



WESTMINSTER

— Presbyterian Church —

Albany, New York
March 5, 2023 ~ The Second Sunday in Lent
Service of Worship 10:00 a.m.



Welcome to Westminster! We're glad you're here.

- **If you're visiting us this morning, we would love to meet you and greet you!** We invite you to fill out the Welcome Card in the pew and put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher in the back.
- **After worship, please join us downstairs as we continue our fellowship at coffee hour.** We gather in the hall located directly under our sanctuary. Stairs are located on either side of the State Street entrance to our building.



WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

(Let the notes of our Opening Prelude be the musical curtain through which we pass as we gather to worship together. Let the preparation we make together be prayerful.)

Prelude

There is a Fountain

Trad. American Melody
Arr. Victor Labenske



Call to Worship

Felicia Kollie-Gambles

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in love.

Psalm 103:8

All: Let us worship God!



Opening Hymn #401

Here in This Place



Prayer of Confession

Felicia Kollie-Gambles

One: Are you thirsty for grace? Are you hungry for mercy?
God is calling; come to the waters.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Isaiah 55:1

**All: God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
and great when we are small.
We have failed in love,
neglected justice,
and ignored your truth.**

**Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

(Time of silence)

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Listen, so that you may live:
The steadfast love of the Lord never fails
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God.

Passing The Peace

Words of Welcome

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD



Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness,
guide us, by your Word, through these forty days,
and minister to us with your Holy Spirit,
so that we may reformed, restored, and renewed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Scripture Lesson

John 4:5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"

The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"

Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?"

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Sermon	"Make a Connection"	Daniel Butterworth
Piano Meditation	"Near the Cross"	William H. Doane Arr. Victor Labenske

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Gathering Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer Hymn #469 Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying



Prayers of the People

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**



Offering

Felicia Kollie-Gambles

Offering Hymn #698

Take, O Take Me as I Am

Responding to God's Call

Felicia Kollie-Gambles on Westminster's support for orphans in Liberia

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff and Elder Peter McKee

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
let those who have no money come and eat.

Isa. 55:1; Ps. 63:4-5

**God will satisfy our souls with a rich feast,
and we will bless the Lord as long as we live.**



Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, O God,
in this dry and weary land.

You set a table for us in the wilderness
and provide for all our needs.

Even when we complain against you,
you feed us with bread from heaven.

When we quarrel and question your grace,
you give us water from a stone.

How can we keep silent?
Even dry bones in the valley of death
stand to sing your praise:

(Hymn #591)
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

We give you thanks and praise for Jesus,
our way in the wilderness,
our companion in the desert.
He knows our hunger and thirst;
he gives us the bread of life to eat
and living water to drink.
He leads us beside still water
and prepares this table for us,
even in the presence of our enemies.
The cup of blessing overflows!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night before he met with death,
Jesus came to the table with those he loved.
He took bread, blessed and broke it,
And gave it to them, saying: Take, eat.
Whenever you do this, remember me.

In the same way he took and poured the cup,
Saying: Take and drink.
Whenever you do this, remember me.

Now, whenever we eat and drink at this table,
We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection until he comes again.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Loving God, pour out your Holy Spirit
upon this bread, this cup, these people.
By the power of your Spirit
breathe life into our dust and hope into our bones.
Make us one flesh and one blood, one in the body of Christ.
Let us live to sing your praise and show your love to all,
until our wilderness wandering is over,
and we feast with you forever in the land that you have promised.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, O God, now and always. **Amen.**



SHARING BREAD AND CUP

Choral Anthem

Christ Has Saved Us, Christ Alone!

Music by Mary McDonald
Text by Justin Wainscott

Lift your voices, let us sing praises to our gracious King!
From His Spirit to our hearts, sweet assurance He imparts.

Christ has saved us, Christ alone; by His blood our sin atoned. All the glory to Him alone!
Christ has saved us, Christ alone.

No more fear and no more shame, Satan's lies are all the same.
If the guilt of sin delay, with assurance, we can say:
Christ has saved us, etc.

When no more this life we see, then in heaven we shall be;
There, we'll join the countless host and this shall be our boast:
Christ has saved us, etc.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, gracious God,
for giving us bread for the journey
of these forty days.
As we travel on through the wilderness
help us to share your grace with others
and draw us ever closer to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME



Closing Hymn #377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Charge and Benediction

Daniel Butterworth

Choral Response

Go Now in Peace

Don Besig

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Amen, Amen, Amen

Postlude

Jesus Paid It All

John T. Grape
Arr. Victor Labenske



We welcome Darhon Rees-Rohrbacher as this week's accompanist. Thank you Darhon!

