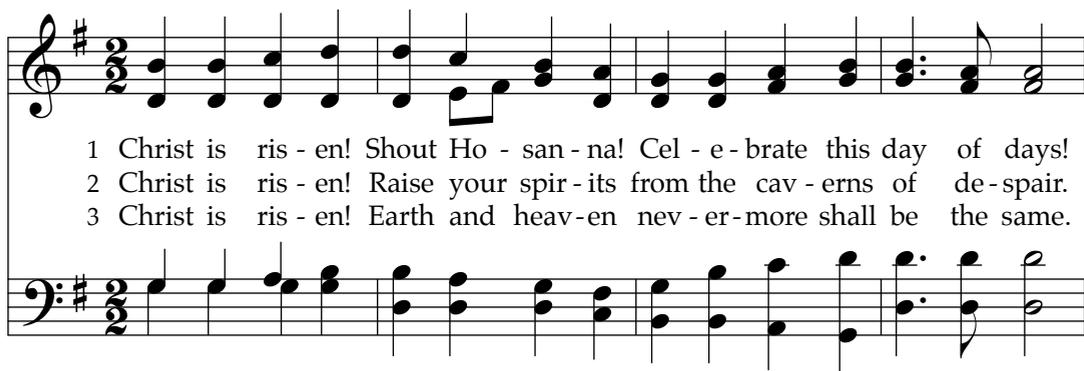
People: Thanks be to God

Prayer for Illumination

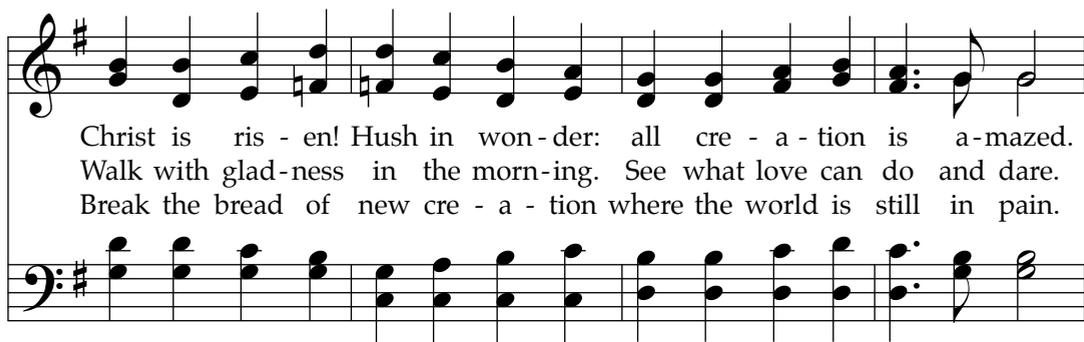
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JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

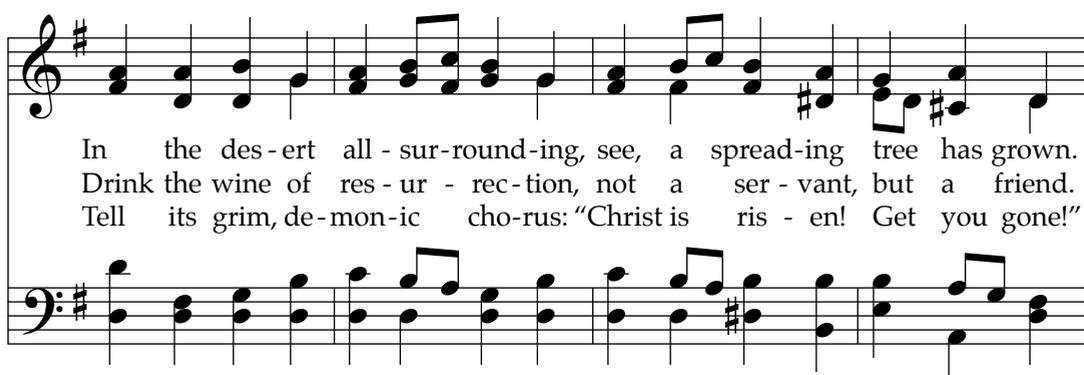
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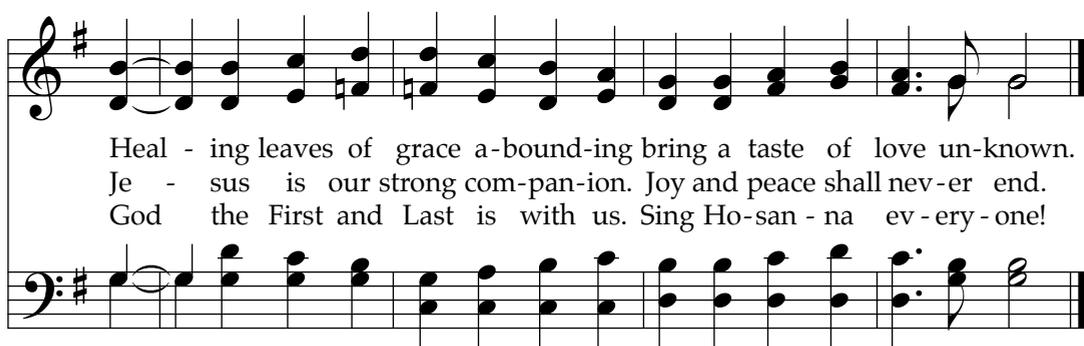
1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

