

WEST BERLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1876

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2nd Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

GATHERING TIME (10:15 – 10:30 AM) Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6145951009>

Dial 929 436 2866 or 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 614 595 1009

WELCOME & PRELUDE

God is Good. **All the time.** & All the time. **God is good.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Peace be with you.

P: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity.

L: Receive the Holy Spirit.

P: It is like precious oil on the head, the blessing of the Lord.

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

We have an advocate with God—Jesus Christ, the righteous one—who offered his life in love to save the world from sin. This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

No. 9

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 FOR ILLUMINATION & FIRST READING

Psalm 133

The Blessedness of Unity

¹How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! ²It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. ³It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

YOUTH MESSAGE ID Please!

SPECIAL MUSIC

SECOND READING Acts 4:32-35 The Believers Share Their Possessions

³² Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵ They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Two Very Different Reactions to the Death of Jesus Dr. Susan Fisher

HYMN "All Things Bright and Beautiful" No. 737 (See attached)

ANNOUNCEMENTS - JOYS & CONCERNS – PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – 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.

CALL TO OFFERING - PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – 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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 776 (See attached)

CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Grant you joy, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor.

Lift your eyes and see his face, feel his grace forever.

May the Lord mighty God bless and keep you forever.

All Things Bright and Beautiful

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. Genesis 1:31

Unison

Refrain: All things bright and beau-ti-ful, All crea-tures great and small,

Fine

And all things wise and won-der-ful- The Lord God made them all.

1. Each lit-tle flow'r that o-pens up, Each lit-tle bird that sings-
2. The cold wind in the win-ter-time, The pleas-ant sum-mer sun,

He made their glow-ing col-ors, and He made their ti-ny wings. The
The ripe fruits in the gar-den now- He made them-ev-'ry one. He

pur-ple-head-ed moun-tain, The riv-er run-ning by, The
gave us eyes to see them all, And lips that we might tell How


D.C. al Fine

sun-set and the morn-ing light That bright-ens up the sky,
great is the Al-might-y God Who has made all things well.


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For the Beauty of the Earth


Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father.
James 1:17



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the won - der of each hour, Of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child;
4. For Thy Church that ev - er - more Lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,
5. For Thy - self, best gift di - vine, To the world so free - ly giv'n;



For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
Friends on earth, and friends a - bove; For all gen - tle tho'ts and mild;
Of - fring up on ev - 'ry shore Her pure sac - ri - fice of love,
For that great, great love of Thine, Peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.