



Presbyterian Church

Central Campus
4400 North Shartel Avenue

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4th Sunday in Lent
March 22nd, 2020

Sanctuary Worship (10 AM)

Prelude: *There is a Happy Land*

K. Lee Scott

Time of Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Speak for us, Great Advocate

People: Show us how to pray

Leader: Give us words fit for the Throne

People: Teach us what to say

***Processional Hymn: #667** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Laudes Domini

Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord of life, who has mercy upon all, take away from us our sins and mercifully kindle in us the fire of the Holy Spirit. Take away from us the heart of stone and give us a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, to follow you, and to enjoy you, for Christ's sake. Lord, hear our confession and those we offer in silence (a silence is kept). Amen.

Kyrie (The People Sing Responsively)

Eleanor Whitsett

Leader: Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us.

People: Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us.

Leader: Christ, Have Mercy Upon Us.

People: Christ, Have Mercy Upon Us.

Leader: Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us.

People: Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us.

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: #215** *What Wondrous Love is This*

Wondrous Love

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

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CELEBRATING TIME

667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

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Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 17:1-8

Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit. From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right. If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress. As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped. I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words. Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand. Guard me as the apple of the eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings,...

New Testament Lesson

Romans 8:26-30

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Sermon: "WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT? THE ADVOCATE IN HEAVEN!"

Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

Hymn of Response: #287 *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

Njoo Kwetu, Roho Mwema

***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.

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GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

287 Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing;
2 Come to teach us; come to nour - ish
3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing
4 Not mere knowl - edge, but dis - cern - ment,
5 Keep us fer - vent in our wit - ness,

fash - ion us all a - new. It's your lead - ing
those who be - lieve in Christ. Bless the faith - ful;
done in your ho - ly name. Mo - ti - vate all
nor root - less lib - er - ty; turn dis - qui - et
un - swayed by earth's al - lure. Ev - er grant us

that we're need - ing; help us to fol - low you.
may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.
to con - tent - ment, doubt in - to cer - tain - ty.
zeal - ous fit - ness, which you a - lone as - sure.

Refrain

Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
Njo - o, njo - o, nj - oo, Ro - ho mwe - ma.

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Invitation to Offering

Offertory: *What Wondrous Love Is This*

Eleanor Whitsett

Olivia Jirousek, Flute; Dr. Sallie Pollack, 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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Pastoral Prayer 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.

***Hymn of Discipleship: #722** *Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak*

Canonbury

*Benediction

Postlude: *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*

Johannes Brahms

The Service of worship concludes after the postlude. The music can be enjoyed and this time can be used for prayer.
You may remain seated or depart quietly

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

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Leading In Worship

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

Associate Pastor: Rev. Abbey Walker

Commissioned Pastor: Glenn Dunn

Director of Worship and Music: Josh Phelps

Music Associate: Anne Dawson

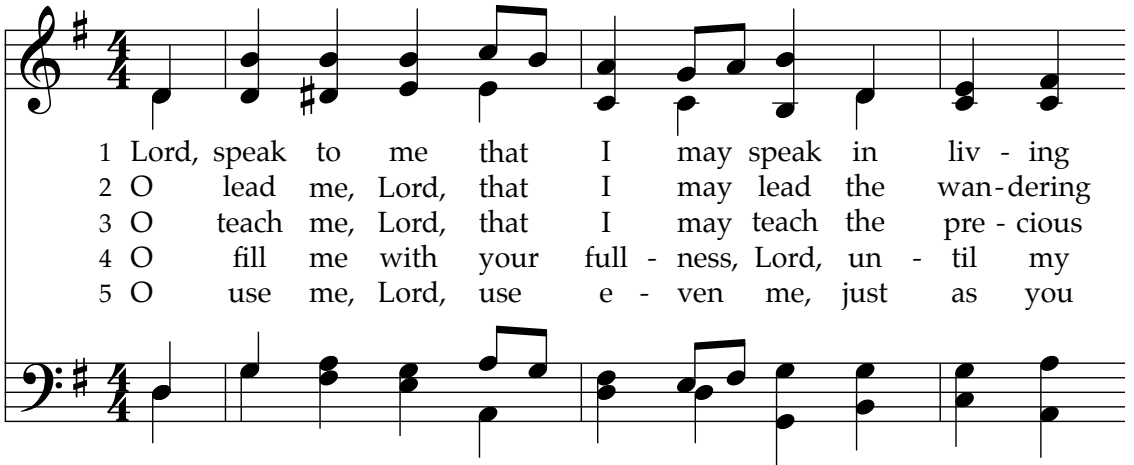
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Carillon: Lisa Hart

