

# Fifth Sunday after Easter

May 3, 2026

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

Elder Marty Henegar

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 31*

Leader: In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me;

**People: Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**

Leader: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me;

**People: Take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.**

Leader: Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

**People: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

## † HYMN OF PRAISE

*All Hail the Power of Jesus Name (#96)*

## † SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have ignored your gracious call to life and salvation. We have thought, spoken, and acted as if you were absent and distant from us. We have neglected your mission for our lives. For the sake of Jesus, forgive us. Tune our ears to your calling which is sealed in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Through the power of your Spirit, give us the courage to think, speak and act in light of the life that we have witnessed in Him. In the name of your Son, we pray...

*(Prayers of silent confession)*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## † DOXOLOGY

## RECEPTION OF COVENANT PARTNERS

Clark & Suzy Johnson  
Jon & Katie Jo McCarthy  
Arthur (A.C.) Tyler

## JUNIOR CHURCH

## OFFERING

## CHORAL ANTHEM

*Witness*

## † SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:22-41

## SERMON

The Disciple Who Denied Jesus  
Rev. Owen Stepp

## PASTORAL PRAYER & 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN.

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## COMMUNION SONGS

*Living Hope*

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

*We invite all who have put their faith in Christ and been baptized to come to the Lord's Table. We believe that children should be instructed on the meaning of the sacrament prior to receiving the Supper. Whether you are receiving communion or not we invite everyone to come forward and receive a blessing from the pastors during this time.*

## † HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Thine Is the Glory (#227)*

## † BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Our Prayer Team will be available to pray with anyone in the Chapel following the service.*

## **Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church**

*We are thankful you are here worshiping with us. We invite you to register your attendance with us today on the friendship pad found at the end of the pew.*

### **Upcoming Events**

May 14<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm – Celebration Dinner honoring the ministry of Pastor Leslie Dibble at Myers Park Country Club – Register by May 6<sup>th</sup> on Church Center.

May 17<sup>th</sup> – 5:30pm – Third Third Gathering – The vision is to engage, encourage and equip those entering the “third season” of life. (60+years). Leighton Ford will be teaching on the Gifts of Aging.

May 17<sup>th</sup> – 5:00pm – Seminar for Youth parents – Join us to hear Kyle Livingston talk about The Role of Anxiety in the Spiritual Formation of Adolescents.

June 14<sup>th</sup> – 4:00pm – Picnic in the Park – Join us for Fellowship and fried chicken at Freedom Park.



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