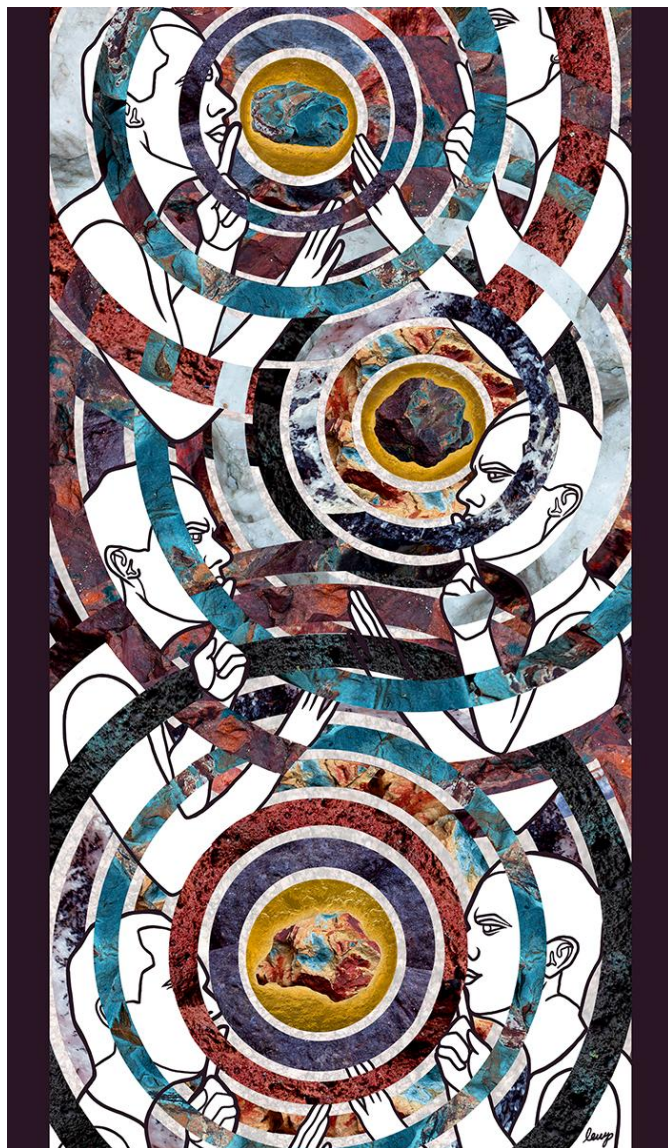


April 10, 2022



Westminster

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Even the Stones Cry Out" by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

Worship With Us This Sunday!

Palm Sunday

Scripture

Luke 19:28-40

Sermon

Even the Stones Cry Out

The Rev. Julie Emery

Bulletin

10:00 a.m. Sunday Hybrid Worship
Link

Zoom Meeting ID: 822 3301 6989

Any questions, contact Becky Kimberly in the office
at office@westpresby.org.



Palm Sunday, April 10

Worship at 10:00 a.m. (in-person or online)

Maundy Thursday, April 14

Joint Service at 6:30p.m., First Presbyterian Church

At 6:30 p.m. we will have a joint worship service and a simple meal with our friends at First Presbyterian Church of Hartford. They will host us at their church at 136 Capitol Ave., Hartford. The service will be officiated by the Rev. Julie Emery and the Rev. Nancy Baseel. More details to follow.

Good Friday, April 15

The chapel at Westminster will be open for prayer

and reflection from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Community Easter Egg Hunt,
Saturday, April 16 at 10:00 a.m.**

Get involved with this wonderful community outreach event!
(See more details below.)