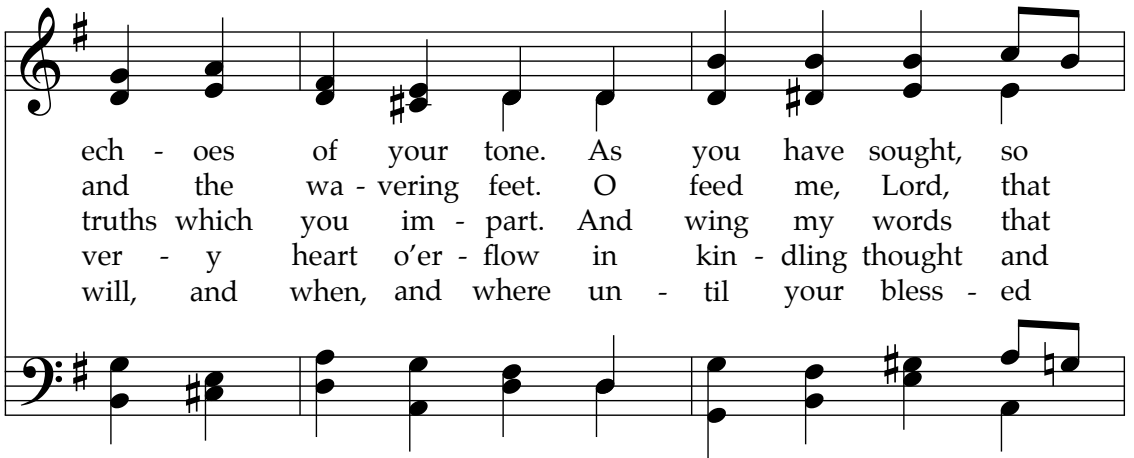
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DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

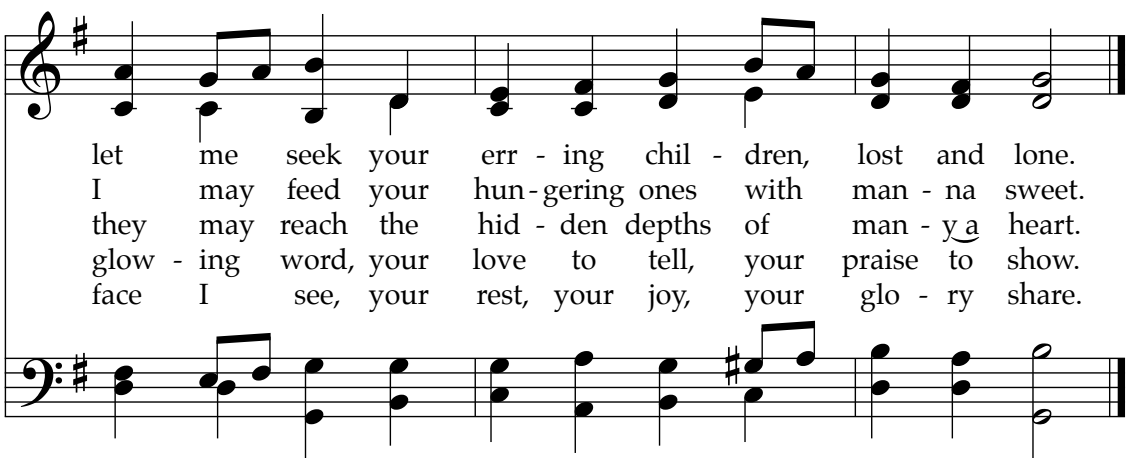
722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

