

**LARGE PRINT BULLETIN**  
**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Knowing Christ....Making Christ Known  
March 15, 2020  
9:45 A.M. Live-Stream Worship



GATHERING THOUGHT

VIRUS

*Religion that is pure and undefiled  
before God, the Creator, is this:  
to care for orphans and widows in their distress,  
and to keep oneself unstained by the world.*  
—James 1.27

What if you tried to stay spotless from one stain and were marked  
by a completely different one instead?

What if you are a carrier?

What if no amount of washing, even a baptism by immersion,  
can remove the germ in you, silently replicating,  
passing to everyone you touch, outfoxing the authorities,  
leaping boundaries, outpacing all our defenses, changing you forever?

What if you self-quarantine and still it gets into you,  
whether or not you are prepared, or worthy, or strong enough,  
upsetting your life, your plans, your control?

What if you're too late,  
you've already eaten the bread unwashed, drunk undefended?

What if by some impossible turn or by an ordinary encounter  
it has infected you and you need to be careful in touching people  
because it spreads, and soon it will change the world,  
this living entity, with a life and will of its own,  
gushing up to eternal life, this virus of Divine Love?

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# **ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

## **3rd Sunday of Lent**

**March 15, 2020**

**9:45 A.M.**

### **PRELUDE**

**WELCOME** (*Please fill out the guest book form online.*)

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 121)

*Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?*

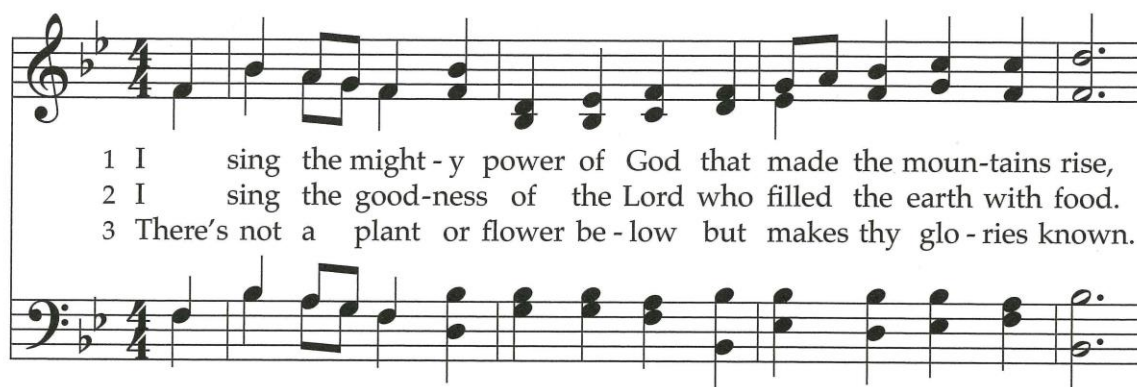
**People: My help comes from the LORD; who made heaven and earth.**

*Leader: The LORD will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will neither slumber nor sleep.*

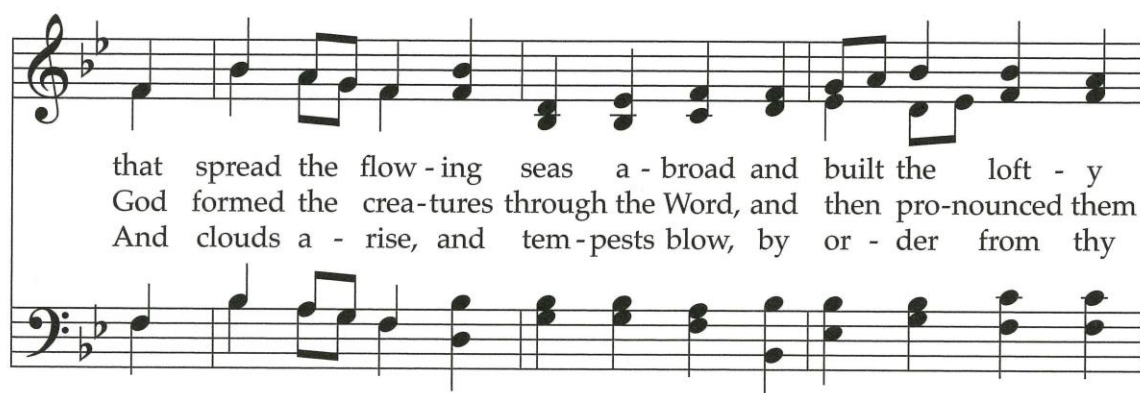
**People: The LORD is my keeper; the Lord is the shade at my right hand.**

