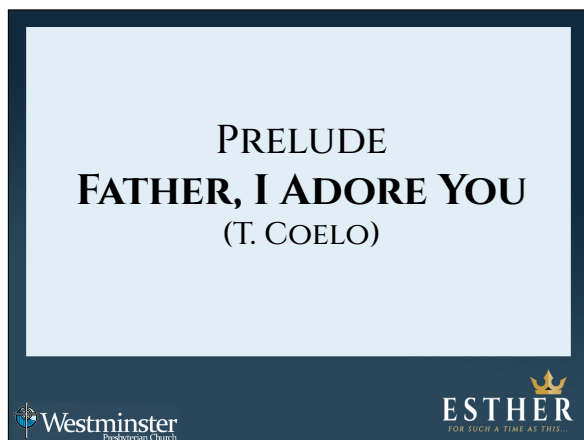


Prelude



PRELUDE
FATHER, I ADORE YOU
(T. COELO)

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Welcome, Prayer; Next: Hymn of Praise

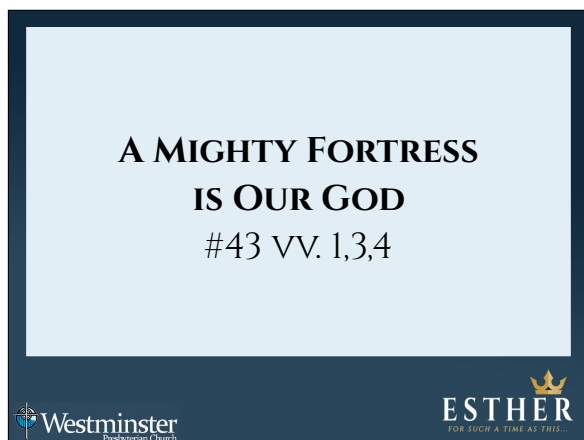


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Hymn of Praise



**A MIGHTY FORTRESS
IS OUR GOD**
#43 vv. 1,3,4

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Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.

Verse 1

For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Verse 3

And though this world,
with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.

Verse 3

The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure,
one little word shall fell him.

Verse 4

That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
thro' him who with us sideth.

Verse 4

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Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

Next: Life Together



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Exploring Church Membership
Lunch
April 28 11:30am

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
**OUTBACK
ROCK!**
WHERE KIDS VENTURE INTO SOLID FAITH

June 18-21 9:00-Noon

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



This Thursday, May 2nd
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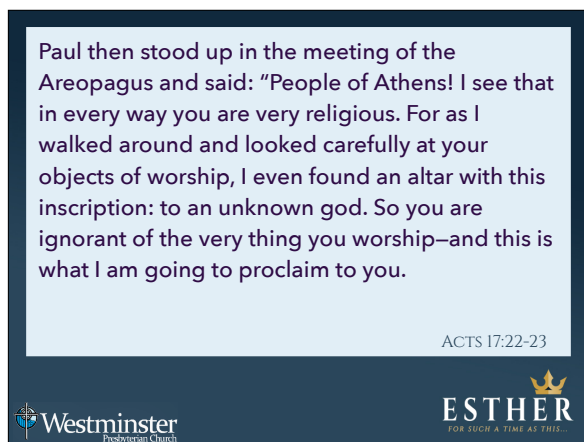
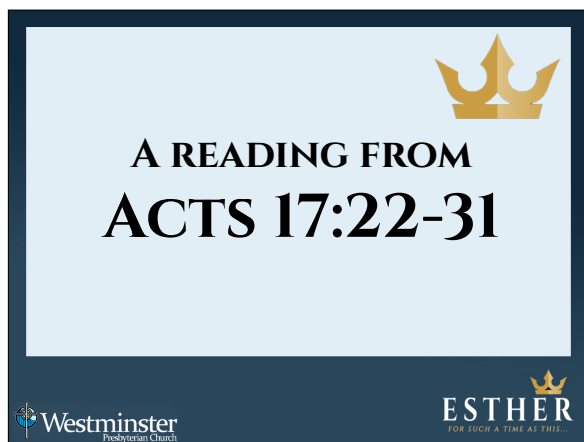


Children's Moment

Passing the Peace, Next: First Scripture



First Scripture



“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. 26 And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.

ACTS 17:24-26

God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’ “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill.

ACTS 17:27-29

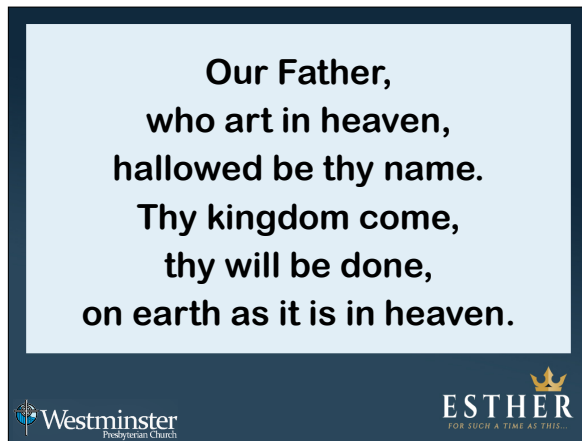
In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

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

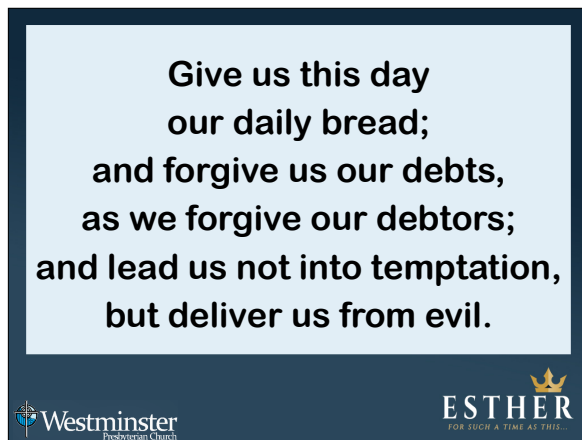
ACTS 17:30-31



Pastoral Prayer, next Lord's Prayer



Lord's Prayer



Lord's Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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

Pastoral Prayer, next Anthem


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Prayer Response, Anthem

BE OUR LIGHT
(M. WOLNIAKOWSKI)

Next Sermon



After these events, King Xerxes honored Haman son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, elevating him and giving him a seat of honor higher than that of all the other nobles. All the royal officials at the king's gate knelt down and paid honor to Haman, for the king had commanded this concerning him. But Mordecai would not kneel down or pay him honor.

ESTHER 3:1-2, NIV



Then the royal officials at the king's gate asked Mordecai, "Why do you disobey the king's command?" