

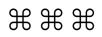
Albany, New York March 17, 2024 Service of Worship 10:00 am

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 | |
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| Call to Worship | | | | Pete Seagle | |
| | One: The Lord is merciful and grac slow to anger and abound All: Let us worship God! | - | Psalm 103:8 | | |
| 5 | Opening Hymn #401 | Here in This Place | | | |
| E E TITI | Prayer of Confession | | | Pete Seagle | |
| / // | 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 forgi Return us to paths of righteou through Jesus Christ, our Savi | isness | | | | | |
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| | (Time of silence) | | | | | | |
| Assura | nce of Forgiveness One: Listen, so that you may I The steadfast love of the Lord In the name of Jesus Christ, we | never fails | Pete Seagle | | | | |
| | All: Thanks be to God. | | | | | | |
| Passing The Peace Peters | | | | | | | |
| Words of Welcome | | | Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff | | | | |
| Choral Anthem The G | | The God of Love My Shepherd Is | Richard Peek | | | | |
| WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD | | | | | | | |
| \$M} | Prayer for Illumination | | Pete Seagle | | | | |
| | Gracious God, our way in the v guide us, by your Word, throug and minister to us with your H so that we may reformed, rest through Jesus Christ our Lord. | gh these forty days, oly Spirit, ored, and renewed; | | | | | |
| ۲ <u>ـ</u> ۲ | Psalm | " Psalm-51" | Attached | | | | |
| + | - Sum | | Attached | | | | |
| ۲ + | 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."

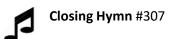
Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

| Sermon | "Draw" | Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff | | | | | |
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| 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 St | treet | Ned Trudeau | | | | | |
| Prayers of the People | e | 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



Benediction

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

Postlude

Chancel Radiance

Carl Wilhelm Kern



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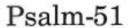
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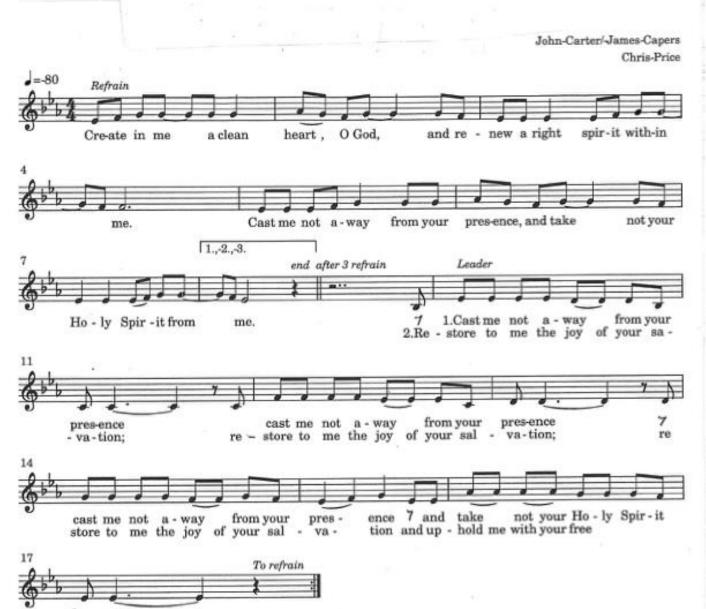
GATHERING



transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

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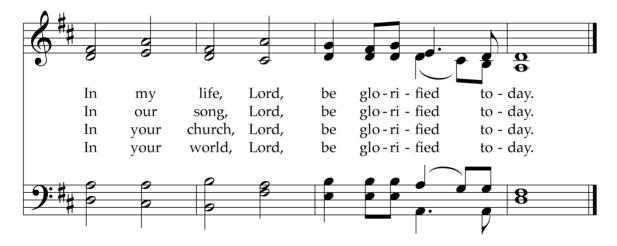


This praise song can be understood as a sung version of the first part of the answer to the first question of the Westminster Catechism: that a human being's "chief end is to glorify God." Numerous related Scriptures can be cited, including 1 Corinthians 6:20 and 10:31.

 TEXT and MUSIC: Bob Kilpatrick, 1978
 LORD, BE GLORIFIED

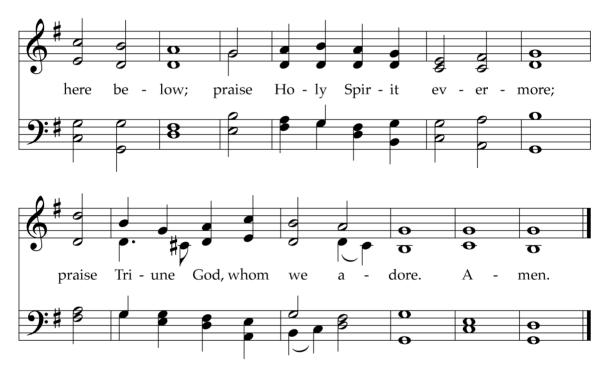
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PRAYER





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THE CHURCH

307 God of Grace and God of Glory 1 God of God of thy grace and glo - ry, on peo - ple e - vil round us 2 Lo! the hosts of 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 his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our sail self - ish thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, glad-ness, rich in de - plore. thy sal - va - tion be Let the gift of we our glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant cour-age, bud us to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant hearts to us cour-age, soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant things and poor in us cour-age, glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour-age, 0 for the fac - ing for the fac-ing of this hour, 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 widelyknown 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.

TEXT: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt. MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907