



# WESTMINSTER

— Presbyterian Church —

Albany, New York  
March 17, 2024  
Service of Worship 10:00 am

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**



**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** The Londonderry Air Herbert Sanders

**Call to Worship** Pete Seagle

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** Pete Seagle

One: Are you thirsty for grace? Are you hungry for mercy?  
God is calling; come to the waters. *Isaiah 55:1*  
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**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**

Pete Seagle

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**

Pete Seagle

**Words of Welcome**

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

**Choral Anthem**

The God of Love My Shepherd Is

Richard Peek

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**



**Prayer for Illumination**

Pete Seagle

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.**



**Psalm**

"Psalm-51"

Attached



**Scripture**

John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say--' Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

**Sermon**

"Draw"

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**Prayer Hymn #468**

In My Life (all verses)

### Gathering Celebrations and Concerns

**Prayer Hymn #468**

In My Life (verse 1)



**Prayers from State Street**

Ned Trudeau

**Prayers of the People**

Felicia Kollie-Gambles

### 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**

Pete Seagle



**Hymn #607**

Doxology

**Charge to the Congregation**

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

### WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME



Closing Hymn #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

**Benediction**

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

**Postlude**

Chancel Radiance

Carl Wilhelm Kern



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# 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.

# Psalm-51

John-Carter/James-Capers  
Chris-Price

$\text{♩} = 80$  *Refrain*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir-it with-in

4

me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take not your

7 *1., 2., 3.* *end after 3 refrain* *Leader*

Ho - ly Spir - it from me. 7 1.Cast me not a - way from your  
2.Re - store to me the joy of your sa -

11

pres-ence - va-tion; cast me not a - way from your pres-ence 7  
re - store to me the joy of your sal - va-tion; re

14

cast me not a - way from your pres - ence 7 and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion and up - hold me with your free

17 *To refrain*

from me.  
Spir - it.



468

# In My Life

## Lord, Be Glorified

1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.  
 2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.  
 3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.  
 4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.

This praise song can be understood as a sung version of the first part of the answer to the first question of the Westminster Catechism: that a human being's "chief end is to glorify God." Numerous related Scriptures can be cited, including 1 Corinthians 6:20 and 10:31.

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LORD, BE GLORIFIED  
 4.4.4.4.6

PRAYER

In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.  
 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.  
 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.  
 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.

607 Praise God, from Whom  
All Blessings Flow  
Doxology

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

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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.

# 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.