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Reading from the Old Testament

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!" What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Reading from the New Testament

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Sermon: **"AMID THE DESPAIR, LOVE IS WALKING BESIDE YOU"**

Rev. Michelle Junkin

*Hymn of Response: *When We Face An Unknown Future*

Beach Spring

Text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2020

https://pda.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/pda/pdfs/hymn_when_we_face_an_unknown_future.pdf

*Affirmation of Faith: **from the Brief Statement of Faith**

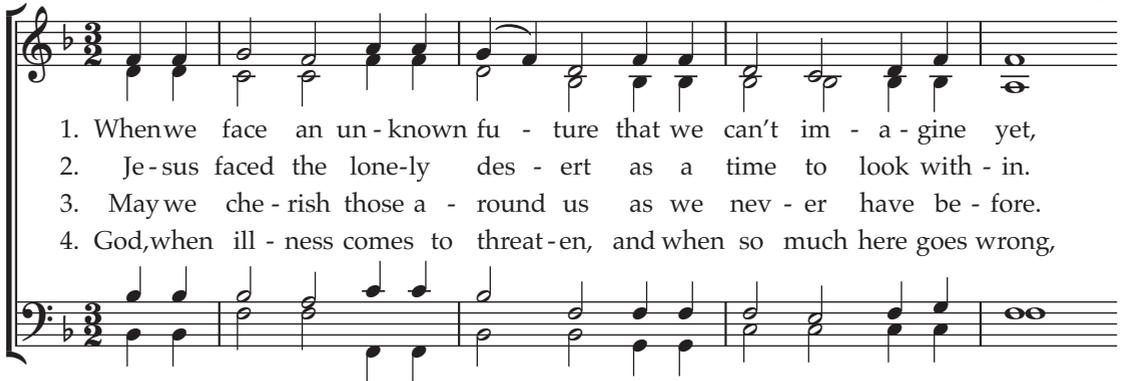
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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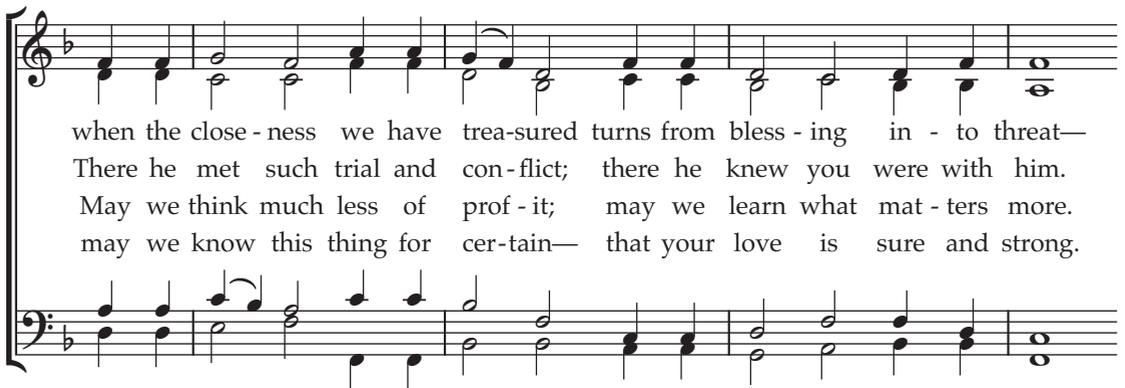
When We Face an Unknown Future

