



WESTMINSTER

— Presbyterian Church —

Albany, New York
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Service of Worship 10:00 am

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Transfiguration Sunday



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 our coffee hour.** We gather in the hall located directly under the sanctuary. Stairs are located through the doors on either side of the front of the sanctuary, followed by another stairway that leads downstairs. Additional stairs and an elevator are available at the rear of the sanctuary. We recognize that our 19th century building can be confusing to navigate! **We are here to help**—please speak to an usher if you need assistance.



WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

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

Prelude

Vater unser im Himmelreich

Dietrich Buxtehude

Call to Worship

Gail Garrison

One: At the mountain of the Lord bow down,

All: for the Lord our God is holy.

One: Let us worship God!



Opening Hymn #667

When Morning Gilds the Skies



Prayer of Confession

Gail Garrison

One: Let us now confess our sins, trusting in God's boundless mercy and grace.

**All: God of compassion,
in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,
but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.
We confess that we speak when we should listen,
and act when we should wait.
Forgive our aimless enthusiasms.
Grant us wisdom to live in your light
and to follow in the way of your beloved Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

(Time of silence)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gail Garrison

One: The one who calls light out of darkness
now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Amen.

Passing The Peace

Gail Garrison

Words of Welcome

Peter McKee

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD



Prayer for Illumination

Gail Garrison

One: God of shining splendor,
your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder.
Overshadow us with your Spirit so that we may hear your Word
and live as faithful disciples and covenant people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Scripture

Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Choral Anthem

Fantasia on "To God Be The Glory"

Hayes



Scripture

Micah 6:6-8

“With what shall I come before the Lord
 and bow myself before God on high?
 Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
 with calves a year old?
 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
 with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
 Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
 the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
 He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
 and what does the Lord require of you
 but to do justice and to love kindness
 and to walk humbly with your God?

Sermon

“Albany’s Underground Railroad: Faith Communities in Action:

Paul Stewart

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer Hymn #627

I Love You, Lord (sung twice)

Gathering Celebrations and Concerns

Peter McKee

Prayer Hymn #627

I Love You, Lord (sung once)

Prayers of the People

Judy Ashburn

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.**



Offering

Gail Garrison

Hymn #607

Doxology

Charge to the Congregation

Paul Stewart

WE ARE SENT IN GOD’S NAME



Closing Hymn #749

Come! Live in the Light!

Benediction

Paul Stewart

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in C Major BWV 553

J.S. Bach



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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!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

I Love You, Lord

627

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody in the treble staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a dotted quarter note A4, and then a half note Bb4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a half note C5, followed by a quarter note D5, and then a dotted quarter note E5. The bass staff continues with harmonic support.

joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a

The third system features a more active melody in the treble staff, including eighth and sixteenth notes. The bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment.

sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

The final system concludes the piece with a melodic phrase in the treble staff that ends with a long note. The bass staff provides a final harmonic accompaniment.

This simple song of adoration provides a significant blend of individual and communal considerations, for although the text is written in the voice of one person, the music involves multiple voices singing in harmony. The resulting experience seems more shared than solitary.

607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551
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here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;

praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

749 Come! Live in the Light!

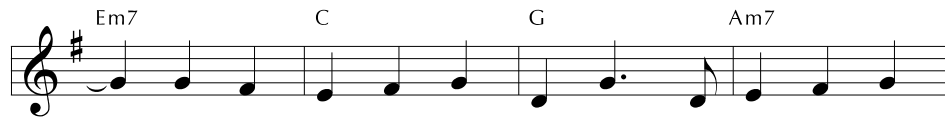
We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



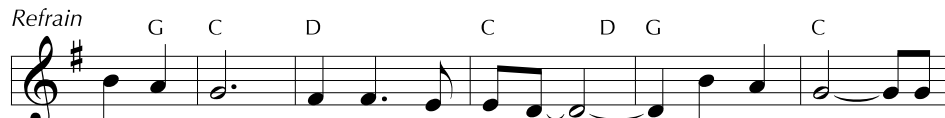
joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"