Our guest preacher this morning is Daniel Butterworth, the Executive Director of Refugee and Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus (RISSE). Daniel is an Albany resident and Capital Region native with more than 15 years of experience working for local nonprofit organizations and higher education institutions. His long-standing passion for social justice issues and public service stems in part from his upbringing at East Greenbush United Methodist Church and participation in many service activities during his formative years. He brings a variety of skills and experience to help RISSE continue to grow and fulfill its mission to serve the refugee and recent immigrant families resettling in the Capital Region. Daniel holds two Master's degrees from the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy at the University at Albany (Master of Arts in Political Science and Master of Public Administration) and received his Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Drew University. **Welcome Daniel!**

Permission to reprint and stream the copyrighted music in this service is obtained from ONE LICENSE #A-700692, CCLI Streaming License #21525228 and/or CCLI Reprint #21525211. All rights reserved.

Altar Flowers
Are given by Sue & Carl Schell
In loving memory of
Bonnie Stone
On what would have been her 100th Birthday
March 1, 2023
&
Bob Stone
Who would have turned
101 on May 17, 2023

Stay in Touch with Westminster

- Visit our website: <https://wpcalbany.org>
- Like us on Facebook: [Westminster Presbyterian Church Albany](#)
- Get weekly news email messages by providing a current email address to the church office at office@wpcalbany.org or calling (518) 436-8544
- For more about Westminster's online communications, please contact us: communications@wpcalbany.org

2023 CHURCH OFFICERS

Session

Leah Threatte, Clerk of Session
Ephraim Adjei, John Bossung, Nancy Holroyd, Felicia Kollie-Gambles,
Peter McKee, Hannah Ohemaa-Takyi, Susan Schell, Linore Southworth

Deacons

Mary Bullis and Dodie Seagle, Co-moderators
Ruthanne Brod, Kelly Crisfield, Cynthia Dwyer,
Mabel McGraw, Elizabeth McMillan, Carolyn Smith

Trustees

John Bossung and Leif Hartmark, Co-chairs
David Adjei, Marie McClumpha, Laura Moody, David Norman,
Pete Seagle, Joy L. Tallmadge, Kathy Walter, Peter Wrede

CHURCH PROGRAM TEAM

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff, Pastor
pastor@wpcalbany.org
Cell: 240-281-5005

Christopher Price, Music Director
music@wpcalbany.org

Belinda Quaye, Director of Christian Education
belindaquaye@wpcalbany.org

CHURCH SUPPORT TEAM

Lorraine Charboneau, Church Administrator
office@wpcalbany.org

Kim Deal, Communications Manager
communications@wpcalbany.org

Forrest Holroyd, Treasurer
treasurer@wpcalbany.org

Joy L. Tallmadge, Associate Sexton

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

262 State Street (Mail to: 85 Chestnut Street)
Albany, New York 12210
Office: (518) 436-8544
Email: office@wpcalbany.org website: <https://wpcalbany.org>

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

401



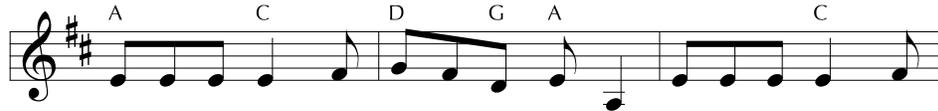
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb) and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a whole chord, followed by a series of eighth notes and quarter notes. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The top staff features a mix of chords and moving lines. The bottom staff maintains the harmonic support with chords and bass notes.

pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

The third system concludes the piece. The top staff ends with a final chord and a fermata. The bottom staff provides a steady accompaniment throughout.

This chorus from a longer song has become a popular sung prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Easily memorized, it makes a very suitable sung response at appropriate points during a series of prayer concerns or with repeated singing can open or close a time of prayer.

698 Take, O Take Me as I Am

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a half note chord (F2, A-flat2), followed by quarter notes (B-flat2, C3), eighth notes (D3, E-flat3), and a half note (F3) with a fermata. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords: (F2, A-flat2), (B-flat2, C3), (D3, E-flat3), and (F3).

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody continues with a half note (F3) with a fermata, followed by quarter notes (G3, A-flat3), eighth notes (B-flat3, C4), and a half note (D4) with a fermata. The bass staff accompaniment continues with chords: (F3), (G3, A-flat3), (B-flat3, C4), and (D4).

The brevity of this text and tune invite repeated singing, either as a sustained chain of sound or as a sung response in a series of prayers. It offers a more reflective approach to the same theme of self-dedication evident in older hymns such as "Just as I Am" (see no. 442).

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

The author-composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'A New Heaven and a New Earth'. It consists of two staves: a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.' The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and moving lines in the right hand.