



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

Portage, Michigan

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday after Easter

PRELUDE "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" arr Phillip Keveren

WELCOME

MUSIC FOR PREPARATION "Heavenly Sunlight" Melody Bober

INTROIT "Yahweh, I Adore You" #2038 (*Sing*)

***Yahweh, I adore You, Lay my life before You, How I love You  
Jesus, I adore You, Lay my life before You, How I love You  
Spirit, I adore You, Lay my life before You, How I love You***

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into this house of praise!

**Praise God for God's everlasting love.**

Come, join together in song!

**Praise God for God's endless grace.**

Come, let us worship our God!

**Praise God for God's son, Jesus the Christ.**

Come, let us worship!

\*HYMN "There's a Wideness In God's Mercy" #298 (*Hymnal*)

***There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in God's justice,  
Which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
Are more felt than up in heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings  
Have such kindly judgment given.***

***For the love of God is broader  
Than the measures of the mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.***

***If our love were but more faithful,  
We would gladly trust God's word;  
And our lives reflect thanksgiving  
For the goodness of our Lord.***

**PRAYER**

**Almighty God, we come offering our praise for the blessings you shower upon us day by day. Open our hearts to hear your Word for us. Help us to conquer the fear to love others. Remind us that perfect love casts out fear. Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love, even in the face of our imperfections. Imbue us with a love so strong, with such growth toward perfection, that we may cast aside our pride and embrace the power of love.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**                      Psalm 22:25-31

**ANTHEM**                                      "The Music of Ministry"                                      Joseph M. Martin

**SCRIPTURE READING**                      1 John 4:17-21

**SERMON**                                      "Love First"                                      Lisa Buesing

**HYMN**                                      "Ancient Words"

***Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,  
They resound with God's own heart Oh, let the ancient words impart.***

***Words of life, words of hope Give us strength, help us cope  
In this world, where e'er we roam Ancient words will guide us home.***

***Ancient words ever true changing me, and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts; Oh let the ancient words impart.***

***Holy words of our faith, handed down to this age.  
Came to us through sacrifice; Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.***

***Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world.  
They resound with God's own heart; Oh let the ancient words impart.***

***Ancient words ever true, changing me, and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts; Oh let the ancient words impart. (repeat 3x)  
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**MISSION INTERPRETATION**                                      Barb Daniels

**PRAYER**

**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

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

#464 (Hymnal)

*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the gloom of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

"Dona Nobis Pacem"

*Dona nobis pacem, pacem, Dona nobis pacem, pacem.  
Grant us peace, grant us peace.  
Grant us peace on earth, grant us peace.  
Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem.*

POSTLUDE

"Indescribable"

arr by Carol Tornquist