



Presbyterian Church

Central Campus
4400 North Shartel Avenue

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6th Sunday of Easter
May 17th, 2020

Westminster Sunday Worship

Prelude: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*
Sheep May Safely Graze

Gaye LeBlanc Germain, Harp

J.S. Bach
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Time of Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: In this Easter Season,

People: We gather to celebrate the presence of Christ in our midst.

Leader: In this Easter season,

People: We share the hope and promise of resurrection with each other and the world around us.

Leader: In this Easter season,

People: Let us worship the God who brings life and victory in the face of death and defeat.

Processional Hymn: #238 *Thine Is The Glory

Judas Maccabaeus

Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Risen Lord, Eternal and Almighty God, we come to you, today, rescued by your holiness. You have so loved us that you have sent your only Son, our Lord, into this world for the forgiveness of sins and for the reconciliation of justice. We humble our hearts in praise and confession. Give to us the love you have promised, the hope you have embodied, and the life you have christened. Have mercy upon us and hear our prayers. Lord, hear our confession and those we offer in silence.... (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.

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Old Testament

Psalm 66:8-20

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place. I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. (Selah) Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

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Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end - less is
2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic-tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai-ment
he greets us, scat-ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad-ness
with-out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing
to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

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Reading from the New Testament

I Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Sermon: "THE DESCENT "

Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

*Hymn of Response: #815 *Give to the Winds Thy Fears*

Festal Song

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: *Meditation from "Thais"*

Jules Massenet

Gaye LeBlanc Germain, Harp

"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.**

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LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

815 Give to the Winds Thy Fears

1 Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be
2 Through waves and clouds and storms God gent - ly
3 Leave to God's sov - ereign sway to choose and
4 Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast

un - dis - mayed. God hears thy sighs and
clears the way. Wait pa - tient - ly; so
to com - mand. So shalt thou, won - dering,
truth de - clare, and pub - lish with our

counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.
own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!
fi - nal breath thy love and guard - ian care.

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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: #353** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Solid Rock

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *Judas Maccabaeus (Handel), Op 90, No. 16*

Arranged by Alexandre Guilmant

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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

Pastor/Head of Staff : Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

Commissioned Pastor: Glenn Dunn

Director of Worship and Music: Josh Phelps

Music Associate: Anne Dawson

Organ: Steve Thompson, Principal Organist;

Grace Jackson, Organ Scholar

Carillon: Lisa Hart

Sanctuary Worship (10 AM)

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
then is all my hope and stay.
less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

LOOKING AHEAD • MAY 17TH, 2020

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Central Campus Office Hours
We are having church staff work from home as much as possible and limiting work in the church office. Please abstain from visits to the office and instead contact church staff via email, or phone call. The church voice mail and email will be monitored regularly.

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). 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,

As we near the end of May, we have an important video coming to you this week. It is a town hall meeting presentation. In addition to the video, we will also send the message in written form so that no one misses our message. Please keep a lookout for it.

In the meantime, we continue with our online services, but a special liturgical day is approaching. Sunday, May 31, is Pentecost Sunday. It is the day that we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that births the Church. Pentecost Sunday is a communion Sunday, and we will celebrate communion as a part of our worship service that day. You will be invited to take the elements with us, at your own home. To prepare for that, we invite you to make sure you have some bread and wine (or juice) ready as we worship together. The service will begin at 10:00 AM.

In addition, we will begin a new Pastor's Class on Pentecost Sunday. The title is *PENTECOST IN PANDEMICS... The Church in Trying Times*. As we attempt to navigate the new world we have suddenly entered, we may think that the Church is being paralyzed and weakened. But perhaps it is important for us to realize that the Church got its global start during a time of a major pandemic in the ancient Roman world. How did that happen, and what lessons can we learn for our own day and time? Join us for this Pentecost Season Pastor's Class, presented by Dr. Paul Kirbas, offered online on Sunday mornings, 9:15 AM. It all begins on Pentecost Sunday, May 31.

And now, let us turn our attention to worship for this Sunday, as we consider a mysterious passage in the Bible that has led to the part of the Apostle's Creed that says, "He Descended into Hell." What does this teach us about Jesus' life and our own?

In God's Love,



Dr. Paul J. Kirbas
Pastor / Head of Staff

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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 / UPDATED 5/15/2020

- Oscar Meyer turkey
- Sliced American cheese
- Chef Boyardee pepperoni pizza
- Pasta sauce
- Pasta
- Apple sauce in plastic containers
- Canned peaches
- Macaroni and cheese

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.

May 17th - Kathy Bookman; Jim Mays

May 18th - Dee Anne Heaton; Timothy Hough; Todd Kiner

May 19th - Deal Bowman; Susan Raybourn; Gary Sutton; Julie Oseland; Sarah Campbell; Marcus Hill; Adam Mock

May 20th - Ingrid McNutt; Bryan Fuller; Roger Eleftherakis; Dylan Deeds

May 21st - Nina Gaugler; Randel Polk; Reed Arnold; Larkin Dykstra

May 22nd - Jacke McCutcheon

May 23rd - Margaret Short; Cherie McGregor

SUNDAY SERVICE STREAMING OPTIONS

Below you will find all the streaming options, worship bulletin link, and offering link. Thank you for your patience as we work with our website provider.

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[Worship bulletin for May 17th](#)