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**Sunday, April 6, 2025
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Communion Sunday**

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Introit from *Messe Basse*

Louis Vierne

Welcome to all – especially to our guests.

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad, located in each of the pews.

Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)

Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship(From Psalm 150)

Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise God in the skies above!

Praise God for His mighty deeds; praise God for exceeding greatness!

Praise the Lord! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise God with trumpet sounds; praise God with lute and harp!

Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipes!

Praise the Lord! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise God with clanging cymbals; praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise God!

Praise the Lord! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Gospel Praise

Only Jesus, Him Alone

Westminster Harmony Chorale

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you know me. My thoughts, my words, and my actions are never hidden from you. Lord, you love me and there is nothing I have done or could ever do to make you love me any less. Your

love is perfect. I am not. Lord, forgive me in your boundless mercy. Help me to trust in your love and goodness. Help me to place my trust in nothing else and no one else. Only you, My God and My Lord, can truly help me. I thank you for forgiveness. I thank you for your healing. I thank you for being my loving and steadfast God despite my shortcomings and all else. Amen.

Declaration of God's Forgiveness

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see **everything has become new!**

Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")

***Response AAHH #839** Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 126

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

John 12: 1-8

Message

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Affirmation of Faith (The Nicene Creed, 325 AD)**

**We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,**

**God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.**

**He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.**

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

**He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.**

His kingdom will never end.

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.**

**He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.**

He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

***Hymn GTG #307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

Sacrament of Holy Communion

INVITATION

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give your thanks and praise.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.**

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

CLOSING PRAYER

Call to Offering

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Anthem

We Come, Obedient to Thy Word
Chancel Choir

Robert Leaf

***Doxology GTG #606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn AAHH #131

Guide My Feet

*Benediction

Postlude

Chaconne

Louis Couperin

The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshipping.

Worship Leaders:

The Rev. Dakota Whitaker, Pastor/Head of Staff
Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist
Victor Boyd, Westminster Harmony Chorale Director
George Getschman, Liturgist
Deven Humphreys, Myiesha Mokom, Acolytes

Today's Anthem

O God, unseen, yet ever near; Thy presence may we feel; and thus, inspired with Holy fear, before Thine altar kneel. Here may Thy faithful people know the blessings of Thy love, the streams that through the desert flow, the manna from above. We come, obedient to Thy word, to feast on heavenly food; our meat the body of the Lord, our drink His precious Blood.

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New to Westminster Church of Detroit? We are so thankful that you have joined us today for worship, and we would love to get to know you and help you get to know us. Please sign the Friendship Pad which can be found in each pew rack. Sign it then pass it down to others sitting in your pew.

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

131 GUIDE MY FEET

*By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, ... to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Luke 1:78-79*

1. Guide my feet
2. Hold my hand
3. Stand by me while I run this race,
4. I'm Your child

Oh, Lord,

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race,
I'm Your child

Oh, Lord,

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race, For I
I'm Your child

vain.
don't want to run this race in vain, race in vain.
vain.