



PRELUDE
**'NIMROD' FROM
ENIGMA VARIATIONS**
(E. ELGAR)



Prelude


ESTHER
FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS...



Next: Choral Call to Worship

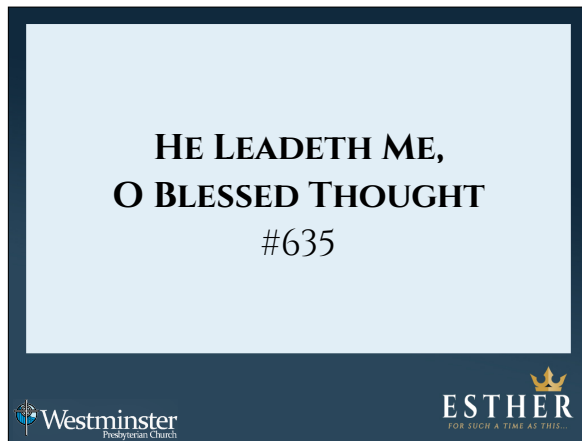
ALL GLORY BE TO GOD
(G. YOUNG / ARR. F. BOCK)

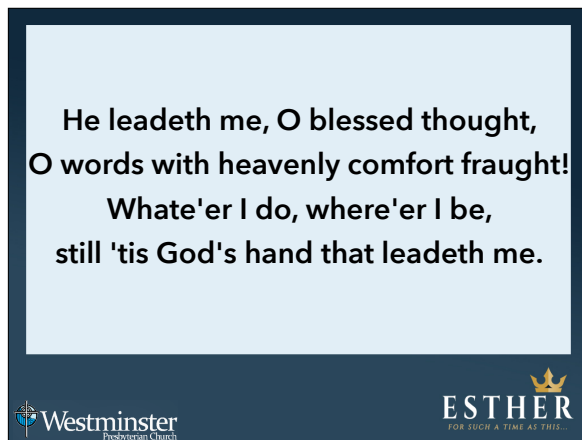
Choral Call to Worship



Welcome, Prayer; Next: Hymn of Praise



Hymn of Praise



Verse 1

Refrain

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

Verse 2

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
nor ever murmur nor repine,
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Refrain

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

Verse 3

And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Refrain

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Next: Life Together



Wednesdays at Westminster

Back this Wednesday, 6-7:30pm
continuing our Esther series
with Rev. Dale Ridenour

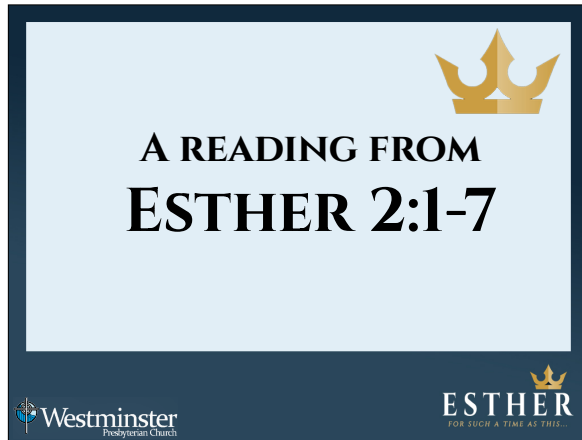
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Children's Moment

Passing the Peace, Next: First Scripture





A reading from
ESTHER 2:1-7

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First Scripture

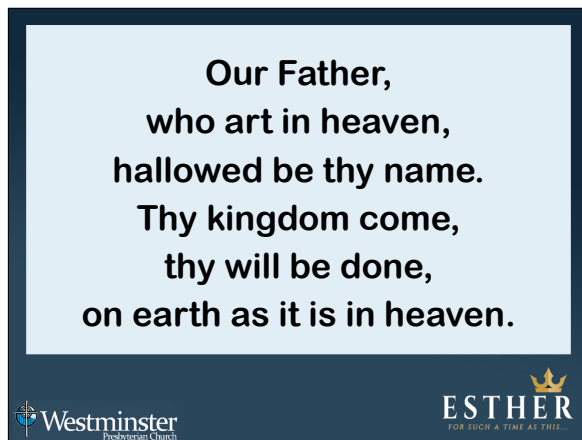


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Pastoral Prayer, next Lord's Prayer



**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

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Lord's Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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.

Lord's Prayer

For thine is the kingdom
and the power
and the glory, forever.
AMEN.

Pastoral Prayer, next Anthem



Prayer Response, Anthem

**THE BEAUTY
OF HOLINESS**
(D.BURGESS)

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Next Sermon

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When the king's order and edict had been proclaimed, many young women were brought to the citadel of Susa and put under the care of Hegai. Esther also was taken to the king's palace and entrusted to Hegai, who had charge of the harem. She pleased him and won his favor. Immediately he provided her with her beauty treatments and special food. He assigned to her seven female attendants selected from the king's palace and moved her and her attendants into the best place in the harem.

