



Westminster
Presbyterian Church

April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

"Simple Gifts"

arr. Joseph P. Martin

WELCOME

MUSIC FOR PREPARATION "Bergere Captive"

by Pierre Octave Ferroud
Gia Evans, flutist

You may come forward and light a candle to represent the prayer you bring today.

INTROIT

"Bind Us Together"

#2226 (*Sing the Faith*)

***Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken.***

***Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,
Lord, bind us together with love.***

***There is only one God; There is only one King;
There is only one body, That is why we sing.***

***Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken.***

***Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,
Lord, bind us together with love.***

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from liturgylink.net, adapted)

We come to this place where God pours out love on us.

We join our voices in praise, as we set aside our fears.

We gather as people who seek to follow Jesus,

So we might walk the paths of service hand in hand.

We open our hearts to the gifts of the Spirit,

So that love and grace might be the fruit we bear.

*HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

#376 (Hymnal)

***Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown!***

That Word and water thus revive and join us to your Tree of Life.

PRAYER

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

*HYMN "Christ Is Alive" #108 (*Hymnal*)

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.

Love drowned in death, shall never die.

***Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.***

***Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,
But daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the God-head reigns.***

***In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives where even hope has died.***

***Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.***

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE "Christ Beside Me" #2166 (*Sing the Faith*)

Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me – King of my heart.

Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me – never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,

Christ all around me – shield in the strife;

Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,

Christ in my rising – light of my life.

Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me – King of my heart;

Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me – never to part.

POSTLUDE

"Go Out"

arr. Phillip P Martin

About today's special music: Gia Evans is a recent graduate of WMU with a dual degree in Flute Performance and Spanish. She hopes to continue her education to acquire a Masters in Music at La Escuela Superior de Música Reina Sofia in Spain. We welcome Gia and thank her for sharing the gift of music with us this morning.