



WESTMINSTER

— Presbyterian Church —

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Service of Worship 10:00 a.m.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Trinity 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 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

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)



Call to Worship

Rev. Paul Rees-Rohrbacher

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the earth is full of the glory of God.
Let us worship God!

Isaiah 6:3



Opening Hymn #1

Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Call to Confession

Rev. Paul Rees-Rohrbacher

Jesus says: Let anyone who is thirsty come to me.
Out of the believer's heart
shall flow rivers of living water.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

John 7:37–38



Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Paul Rees-Rohrbacher

**God of grace, love, and communion,
 we confess that we have failed to love you
 with all our heart, soul, and mind;
 and to love our neighbor as ourselves.
 We ignore your commandments,
 stray from your way, and follow other gods.
 Have mercy on us.
 Forgive our sin and raise us to new life
 that we may serve you faithfully
 and give honor to your holy name.**

(Time of silence)

Words of Assurance

Rev. Paul Rees-Rohrbacher

God did not send the Son to condemn the world,
 but in order that the world might be saved through him.
 In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

John 3:17

Passing the Peace

Words of Welcome

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

Choral Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD



Prayer for Illumination

Holy, Holy, Holy One,
 guide us by the Spirit of truth
 to hear the Word of life you speak,
 and to give all glory, honor, and praise
 to your threefold name;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Sermon

Here I am!

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Gathering Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer Hymn #344

Where Armies Scourge the Countryside



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.**



Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Paul Rees-Rohrbacher

Hymn #607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

Charge to the Congregation

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME



Closing Hymn #761

Called as Partners in Christ

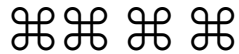
Charge and Benediction

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

Postlude

“March”

Flor Peeters (1903 - 1986)



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1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

The first system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, starting with a descant of four quarter notes: G4, B4, D5, G4. The middle staff is a piano accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The bottom staff is a bass line with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line.

ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

The second system of the musical score continues the three-staff format. The vocal line continues with a descant of four quarter notes: B4, D5, G4, B4. The piano and bass accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line.

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2–11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

THE TRIUNE GOD

ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

SPANISH

- 1 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Señor omnipotente,
siempre el labio mío loores te dará.
¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Te adoro reverente,
Dios en tres personas, bendita Trinidad.
- 2 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La inmensa muchedumbre
de ángeles que cumplen tu santa voluntad,
ante ti se postra, bañada de tu lumbre,
ante ti que has sido, que eres y serás.
- 3 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Por más que estés velado
e imposible sea tu gloria contemplar,
santo tú eres sólo y nada hay a tu lado,
en poder perfecto, pureza y caridad.
- 4 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La gloria de tu nombre
vemos en tus obras, en cielo, tierra y mar.
¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La humanidad te adore,
Dios en tres personas, bendita Trinidad.

KOREAN

- 1 거룩거룩거룩 전능하신 주여
이른아침우리주를 찬송합니다
거룩거룩거룩 자비하신 주여
성삼위일체 우리주로다
- 2 거룩거룩거룩 주의보좌 앞에
모든성도 금면류관 벗어드리네
천군천사 모두주께 굴복하니
영원히 위에 계신 주로다
- 3 거룩거룩거룩 주의 빛난 영광
모든죄인 눈어두워 보지못하네
거룩하신 이가 주님밖에 누구
권능과사랑 온전하셔라
- 4 거룩거룩거룩 전능하신 주여
천지만물 주의이름 찬송합니다
거룩거룩거룩 자비하신 주여
성삼위일체 우리주로다

344 Where Armies Scourge the Countryside Bring Peace to Earth Again

Capo 5: (Am) (Dm) (Am)
Dm Gm Dm

1 Where ar - mies scourge the coun - try - side, and
 2 Where an - ger fes - ters in the heart, and
 3 Where homes are torn by bit - ter strife, and
 4 O God, whose heart com - pas - sion - ate bears

(F) (Dm) (Em) (Am) (B♭)
B♭ Gm Am Dm E♭

peo - ple flee in fear, where si - rens scream through
 strikes with cru - el hand; where vio - lence stalks the
 love dis - solves in blame; where walls you meant for
 ev - ery hu - man pain, re - deem this vio - lent,

(E) (Am) (F) (E)
A Dm B♭ A

flam - ing nights, and death is ev - er near:
 trou - bled streets, and ter - ror haunts the land:
 shel - tering care hide deeds of hurt and shame:
 wound - ing world till gen - tle - ness shall reign.

Refrain (Am) (Dm) (G) (C) (F) (Dm) (Em) (Am)
Dm Gm C F B♭ Gm Am Dm

O God of mer - cy, hear our prayer. Bring peace to earth a - gain!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text was a response to several events: ethnic cleansing in the Balkans, the aftermath of the Oklahoma City bombing, revelations of child abuse, the general state of the world. For all such horrors, the only hope is the peace God offers. The tune name means "Peace, my God."

607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551
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SERVICE MUSIC


here below; praise Holy Spirit ever more;

praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.


Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761




1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-ques-trife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.