

April 14, 2024



Order of Worship

Prelude *In the Chapel - F. C. Haueisen*

Welcome, Opening Prayer, Responsive Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #62

Life Together

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace - *Children dismissed to Sunday School*

First Scripture *Ephesians 1:15-23* pg. 1006

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response/Anthem *He is Lord of All*

Second Scripture *Esther 1:10-22* pg. 427

Sermon *A Tale of Two Kingdoms*

Musical Response *Waymaker*

Opportunities to Serve

Call for Offering

Offertory *I Want to Know You*

Doxology, Prayer of Dedication

Hymn of Commitment *God's Holy Ways are Just and True* #328

Benediction

Benediction Song *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Postlude *Jesus Led Me All the Way - John W. Peterson*

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church. You are invited to join us every Sunday for Worship at 10:00 am or at many of our other activities during the week which you can find on our website: www.wpcwestlake.org or in this bulletin.

Message Reflections

Takeaway: God is always moving, even in the midst of chaos.

Questions:

1. Pastor Dave mentioned that a commentary wasn't written on Esther for the first seven centuries of the Christian church, John Calvin never preached from it, and that Martin Luther went as far as denouncing the book all together. Why do you think it's included in the Bible?
2. Esther begins with King Xerxes throwing a massive party, a seven day festival that followed 180 days of parading around his wealth and influence. What is the biggest, most "over the top", party that you've attended? What was being celebrated?
3. After showing off his wealth, King Xerxes wanted to show off his wife. Would Xerxes' "lifestyle of the rich and famous" impress you? Why or why not? Can you think of a parallel of something like this being done today? Generally, why do you think wealth and power impress people?
4. Reflect on Esther 1:13-22. What does King Xerxes ask of the law experts in his court? How do they respond? What's the real motive behind the response from the experts?

Prayer Requests

Our Prayer Warriors stand by for your requests. Drop requests into the box in the Narthex or click on the links in our weekly newsletters either emailed or on our website.



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Church Center

Leading today's service: Lance Merrill, Daryl Fisher-Ogden, Dave Rohde, Faith Schierholt, Ed Smart

The WPC Chancel Choir: Ed Smart, director

The WPC Praise Band: Roger Freeland, Bob Holt, Calvin Kissell Jim Martin, Ed Smart, Elizabeth Swift

WPC Opportunities

- **The Listening Bench** each Sunday, after worship, courtyard.
- **Choir Rehearsals** - Thursdays 7:30pm, Choir Room
- **Sermon Studies** Monday mornings
- **Wednesdays at Westminster** at 6pm in Fellowship Center
- **Never too late** for your 2024 pledge
- **All Church BYO Picnic** - Today
- **New Members/Inquirers Lunch** - April 28



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The **Listening Bench** is a service of WPC Stephen Ministry team. It gives you the opportunity to talk to someone who will listen confidentially and not judge what you say. The listener will offer prayer if that is something that would help you. The **Listening Bench** is available after each worship service on Sunday mornings in our courtyard.



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ESTHER

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS...

A Tale of Two Kingdoms

April 14, 10:00 AM