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**Sunday, May 4, 2025**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**Communion Sunday**

**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

Gift of Finest Wheat

Jeffrey Honoré

*You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat; come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.*

*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**

This is the good news:  
the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

**Hallelujah!**

This is the good news:  
the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never put it out.

**Hallelujah!**

This is the good news:  
once we were no people;  
now we are God's people.

**Hallelujah!**

Christ is our peace,  
the indestructible peace  
we now share with each other.

**Hallelujah!**

**Gospel Praise**

My Liberty

Westminster Harmony Chorale

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body on earth. Amen.**

### **Declaration of God's Forgiveness**

**All of us, like sheep, have gone astray,  
but now we have returned to the shepherd  
and guardian of our souls.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
Thanks be to God.**

### **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 GTG #591**

**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!  
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (3X)  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
(Sung twice)**

### **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **First Reading**

**John 21: 1-19**

**This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God.**

Message

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (Apostles' Creed, c. 150 AD)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

**\*Hymn GTG #268**

**Crown Him with Many Crowns**

**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

<b>Offertory Anthem</b>	Christ, from Whom All Blessings Flow Chancel Choir	Jane Marshall
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<b>*Doxology GTG #606</b>	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow <b>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.</b>
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## Prayer of Dedication

### **WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

<b>*Hymn AAHH #455</b>	Just A Closer Walk With Thee
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## \*Benediction

<b>Postlude</b>	Allegro from Concerto in F Major	G. F. Handel
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*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 worshiping.*

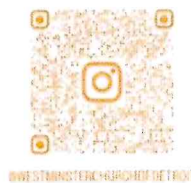
**Worship Leaders:**

The Rev. Dakota Whitaker, Pastor/Head of Staff  
Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist  
Victor Boyd, Westminster Harmony Chorale Director  
Lynn Burdell, Liturgist  
Miriam Mokom, Myiesha Mokom, Acolytes

**Today's Anthem**

Christ, from whom all blessings flow, perfecting the saints below, hear us, who thy nature share, who thy Mystic Body are. Closer knit to thee, our head; nourish us, O Christ, and feed. Let us daily growth receive, more and more in Jesus live. Jesus, we thy members are, cherish us with tender care, of thy flesh and of thy bone: love forever, love thine own. Join us in one spirit, join, mold us in the love of thine, guide us as we heed thy call, thou who fillest all in all.

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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.



## **Westminster Church of Detroit News and Events**

### **Recognition of Graduating Seniors**

The board of Deacons would like to recognize graduating high school and college seniors on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> during worship. To participate, please submit a photo and a brief biography (name of school you are graduating from and any future plans) to Jenalle Sturgis at [jenallesturgis07@hotmail.com](mailto:jenallesturgis07@hotmail.com) by Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Purchase of Large Outdoor Tent**

The mission committee is purchasing a large pop-up tent to use for outdoor church sponsored events. The committee is requesting donations from the congregation to help offset the cost. If you would like to contribute, please be sure to write "For the church tent" on the memo line of your check. Thank you for considering this request.

### **The Fifth Annual Adult Arts and Crafts Retreat – May 22-25, 2025**

Come and join us for a weekend of art, crafts and fellowship at Camp Westminster, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$215.00/person which includes lodging, meals, workshops and all materials.

This year we have some fun new projects to work on including Fabric Boro box, fabric book, multiple techniques to use with fabrics and paints, rubber stamps, stencils and hand sewing to put in shadow boxes, or in a fabric book, Process Painting Introductory class, which is combination of creativity, self-growth and connecting with your intuition. We'll have some "oldie but goodie" workshops as well. Register on the camp website at: [Arts & Crafts Retreat | Camp Westminster](#)  
Questions? Contact Karole Sharpe at: [karolesharpe@gmail.com](mailto:karolesharpe@gmail.com)

### **Spring Wake-Up Work Weekend at Camp Westminster**

Our annual camp work weekend is May 16-18<sup>th</sup>. Come Friday evening to relax and reconnect with all your camp friends. Work begins on Saturday morning and there are many jobs for all abilities. The camp will provide meals from Saturday breakfast to Sunday lunch. For planning purposes, please register online at [Campwestminster.com/work-weekends](http://Campwestminster.com/work-weekends)

## **Westminster Calendar**

### **Sunday, May 4th**

10:00am Worship

10:15am Sunday School for Children

11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal

11:30 Deacon Meeting

### **Monday, May 5th**

7:00pm NA Meeting

### **Wednesday, May 7th**

12Noon Bible Study

3:00pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal

6:00pm NA Meeting

### **Thursday, May 8th**

10:00am Sewing Ministry Team

### **Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am ARK

### **Sunday, May 11th**

10:00am Worship

10:15am Sunday School for Children & Youth



## **Prayer Concerns**

Praying for one another is an important and loving gift. If you would like to add a person to our prayer list, please call the church office at 313-341-2697 or email at [office@wcodetroit.org](mailto:office@wcodetroit.org). May God continue to surround you with love and care.

**Recent Prayer Request:** Dolly Johnson, Judy Chamberlain (cousin of Irene Gough), Laura Manuel (cousin of Irene Gough), Cynthia Manuel (cousin of Irene Gough)

### **Ongoing Prayers for:**

Eugene Palmer, Dr. Joyce Tibbs, Dorothy Ellis-Davis, Arice Willoughby, Dr. Maxine Bloodworth, Catherine Lewis, Gladys Stephen, Prince Ella Cunningham, Sandy Gross, Margaret Clay, Virginia Fields and Family, Heide Lewis and Family, Julie Handel & Family, Elizabeth Galloway, Adeyah Brady Lewis (great-granddaughter of Carol Lewis), Lela Norris (Eddie & Cynthia Norris's sister-in-law), Rosa Armstrong, Faye Baker, Dorn Fair, Dianna White (Deborah Fair's sister-in-law), Edda Dickerson, Sandra Lamb, Samuel Willis, Sandra Gray, Victor & Janette Jackson, Ann Gourlay, Ruth Wallace Robertson (Sharon Wallace's mother), Vernon and Alfreda Wilder, Jocelyn Wilder

## Crown Him with Many Crowns 268



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways  
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;



hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied:  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab-sorbed in prayer and praise.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll-ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub-lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 but down-ward bends his burn-ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.  
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.



This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

## 455 JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE

...but Judah still walks with God, and is faithful to the Holy One.

Hosea 11:12

1. I am weak but Thou art strong;  
 2. Through this world of toil and snares,  
 3. When my fee-ble life is o'er,

Refrain: Just a clos-er walk with Thee,

Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;  
 If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?  
 Time for me will be no more;

Grant it, Je - sus, if You please?

I'll be sat - is - fied as long  
 Who with me my bur - den shares?  
 Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er

Dai - ly walk - ing close to Thee,

As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.  
 None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.  
 To Thy king - dom shore, to Thy shore.

Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Text: Anonymous

Tune: CLOSER WALK, 777 8; Anonymous