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2020

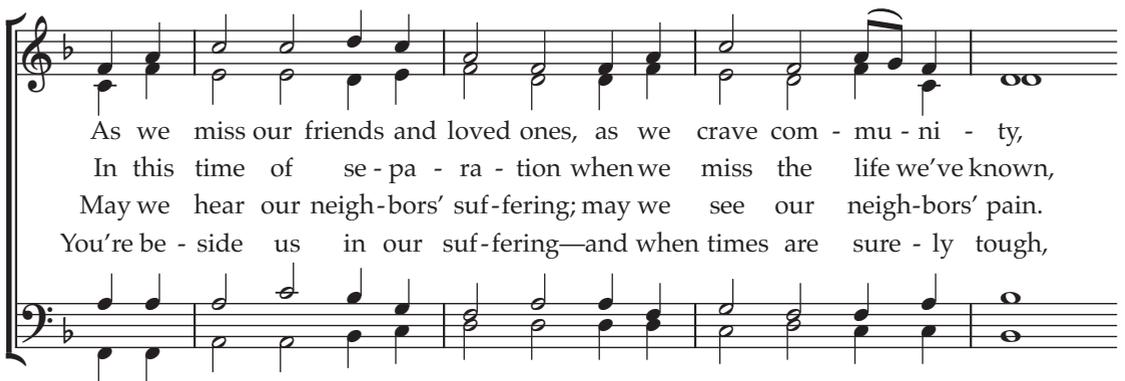
Beach Spring, attr. B. F. White;
harm. Christopher Gage



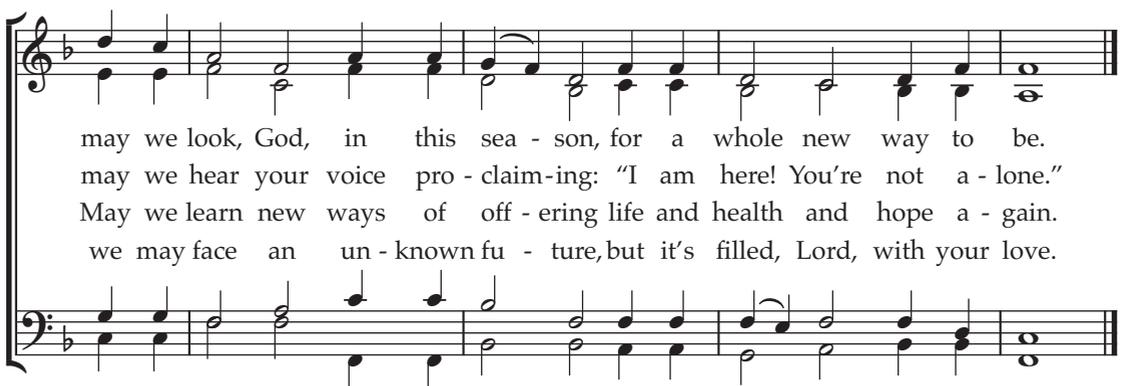
1. When we face an un-known fu-ture that we can't im-a-gine yet,
2. Je-sus faced the lone-ly des-ert as a time to look with-in.
3. May we che-rish those a-round us as we nev-er have be-fore.
4. God, when ill-ness comes to threat-en, and when so much here goes wrong,



when the close-ness we have treas-ured turns from bless-ing in-to threat—
There he met such trial and con-flict; there he knew you were with him.
May we think much less of prof-it; may we learn what mat-ters more.
may we know this thing for cer-tain— that your love is sure and strong.



As we miss our friends and loved ones, as we crave com-mu-ni-ty,
In this time of se-pa-ra-tion when we miss the life we've known,
May we hear our neigh-bors' suf-fering; may we see our neigh-bors' pain.
You're be-side us in our suf-fering—and when times are sure-ly tough,



may we look, God, in this sea-son, for a whole new way to be.
may we hear your voice pro-claim-ing: "I am here! You're not a-lone."
May we learn new ways of off-ering life and health and hope a-gain.
we may face an un-known fu-ture, but it's filled, Lord, with your love.

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Invitation to Offering

Offertory: *Softly and Tenderly*

Arranged by Raymond Brown

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling for you and for me
See on the portals He's waiting and watching
Watching for you and for me

Come home, come home Ye who are weary, come home
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling
Calling, oh sinner, come home

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading
Pleading for you and for me
Why should we linger and head not His mercies
Mercies for you and for me

Oh! for the wonderful love He has promised
Promised for you and for me
Tho' we have sinned He has mercy and pardon
Pardon for you and for me

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling
Anne Dawson, Mezzo-Soprano; Steve Thompson, Piano

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:20)

*Though we work and worship separately, carefully, and thoughtfully during this time,
the work of God's Kingdom continues through acts of kindness and compassion.*

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Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4400 N. Shartel OKC, OK 73118.

***Doxology: #606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

Old Hundredth

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. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer *(Traditional)*

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.

***Hymn of Discipleship: #39 Great is Thy Faithfulness**

Faithfulness

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: Highland Cathedral

Rover/Korb

Dr. Jennifer Slater, Flute; Bruce Robertson, Bagpipes; Steve Thompson, Organ; Lisa Hart, Chimes

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*This sign is an invitation, to all who are able, to stand as they offer God thanks and praise.

Leading In Worship

Senior Associate Pastor : Rev. Michelle Junkin

Commissioned Pastor: Glenn Dunn

Director of Worship and Music: Josh Phelps

Music Associate: Anne Dawson

Organ: Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

Carillon: Lisa Hart

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

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Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 배 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

LOOKING AHEAD • APRIL 26TH, 2020

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Sunday Services

Our 10 AM worship service will be live-streamed Sundays at 10 AM on [Facebook Live, wpcokc.com](https://www.facebook.com/wpcokc), and [Livestream](https://www.livestream.com/wpcokc). The broadcast will be archived on our website for later viewing.

Service Broadcast

Sundays -

- 5 AM on KOKH
(check local listings)
- 11 AM on KOCO
(check local listings)
- online via our LiveStream at:
<http://www.wpcokc.com/live-streaming>

I would like to speak with a pastor or ministry leader...

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Greetings Congregation,

I look forward to worshipping with you virtually as we praise God together. It is strange to preach to an empty Sanctuary. I take comfort amid this unique time of sheltering in place and social distancing, knowing that we come to worship God, physically separated, but still deeply connected.

The sermon today speaks about the steadfast love of God-with-us, who draws near, especially as we hunger for peace amid this time of profound anxiety. The lectionary passage reminds us of God's nearness, especially at times of distress. It seemed fitting to craft into today's worship service music that offers a word of hope and assurance; songs like *Amazing Grace* in the Prelude, *Great is Thy Faithfulness* toward the end of the service, and at the postlude - the *Highland Cathedral*. We hope that this worship service offers comfort as we reflect on God's steadfast love amid the despair of the pandemic. God is with us on this strange journey. As we face this challenging time, reflect, "how can I be a bright light of Christ's compassion during the dark days of this pandemic?" We are each called to be an agent of God's hope in the world, even in times of heightened anxiety. We are called to practice social distancing and to stay safe, but we must also still help those in need, especially the vulnerable. This requires creative thinking and new ways of being the church. In the article, *Fearing Courageously in the Face of COVID-19*, author Warren King summarizes it this way:

Fearing well in the time of COVID-19 requires that we love well. To love well in the face of fear, Aquinas says, is to be courageous. To be courageous is not running headlong into the face of danger with no regard of the consequences, nor to deny or dismiss fear. Courage is not the opposite of fear. Rather to be courageous is to rightly appraise the danger and feel the weight of fear, and yet, even so, to stand firm and do what love requires.

We cannot remove fear from the equation of this situation, but we can make sure that fear and death do not have the final word; may we, like the disciples on the Emmaus road, come to more fully realize and testify to God's Love drawn near, as we navigate this surreal journey.

Sincerely,



Rev. Michelle Junkin
Senior Associate Pastor

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UPDATED! WESTMINSTER SERVICE NEED

The WPC kitchen is providing about 140 meals twice a week to needy families with kids out of school. If you would like to contribute please put COVID-19 on the memo line of your check and make it out to WPC.

Items Needed For Donation

- Boxed Au Gratin or Scalloped Potatoes
- Canned Corn
- Canned Green Beans
- Refrigerated Canned Biscuits
- Bag of Cuties
- 1 lb Bag of Pinto Beans

The Rhonda Hefton Express will pick up your donations when you are ready. Please **TEXT** the following to Rhonda's phone number 405.834.0809

- **Name**
- **Address**
- **Time of Pickup**

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday! The following Westminster members are celebrating their birthdays this week. Please remember them in your prayers, that they may experience God's grace in the coming year.

April 26th - Jenna Campbell; Leo Cravens; Sally Edwards; Jay Ferguson; Evan Gerfen

April 27th - Tyler Eckert; Mary Poole; Dianne Rasmussen; Cameron Satterlee

April 28th - Beth DeGraffenreid; Marion Story

April 29th - Joseph Bocoock; Bryce Carlin; Alex Clark; David Coffey Jr.; Kelly Gentry; Randy Lewis; Monique Nelson; Judy Neville; Jim Tolbert

April 30th - Emily Eleftherakis; Lori Payne; Michael Plumley; Michelle Vanswearingen

May 1st - Madeleine Carroll; Ellen Morgan; Chris Melick

May 2nd - Hayden Bowles Lyon; Natalie Haymaker; Diana Gilchrist

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