*Leader: The LORD will keep you from all evil; the LORD will keep your life.*

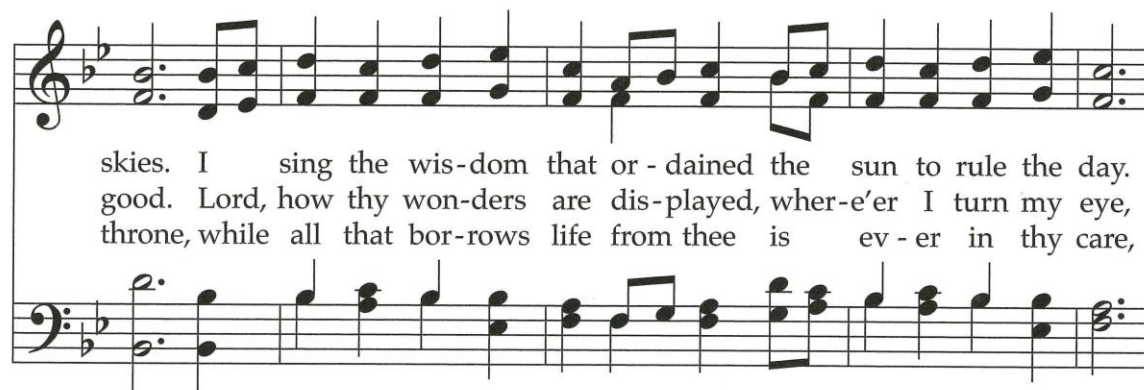
**People: The LORD will keep my going out and my coming in, from this time on and forevermore. Let us worship the LORD!**

**HYMN #32***I Sing The Mighty Power of God**(stand if able)*

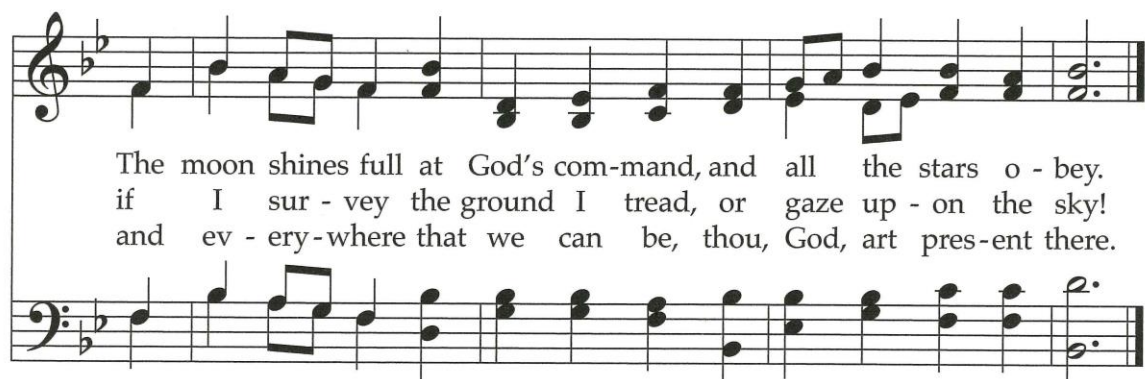
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y  
God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them  
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.  
good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,  
throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us when we forget that You alone are Lord. Forgive us when we believe we have all we need in ourselves to make the world right. Renew in us a confidence that all things are held in Your hands – even these days – so that we might be relieved of our fear and filled with hope anew.....(*time for us to offer silent prayers of confession*).

I want Je - sus to walk with me; I want Je - sus  
to walk with me; all a - long my pil - grim  
jour - ney, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.*

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**     *(please stand if able)*

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.

## **MOMENT FOR CHILDREN**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

.....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.

## **OFFERTORY**

## **DOXOLOGY** *(please stand if able)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all  
creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**(from *Feasting on the Word*)

O Lord, You are our God; we are the people of Your pasture, and  
the sheep of Your hand. As you have fed us by Your mercy, and  
been our Good Shepherd, so use us and our gifts to care for  
everyone in Your flock. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.  
*(please be seated)*

## **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

*Pastor: The Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **MEDITATION**

Don Lincoln



**HYMN #687**      *Our God, Our Help In Ages Past*      (stand if able)  
**Vss 1, 2, 3, 6**

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our  
2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the  
saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine  
earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing  
like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

**BENEDICTION**  
**POSTLUDE**

**Thanks for worshipping with us today.**