

Responding to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

Sending of God's Word

*CLOSING HYMN *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory* #190

*BENEDICTION

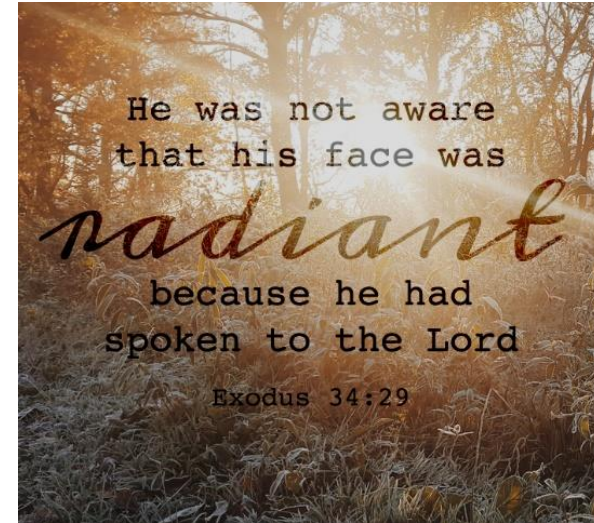
POSTLUDE *Knowing You* Graham Kendrick

SPECIAL JOINING SUNDAY ON MARCH 6TH: If anyone is interested in becoming a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church we will be having a Special Joining Sunday, immediately following the service in the Youth Room with Pastors and Session Members. Please call the church office (541) 343-3140 if you are interested. We would love to have you join our church!

Birthdays this week: Lucille McKenzie 3/01, Tom Stocks 3/02, Vince Manion 3/02, Annabelle Marwitz 3/04, Steve Halberg 3/04, Mike Wilson 3/05, Leone Burger 3/05

Our Lord Jesus said "*it is more blessed to give than to receive*" and one of the ways we do this is by giving our tithes and our offerings to support the ministry and mission of the church. At this time, we are not passing a shared offering plate, but there is a place for you to leave your tithes and offerings in the Narthex.

Leading in worship today:
Marta and David Ukropina, co-pastors
Ursula Damgaard, Music Director



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Eugene, Oregon
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Gathering Around God's Word

PRELUDE *Ancient of Days* Gary Sadler and Jamie Harvill

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We have seen the light of God:

**on the lofty mountain in joy,
in the valleys that have been made fertile.**

We have witnessed the light of Christ:

**in the resurrection of the body,
in the hope of reconciliation.**

We have known the light of the Spirit:

**with eyes that have been opened,
we have seen the light of the Lord!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

In trust, let us call upon God's holy name, confess our sin, and receive forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, hearing of the transfiguration, we become aware that we ourselves need to be changed. Sin stains our lives and soils our hearts. The truth is often far from us. Cleanse us with your love. Wipe away our transgressions. Purify us so that we might begin again to follow in the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Let us continue our prayers in silence)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The good news of our faith is this: if we call upon God we will be answered and forgiven. That promise gives us peace and joy.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

ANTHEM

In The Secret

Andy Park

SERMON

“The Glory of the Lord”

Rev. David Ukropina

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – from Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.