**Easter Sunday, April 17
Worship at 10:00 a.m. (in-person or online)**

**We Need You!
Help Us Prepare for Westminster's
Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt!**

Westminster's Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **Saturday, April 16 at 10:00 a.m.** This fun morning is a vital outreach event for our church. The majority of attendees are families in our local community who have not been connected with Westminster. The success of this event relies on donations and volunteers from our church family. Please consider donating candy and plastic eggs (we prepare 1200 eggs!) or finger foods/snacks (muffins and cupcakes) for the event. Many hands are needed to help stuff eggs after worship this Sunday (April 10th). We especially need volunteers of all ages to join in the fun on Saturday, April 16 to help with crafts and face painting, greeting visitors and of course, hiding eggs!

Contact Charlotte Logan (charlotte.whitman79@gmail.com) to sign up to bring snacks or contact Karen Hammond (khammond@westpresby.org) to volunteer at the event.

Below are more details!



**Our Community
EASTER EGG HUNT is back!**

Donations Needed!

- ★ Please bring items to Westminster by
Sunday, April 10th
- Individually wrapped candies
(we want to fill 1200 eggs!)
- Small plastic Easter eggs
- Bags of Easter Grass

Help stuff eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt!



Sunday, April 10th at 11:00 am
in the Covenant Room

 Many hands are needed - come join the fun!



Spread the Word!
Tell Your Friends and Neighbors
Westminster's Easter Egg Hunt is Back!



Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ANNUAL COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

10:00 A.M.

RAIN OR SHINE!

*Crafts,
Games &
More*

*FREE!
All are
welcome!*

2080 Boulevard, West Hartford
Corner of Ridgewood Rd. and Boulevard
westpresby.org

COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS
FOR THE WEST HARTFORD FOOD PANTRY



Easter Flowers

We will be decorating our sanctuary with spring flowers for our Easter service. The flowers can be picked up by donors or will be delivered to home-bound or isolated members of our church family.

We are looking for individuals who would like to make a donation towards the purchase of the Easter flowers. The cost per plant is \$13 and can be paid to Westminster by check. Please just make sure to identify it as Easter flowers in the memo line. You can make a donation from your family, anonymously or in memory or honor of someone.

If you would like to make a donation, please fill out the Google

Form below or contact Nicole Aronson by Sunday, April 10. Nicole can be reached at nmachampagne@yahoo.com. She will need to know how many plants you would like to donate and if they are in honor or in memory of someone if you are unable to fill out the online form. Money can be sent in anytime before April 17.

Donate Easter
Flowers

Sixth Monday
of Lent -
April 11th:
Setting Out Once
Again



Lenten Bible Study Monday at Noon Via Zoom

Join Alyssa Kissel, our YDS intern, for a Lenten Bible study series on Monday, April 11 at 12:00pm on Zoom. This will be our last one of the season!

Last week, we talked about being one of many scattered palms and the beauty of humility. We were challenged to pray for people we normally wouldn't think to pray for. This week, we'll explore the theme *Setting Out Once Again*. We'll discuss Jesus' resurrection and what that means for us post Lent and Easter.

There will be scripture and a short video, followed by discussion (please see photo below from a recent gathering). Feel free to enjoy lunch while participating in this! All sessions will be on Zoom (see link below).

For any questions please contact alyssa.kissel@yale.edu

Zoom Link to Lenten Bible
Study



Westminster Lifts Mask Requirement

Last week, Session voted to pass the following motion from the Way Forward Team regarding wearing masks in our church facilities:

Based on current public health data, the Way Forward Team recommends Westminster Presbyterian Church change the mask-wearing policy to optional at this time. Masks are encouraged for those who are unvaccinated or who may be at higher risk. This policy includes worship on Sundays, any music group rehearsals, in-person meetings and the gatherings of our rental groups. Communion can be served via intinction and coffee hour can resume. If there is a return to a significant spike in Covid-19 cases in our community, the Way Forward Team will look at public health data and meet to determine if we will return to requiring masks.

If you have any questions or concerns about this recent change in mask policy, please reach out to our Way Forward Team members including:

Tom Buckley (tbtrailrun@hotmail.com)
Larry Carr (larrycarr@gmail.com)
Becky Kimberly (office@westpresby.org)
John Rhine (j.rhine@comcast.net)

First Quarter Pledge Statements

The first quarter pledge statements are being sent out this week. If you could please look over your statement, and let Cyndi Brown from the Finance Committee know if you have any questions or concerns. She can be reached at bookkeeper@westpresby.org or 860-543-9798.



