## WEST BERLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1876
Julia Roll, Organist
2nd Sunday of Easter

Dr. Robert J. Gustafson, Pastor

Dr. Susan Fisher, Preaching Amy Martindale, Song Leader

April 7, 2024

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

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

<sup>1</sup> How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! <sup>2</sup> It 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. <sup>3</sup> It 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

<sup>32</sup> 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. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> 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. <sup>35</sup> 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.

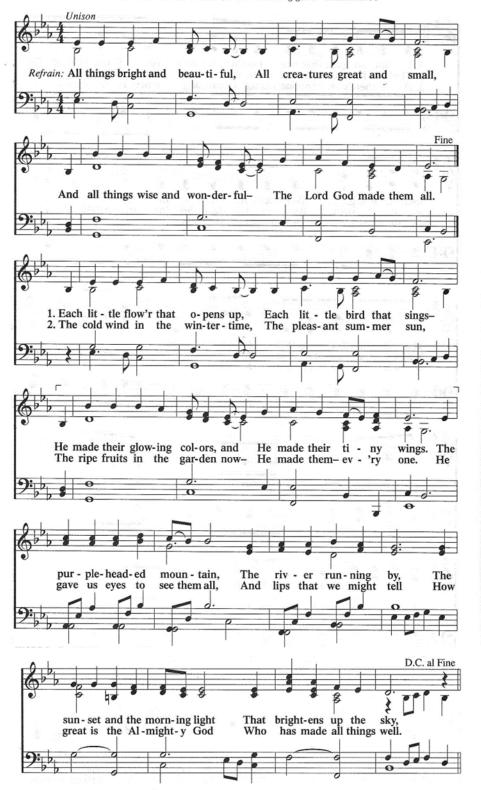
Grant you joy, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor.

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

May the Lord mighty God bless and keep you forever.

## 737 All Things Bright and Beautiful

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





# For the Beauty of the Earth

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father.

James 1:17

