Worshipping Together
The Second Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WESTERN SPRINGS!
Like our siblings throughout the world, currently our congregation is gathering virtually with the assistance of electronic technology.

Click here to join us live on Facebook at 9:30 a.m. to engage with others through real-time chat.
Instructions for viewing the service live or the recording can be found at www.presbyws.org.

Gathering Together in God’s Name – Wherever We May Be

Prelude
I Stand Amazed in the Presence
Stephanie Coates, piano

arr. by Cindy Berry

Gathering & Greeting

Opening Sentences from Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. 
I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; 
I have no good apart from you.”

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; 
you hold my lot.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; 
in the night also my heart instruct me. 
I keep the Lord always before me; 
because the Lord is at my right hand. 
I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; 
my body also rests secure. 
For you do not give me up ... you show me the path of life. 
In your presence there is fullness of joy; 
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (first in silence and then in one voice)

Gracious and Loving God, your invitation to us is clear— we are to follow you. But following you is not as easy as it sounds or as easy as it should be. We are tempted to stray. We forget who it is that we are following. We seek to do your will and ask your forgiveness for the times when we have not done so. We give thanks to you for your reconciling power, and ask that you would change our hearts to follow the path of life you have set before us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon
Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour [meal] in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of flour [meal] will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour [meal] was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.
Responding to God’s Word

Day By Day
Kara & John Leslie

Day by day and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father’s wise bestowment,
I’ve no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what He deems best—
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord Himself is near me
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He fain would bear, and cheer me,
He whose name is Counselor and Power.
The protection of His child and treasure
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;
“As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure,”
This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then in every tribulation
So to trust Thy promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith’s sweet consolation
Offered me within Thy holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
E’er to take, as from a father’s hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till I reach the promised land.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Please send prayer concerns by phone or email to Pastor Erik at erik@presbyws.org.
Click here to sign up to receive Thursday morning weekly emails from PCWS which include our current prayer list.
Be Still My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth under take
3 Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on

Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
to guide the future surely as the past.
when we shall be forever with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to order and provide,
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all changes faithful will remain.
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.
Invitation for Financial Stewardship

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Reach out to Patrick Rivers (patrick@presbyws.org) with any questions or for help in setting up payments through your bank.

Go in God’s Name

Choral Benediction
The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter C. Lutkin

Charge and Benediction

Postlude
I Will Sing of My Redeemer
arr. by Cindy Berry

THANK YOU TO Stephanie Coates, Loretta Gratias-Bremer, Kara Leslie, and John Leslie for their leadership in worship today!

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