

Congregational Church of Westminster West
A United Church of Christ
May 21, 2023
Sixth Sunday of Eastertide

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "I Am the Resurrection" - John Michael Talbot

*Call to Worship

All: We come before you, O God, in Easter joy, seeking to be a people of the resurrection. Be known among us; grant us the assurance of your presence, your love, and your renewing power. Through your Word and Spirit, reveal to us your purpose in our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

*Hymn No. 277 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty!
Early in the morning we praise your majesty.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Saints adore you truly,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim bow before you only,
From the beginning, God eternally.

Holy, holy, holy! Though we know but dimly,
Though the eyes of humankind your glory may not see,
You alone are holy, you alone are worthy,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! God the Almighty!
All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Prayer of Confession (*seated*)

All: God, we confess that there are many hours when we are not mindful of your presence. We give up the comfort and avoid the challenges that come from your Word and Spirit. Forgive us and restore the joy of knowing You. And hear us now as we silently confess those things that keep us apart from You. [Silent Prayer]

Assurance of Pardon

L: The good news is that God forgives us and gives us Christ to be living water. Let us accept with joy the precious gift of abundant life.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Gloria No. 756 (see inside back of hymnal)

Scripture Lesson: Romans 6:1-14

Prayers of the People

L: May the Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

Joys and Concerns

Silence

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn No. 234 "I'll Shout the Name of Christ Who Lives"

I'll shout the name of Christ who lives,
Who lives, who lives, that all might live;
Christ broke death's power at Calvary,
And now I know from sin I'm free.

Dear brothers sing among all here,
And leap with joy, my sisters dear;
Alone at home we seek our peace,
There Jesus comes to bring release.

Once more we shout our joy and praise
To One we love, whose throne is grace,
Whose way is Life, whose Word fulfills
As we in gladness do God's will.

Sermon "Who Are You, Lord?"

Offertory "Peaceful Piano #9" - Mark Hayes

*Doxology *Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God for all that Love has done.
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One.*

*Prayer of Dedication