Farewell and Thank You to Jeannine Stimson Westminster Bookkeeper is Stepping Down

After 8 years of generous and dedicated service, Jeannine Stimson has decided to conclude her time as the bookkeeper for Westminster. Jeannine performed her work with diligence and timeliness, often going above and beyond what was asked. We will greatly miss her. We are deeply grateful for her time with us and offer her God's blessings on her new ventures.

The Session voted last week to begin working with an accountancy firm to take over the church's bookkeeping and accounting. The Finance Team, under the leadership of Pam Torsiello and Cyndi Brown, in concert with Treasurer Kevin Morrison and our staff, will be working to keep our financial house in order as we transition to our new service provider.



Loaves & Fishes Needs You!

Loaves & Fishes, our longtime mission partner, returns to in person dining in May. Historically Westminster has sent a group of volunteers to help prep and serve lunch once in the last week of each month. We are looking for volunteers to join us in this endeavor. We generally arrive around 10:45 and are finished at 12:45. **If you can stand for about two hours and show up with a smile, we want you!** We need 5-6 people each month. At this time we do NOT have enough volunteers to satisfy that commitment. If you would be interested in volunteering (each month or occasionally), or have questions please contact Nicole Aronson at nmachampagne@yahoo.com or Margaret Taylor at loudog2@comcast.net. We need to hear from people by **April 10th** in order to determine if we can continue this important ministry.

Thank You for Your Generosity!



Almost all of Donna Morrison's sunflower note cards, created to benefit Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) in Ukraine, have been sold. Due to your generosity, and the Morrison's matching donation, Westminster will be sending a check for \$390 to PDA. You can find more information and giving opportunities for Ukraine from PC(USA) and PDA at pda.pcusa.org or presbyterianmission.org

Prayers of the People

We pray for those near and far:

- Martie Boyer, Westminster handbell ringer, who is recovering from the effects of her airbags in a recent car accident;
- Martha Highsmith's sister-in-law, Janet Highsmith, who was recently diagnosed with cancer;
- David MacMeekin's brother-in-law, Dan Reinhard, who is dealing with terminal bone cancer;
- Prayers for the people of Ukraine and all those affected by war and violence, both those still in their country and those who have become refugees. May they and their loved ones be safe in this time of strife;
- Our healthcare workers during this recent surge of COVID cases and for their families;
- All who are sick or struggling with chronic illness in this time. May they be comforted;
- All who are worried for themselves or for the safety of their loved ones. May they find peace in God's presence;
- All those who struggle with mental health issues and depression. May they know God's steadfast love;
- Those who are caring for aging loved ones. May they be heartened and refreshed;
- Communities affected by violence and injustice. May they be sustained and strengthened.

We grieve with:

- The family and friends of Dr. Ranjit "Kuru" Kurukulasuriya, Karen Wagner's friend, who died last Saturday. Prayers of celebration for his life and comfort for his family;
- Friends and families of those in recent months who mourn the death of loved ones. May they be comforted.

We continue to pray for:.

Cale Strober; Max; Dave Wagner; Suzanne Atwood; Billy Calzada; Jon Scoville; Rhoda Bannon; Karen Sprout's sister, Kathryn Johnson; Diane Smith; Jane Sebolt; Sally West; Rev. Julie Emery; Rachel Lloyd's Aunt Katie; Yvonne Smith; El Harp; Howard West;

Doreen Springsteen-Gibbes; Ralph Sundquist; Karen Wagner's friend AJ; Helena Offei's husband, Yaw; Jenna Sheridan's friend, MaryElla; Marissa Torsiello; Stella Madjitey; Barbara Riihimaki's cousin Gordon; Peter Benner; Jen Buffat; Muriel Sherman; and Sara DeGraff's sister.

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