**Westmont Presbyterian Church**

**February 28, 2021**

**2nd Sunday in Lent**

**Prelude/Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

 Our worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor to the triune God.

**We proclaim God present in our lives and our world.**

 As we respond to God’s claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ,

we are transformed and renewed.

**Today we offer ourselves to God that we may be equipped for**

**God’s service in the world. Come, let us worship God.**

**Hymn** #85 (vs.1-2) *What Wondrous Love is This?*

 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul. What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the heavy cross for my soul!

 For my soul, to bear the heavy cross for my soul!

 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, To God and to the Lamb I will sing;

 To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am, While millions join the them, I will sing;

 While millions join the theme, I will sing!

**Call to Confession** – [Liturgist: We have come together not to be affirmed for our righteousness, but to offer to God our wounds and our sin that we might be healed and forgiven to live anew. Now with humility before God, let us confess our sin together. Let us pray.]

**Prayer of Confession**

 **In sovereign love, God created the world good and made everyone equally in God’s image, male and female of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we wound the image of God in others and in ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit nature, and turn our backs on the living God. As we journey through this Lenten season, have mercy on us, O Holy God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon** – [Liturgist: Our of mercy, God executes judgment among us. Forgiveness is not cheap grace. God continues to expect faithfulness in all things. Yet when we come in humble penitence and a sincere desire to change our ways, God grants us mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ know that you are forgiven to live anew and be at peace. Amen.]

**Response to Prayer Hymn # 85 (vs.3)** *What Wondrous Love is This?*

 And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on.

 And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on; And when from death I’m free,

 I’ll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on, And through eternity, I’ll sing on.

**Time with Children**

**Responsive Reading**  from **Psalm 22**

 You who revere the Lord, give praise! All you offspring of Jacob, Rachel and Leah

 glorify God; stand in awe of God, all you offspring of Israel!

**For God did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;**

**God did not hide his face from me, but heard me when I cried to God.**

 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows

 I will pay before those who revere God.

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek God shall give praise the.**

**May your hearts live forever!**

 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God;

 and all the families of the nations shall worship before God.

**For dominion belongs to God, who rules over the nations.**

 To God, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before God shall bow

 all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for God.

**Posterity will serve God; future generations will be told about God,**

**and proclaim God’s deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that God has done it.**

 Here ends the reading of God’s word. Thanks be to God.

**Scripture Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Matthew 6:9-15**

**Sermon: *Now is the Acceptable Time: Discerning God’s Will***

**Special Music** *Be Still and Know That I Am God* **Members of the Chancel Choir**

# **Prayer for the Lord’s Day** (concluding with *The Lord’s Prayer)*

 Our Father, which 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. 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.

**Hymn #366** (vs.1-2) *Jesus Thy Boundless Love to Me*

 Jesus, Thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare;

 O knit my thankful heart to Thee, and reign without a rival there!

 Thine holy, Thin alone, I’d live, myself to Thee entirely give.

 O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but Thy pure love alone;

 O may Thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure and my crown!

 All coldness from my heart remove; May every act, word, thought be love.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Offering: There are baskets for your offering located at the front and the back**

**of the Sanctuary. Thank you for your generosity.**

**Announcement: Our Annual Congregational Meeting will take place immediately after**

**the end of the worship service. Please remain seated until the postlude and the livestreaming are concluded. Thank you.**

**Participating in the Service: Rev. Dr. René Whitaker, Interim Pastor**

 **Mr. Jim Hutchinson, Director of Music**

 **Ms. Danielle Kendig, Christian Educator**

 **Ms. Kristen Kane, Children’s Music Director**

 **Mr. Kevin Howell, Technician Guru**

 **Members of the Chancel Choir**

**Don’t forget to tune in to Wednesday at Westmont. This week Xenia Yelovich will be our guest organist.** Ms. Yelovich holds a Bachelor’s in Sacred Music with a focus on organ performance from Seton Hill University. Currently, she is Pastoral Associate for Music & Liturgy at St. John Baptist de La Salle and St. Mary Our Lady of Lourdes in Delmont, PA.

We look forward to welcoming her to WPC on Wednesday.

 **Our recitalists will be: 3/10 - Bryan Lohr**

 **3/17 - Jacob Gruss**

 **3/24 – John Salveston**

**Please note that you are welcome to attend our Wednesday recitals as long as you are masked and continue to respect our socially distanced space. (Thank you.) Hope to see you soon.**