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Central Campus Office Hours
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Sunday Services

Our 10 AM worship service will be live-streamed Sundays at 10 AM on [Facebook Live](https://www.facebook.com/wpcokc), [wpcokc.com](https://www.wpcokc.com), and [Livestream](https://www.wpcokc.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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Dear Congregation,

As we all come to terms with the new normal of self-distancing, I'm sure that many of you are feeling some anxiety about the virus and the separation that it is causing. Please know that we are praying for you, and we are planning several ways to make pastoral contacts with our congregation during this time. In the early church, congregations gathered in homes for their worship. In many ways, we are being forced back into that way of being the church, but new technology allows us to do so in creative new ways. At 10:00 AM on Sunday morning, we will be live streaming our worship service. You can watch it either on our Facebook page or our website. I know that we had technical problems with our website last week. Too many people logged on and overloaded our hosting company. We have been told by that company that the problem is fixed, so we should not run into that this Sunday.

We had set Sunday, March 29, as the date for our Annual Congregational Meeting. We have several important actions for that meeting, including the election of our new elders, deacons, trustees, and a new Pastor Nominating Committee to search for the new pastor in light of my retirement in 2021. In our Presbyterian USA constitution, there is a provision for emergency situations like the one we are in. We will be mailing to you a description of this provision, and ask you to fill out a ballot and send it back to us. We will also send you a link to a video town hall meeting that will offer all of the important information that is needed for our congregational meeting. Please look for these communications in the days ahead.

As we approach Holy Week, we will need to find creative ways to experience these important Holy Days. We have decided to re-broadcast our Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday worship service from last year on our streaming broadcast. This way, we can experience these important days in the full sense of what they are meant to be. On Thursday, April 16, at 7:00 PM, we will offer an online Maundy Thursday service, in which we will go through the liturgy of Holy Communion. In preparation for that, we invite you to have some bread and wine/grape juice available as you watch. As we celebrate communion online, we will invite you to take the communion elements in your own home.

And now, let us return to our Lenten Question: *Who Is The Holy Spirit?* Let's seek the 4th answer on this 4th Sunday of Lent. The Holy Spirit is our Advocate in Heaven!

In God's Love,



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

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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.

March 22nd - Grace Hall; NaDella Harrington; Alex Horton; Christopher Mhoon; Megan Rayle; Heather Tilghman; Courtney Wilson

March 23rd - Nancy Coats; Clark Hyde; Ed Kelley; Grant Price

March 24th - Sherie Adams; Jack Bair; Margie Carlin; Ann Caylor; Tim Love; Sara Northwood; Julie Patino; Dan Sanders; James Varnum

March 25th - Marilyn Bethea; Charlotte Brown; Deborah Clark; David Tarpensing

March 26th - Dale Brown; Kathy Brown; Bob Frick; Charles Griffith; Lisa Heinen; Claire Ramberg; Alice Whittington

March 27th - Andrew Johnson; Jane Kenney; Diane Lippert; Natalie Robinson; Corey Walker

March 28th - Mary Bank; Karen Browne; Shirley O'Bannon; Will Parke

March 29th - John Boozer; Robert Boozer; Erin Chain; Foster Counts; Sawyer Counts; Madison Schick; Morgan Schick

March 30th - Lauren Bisel; Vikki Dearing; Kay Floyd; Carol Johnson

March 31st - Rodger Brooks; Ryan Furnish; Jane Hightower; Donna Leftwich; Megan Marso; Anna McMillin; Bud White

SUNDAY SERVICE STREAMING OPTIONS

As mentioned in Pastor Kirbas' letter to the congregation, our website provider has been working this week on a more stable website experience. With that being said, we have added an extra streaming option. 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. - **Joel Rayburn**, *Communications Manager*

Streaming will begin at 9:50 AM with the prelude starting at 9:55 AM. Due to the rest of the nation's churches worshipping online, we encourage you to opt-in before 10 AM.

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