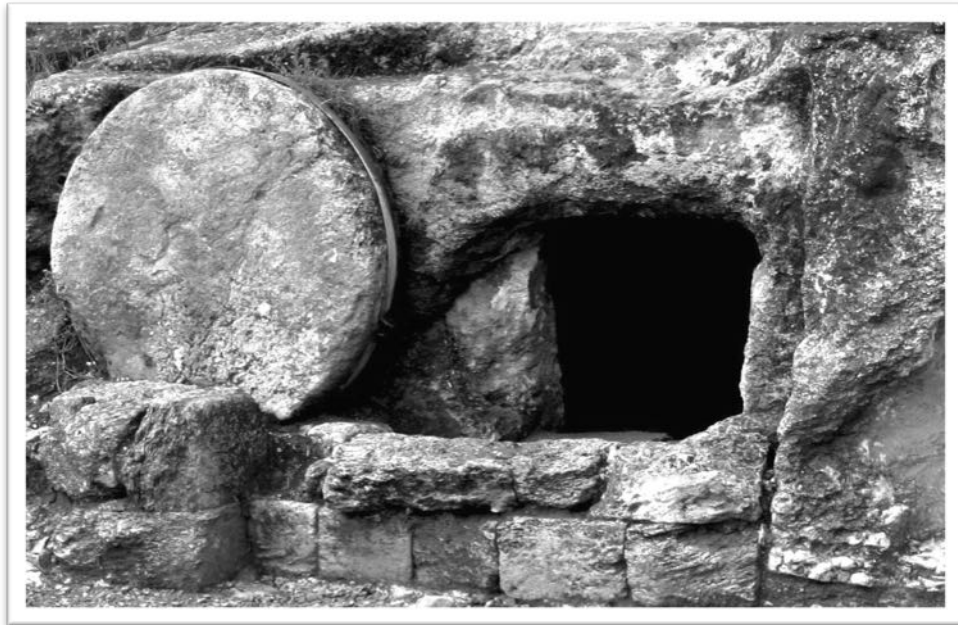

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Service of Worship

April 1st, 2018

Easter Sunday: The Celebration of the Resurrection



The best news the world ever had came from a graveyard.

- *Anonymous*

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church. We are grateful to have you join us today, as we offer worship to God through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

A few notes to help you fully participate:

Our worship will keep you busy! We often think of worship as “singing songs” and “hearing a sermon,” but there is greater depth available to us. We pray and read together, we use our bodies, we hear, and eat, and respond, and all from the heart.

Please note that when the congregation is to read, the type will be boldfaced and indented:

[Leader] The Lord be with you!

***[Congregation]* And also with you!**

Please note the * and § symbols to indicate standing or standing and raising hands.

THE LORD'S SUPPER: Also known as “communion”, the Lord’s Supper is rite of fellowship between Christ and His people. We invite all who have been initiated into the family of God by baptism, and admitted to table fellowship by the leadership of this or some other church, to join in the communion service by faith. If you haven’t been baptized, please speak with the pastor or elders before the service if you would like to come to join in the Holy Supper.

CHILDREN: You will notice many children in our service today. Jesus welcomed little children to Himself, and so we welcome them in our worship service! We understand that this means baby noises and wiggly children, and we're fine with that. If your child is fussy or needs a little time to quiet down, we have a mother's nursery in the side room. We're happy to accommodate your family in any way we can.

TODAY’S WORSHIP: Christ rose from the grave! This is the central event in all of world history – from creation to consummation, this is the great truth on which all truth stands or falls.

APOSTOLIC GREETING AND WELCOME

SILENT MEDITATION: JOHN 20:19

“Peace be with you.”

Please take this time of silence to prepare your hearts before the Lord.

***CALL TO WORSHIP: REVELATION 20:6**

Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

§DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***HYMN: CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY, NO. 277**

* Please stand if you are able. § Please stand and raise your hands.

***RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 3**

O LORD, how many are my foes!

Many are rising against me;
many are saying of my soul,

“There is no salvation for him in God. Selah

But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,
my glory, and the lifter of my head.

I cried aloud to the LORD,

and he answered me from his holy hill. Selah

I lay down and slept;

I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.

I will not be afraid of many thousands of people
who have set themselves against me all around.

Arise, O LORD!

Save me, O my God!

For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;

you break the teeth of the wicked.

Salvation belongs to the LORD;

your blessing be on your people!

KINGDOM PRAYER

At the conclusion of each request, we implore the Lord's mercy to hear our prayers, as follows:

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer.

We pray for the following:

- *Christ's name to be glorified throughout the earth.*
- *Each one of our missionaries:*
- *Stoms (on Sabbatical – serving in South Africa)*
- *[Missionary family] in the Middle East*
- *Kruzhkov family in Russia*
- *Leaman family in Brazil*

OFFERTORY AND PRAYER

***HYMN:** *LIFT HIGH THE CROSS*, NO. 263

***SCRIPTURE READINGS**

We give thanks for the Word of God with the following statement after each reading:

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ISAIAH 40:9-11

NEW TESTAMENT READING AND SERMON TEXT: 2 TIMOTHY 1:8-12

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,¹⁰ and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 28:1-10

CONFESSION OF FAITH: ROMANS 1:1-6

THE GOSPEL OF GOD,

which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

PRAYER FOR THE SERMON

SERMON: *SHAME AND THE ABOLITION OF DEATH*, REV. JERID KRULISH

***HYMN:** *IN CHRIST ALONE*

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

***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
crucified, 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. Amen.

[°] *lit. hades, i.e. under the power of death* † *The congregation is permitted to kneel.*

EXHORTATION TO CONFESSION: ISAIAH 25:8

He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN: from PSALM 51

Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean;
wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow.
Hide your face from our sins,
and blot out all our iniquities.
Create in us clean hearts, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Cast us not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation,
and uphold us with a willing spirit.
O Lord, open our lips,
and our mouths will declare your praise.

† SILENT REPENTANCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: MARK 10:45

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his
life as a ransom for many.

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

After the declaration, let the congregation respond, "Amen."

HYMN: CHRIST JESUS LAY IN DEATH'S STRONG BANDS, P. 12

EXHORTATION AT THE TABLE

You are welcome to the Lord's Table if you are a baptized Christian who has been received into communal membership by this or any other church.

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

§ GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen, Amen.**

*** PRAYER OF THANKS AND INTERCESSION**

At this time, please move to the perimeter of the sanctuary in a closed circle. The elders will come and serve you; please hold your bread until all have received, and then we will eat together. The wine will be distributed in the same manner. It is our privilege to bless the non-communing children.

*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*** DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

Our bread is gluten-free. The fruit of the vine is real wine, except for the innermost ring of the tray, which has no alcohol.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

***HYMN: CHRIST IS RISEN**

How can it be, the One who died,
Has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death?
Sing, sing hallelujah.

For joy awakes as dawning light
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their Friend and King;
Christ, Christ He is risen.

✦ *CHORUS*

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!
Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed;
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.

Where doubt and darkness once had been,
They saw Him and their hearts believed.
But blessed are those who have not seen,
Yet, sing hallelujah.

Once bound by fear now bold in faith,
They preached the truth and power of grace.
And pouring out their lives they gained
Life, life everlasting.

✦ *CHORUS*

The power that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to powerfully save.
He frees our hearts to live His grace;
Go tell of His goodness.

✦ *CHORUS (x2)*

***BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN**



Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. Acts 2:24

Martin Luther, 1524, cento
Tr. by Richard Massie, 1854, alt.

CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN 8. 7. 8. 7. 7. 8. 7. 4.
Based on "Christ ist erstanden," c. 1100

1. Christ Je-sus lay in death's strong bands, For our of-fens-es giv-en;
2. It was a strange and dread-ful strife When life and death con-tend-ed;
3. Here the true Pas-chal Lamb we see, Whom God so free-ly gave us;
4. So let us keep the fes-ti-val Where-to the Lord in-vites us;
5. Then let us feast this joy-ful day On Christ, the Bread of heav-en;

But now at God's right hand he stands And brings us life from heav-en;
The vic-to-ry re-mained with life, The reign of death was end-ed;
He died on the ac-curs-ed tree— So strong his love!— to save us.
Christ is him-self the Joy of all, The Sun that warms and lights us.
The Word of grace hath purged a-way The old and e-vil leav-en.

There-fore let us joy-ful be And sing to God right thank-ful-ly
Ho-ly Scrip-ture plain-ly saith That death is swal-lowed up by death,
See, his blood doth mark our door; Faith points to it, death pass-es o'er,
By his grace he doth im-part E-ter-nal sun-shine to the heart;
Christ a-lone our souls will feed, He is our meat and drink in-deed;

Loud songs of hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah!
His sting is lost for ev-er. Hal-le-lu-jah!
And Sa-tan can-not harm us. Hal-le-lu-jah!
The night of sin is end-ed. Hal-le-lu-jah!
Faith lives up-on no oth-er. Hal-le-lu-jah! A-MEN.

FOR FAMILY AND PRIVATE WORSHIP:

HYMN OF THE MONTH: *LIFT HIGH THE CROSS*, NO. 263

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM:

This week's lesson:

Q. 4. How can you glorify God?

A. By loving him and doing what he commands.

Next week's lesson:

Q. 5. Why ought you to glorify God?

A. Because he made me and takes care of me.

WPC BIBLE READING PLAN: ONE CHURCH, ONE CHAPTER

	<u>Reading 1</u>	<u>Reading 2</u>	<u>Psalm</u>
4/1	Exodus 12:1-14	Luke 24:1-12	Ps. 149-50
4/2	Exodus 13:3-16	Luke 24:13-49	Ps. 98
4/3	Exodus 15:1-21	Matthew 28	Ps. 103
4/4	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Acts 2:22-36	Ps. 97
4/5	Jeremiah 31:10-14	Acts 3:12-4:12	Ps. 146
4/6	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Acts 13:26-41	Ps. 136
4/7	Daniel 12	Philippians 3:7-21	Ps. 145

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

Pray for the Leamans in Brazil

- Wisdom and grace as they work together with PMU (Presbyterian Missionary Union) on decisions for future ministry opportunities in North Brazil.
- They would be able to move out of their small apartment and find a house with some land.
- They would find a new vehicle that is easy enough to drive and can fit the whole family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

THE BOOK OF PSALMS STUDY

All are welcome. Meeting at the home of Kristine Ozaine.

Wednesdays at 7pm

YOUNG MEN'S PROVERB'S STUDY

A study for younger men. Dinner is provided. Meeting at the Sturtevant's home. Please contact the church for directions.

Tuesday, April 10th, 6:30pm for dinner, 7:00PM for the study.

(Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday)

WEDDING INVITATION

Charlie and Nancy Lystrup cordially invite you to join them in the celebration of the union of their daughter, Annika Danielle Lystrup, to Michael Berkompas

Saturday, April 7th. 1:30 pm

Garden Valley Church - Roseburg, OR

Please RSVP by texting (360) 719-0399

SECOND SUNDAY SABBATH MEALS

Sunday, April 14th. Sign up as a host or guest household (or both, and we'll pick which we need) and we'll match you up with 1-3 others for a meal and fellowship – a great way to spend a Sunday! Similar to the Christmas dinners, but less formal, and whole families are included. Sign up with an email to admin@solochristo.org.

WEDDING AND BAPTISMAL FEAST

Celebrating Michael and Annika's marriage and the baptisms of Cecily Strutevant and Tabor Mack.

Sunday, April 22nd