ESTHER 2:8-9

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Esther had not revealed her nationality and family background, because Mordecai had forbidden her to do so. Every day he walked back and forth near the courtyard of the harem to find out how Esther was and what was happening to her.

ESTHER 2:10-11

Before a young woman's turn came to go in to King Xerxes, she had to complete twelve months of beauty treatments prescribed for the women, six months with oil of myrrh and six with perfumes and cosmetics. And this is how she would go to the king: Anything she wanted was given her to take with her from the harem to the king's palace.

ESTHER 2:12-13

In the evening she would go there and in the morning return to another part of the harem to the care of Shaashgaz, the king's eunuch who was in charge of the concubines. She would not return to the king unless he was pleased with her and summoned her by name.

When the turn came for Esther (the young woman Mordecai had adopted, the daughter of his uncle Abihail) to go to the king, she asked for nothing other than what Hegai, the king's eunuch who was in charge of the harem, suggested.

ESTHER 2:14-15A

And Esther won the favor of everyone who saw her. She was taken to King Xerxes in the royal residence in the tenth month, the month of Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.

Now the king was attracted to Esther more than to any of the other women, and she won his favor and approval more than any of the other virgins.

ESTHER 2:15B-17A



So he set a royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti. And the king gave a great banquet, Esther's banquet, for all his nobles and officials. He proclaimed a holiday throughout the provinces and distributed gifts with royal liberality.

This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

ESTHER 17B-18



Sunflower





Rose



*Forget
Me Not*



Thistle



Myrtle

In search of a beautiful young woman (טובת מראה)

- Esther is described as beautiful young woman, lovely to the eyes (יפה-תאר וטובת מראה)
- Exile is the main theme behind Esther's character

Esther → Hadassah (הדסה)

- Myrtle flower
- Bride
- Symbol of devotion, faithfulness, endurance

Mordecai (מרדכי)

- Named a Jew = exile
- Descendant of King Saul

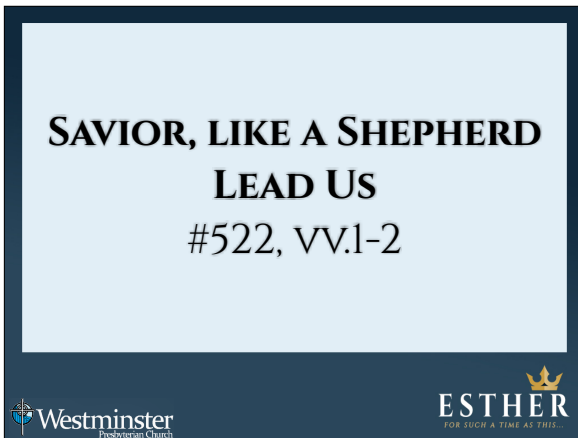
TAKEAWAY:

**NAMES CONNECT US TO OUR
GOD-GIVEN IDENTITY,
BELONGING, AND PURPOSE.**

Next Sermon Response



Offertory



Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use thy folds prepare:

1



Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
thou hast bought us, thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
thou hast bought us, thine we are.

1

We are thine, do thou befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray:



2

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear, O hear us when we pray;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear, O hear us when we pray.



3

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear, O hear us when we pray;
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Next Opportunities



Pack Lunches

Harbor House needs lunches for April 25th
Sign up on Courtyard today

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Blood Drive

May 5th

Make an Appointment in the Weekly or vitalant.org



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Blood Donation

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Give Financially

Our operating budget comes from:

- checks mailed to the church office
- Church Center Giving
- legacy gifts.
- collection during services on Sundays.

More information in Pew Racks
Baskets available near exits.



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Call for Offering, Next: Offertory

Offertory

OFFERTORY
WHO YOU SAY I AM
(B. FIELDING / R. MORGAN)

Ways to Give:
Offering plate
Online via Church Center or Venmo
Through the office, contact Terry or Heidi

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Venmo: wpcwestlake

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Who am I that the highest King,
Would welcome me?
I was lost, but He brought me in
Oh, His love for me,
Oh, His love for me

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Who the Son sets free
Oh, is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes, I am

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Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin,
Jesus died for me,
Yes, He died for me

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In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes, I am

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I am chosen, not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
I am who You say I am

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Doxology

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Praise God from whom
all blessings flow,
praise God, all creatures
here below,

Doxology, Next Prayer of Dedication

Praise God above,
ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Prayer of Dedication, next: Hymn of Commitment


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Hymn of Commitment

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

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Great is thy faithfulness,
O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions
they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

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Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand
hath provided--
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2

Summer and winter, and
springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their
courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

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Great is thy faithfulness!
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Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand
hath provided--
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to
cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope
for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with
ten thousand beside!

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Benediction | Next: Benediction Song

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Postlude

POSTLUDE
POSTLUDIUM
(ADOLPH HESSE)

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