

**FAIRVIEW
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



Order for the Service of Worship

The Lord's Day ~ Sunday, January 3, 2021

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT | *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, #92, vs. 1*

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art; visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

CALL TO WORSHIP | *Psalm 24:7-10*

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

HYMN OF ADORATION | *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah, #52*

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'ful hand; Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through; Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside; Bear me thro' the swelling current, Land me safe on Canaan's side; Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to Thee.

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAISE REPOSE | *Gloria Patri*

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *adapted from Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration*

Mighty God, our Rock and our Shield, you are our deliverer and our refuge from danger. We know we have nothing to fear in life or in death, yet we do fear. You have told us to rest from our own striving, yet we often rely on our own strength and find ourselves consumed with anxiety and deeply shaken by this world and by our own weakness. You have promised to work all things in this universe together for our spiritual blessing and good, yet we doubt your love and argue with your wisdom. You provide abundantly, and we are skeptical that you will continue to supply. Father, forgive our unbelief and our waywardness. Forgive us for taking your care for granted. Would you give us growing faith to believe in your relentless love for us and strong minds to discern your truth from Satan's lies. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE | *Romans 8:31-34*

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was dead and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN OF PREPARATION | *Now Thank We All Our God, #556*

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices; Who form our mother's arms, hath blest us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God though all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore, for thus it was is now, and shall be evermore.

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON TEXT | *Proverbs 16:9*

The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.

SERMON TITLE | *The Year of Our Lord*

Rev. Jonathan Williams

HYMN OF RESPONSE | *He Leadeth Me, #461*

He leadeth me! O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught! Whate'er I do, where'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!

Refrain:

He leadeth me, He leadeth me, By His own hand He leadeth me: His faithful foll'wer I would be, For by His hand He leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, Nor ever murmur nor repine, Content, whatever lot I see, Since 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me! [Refrain]

And when my task on earth is done, When, by Thy grace, the vict'ry's won, E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God thru Jordan leadeth me!

BENEDICTION

THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE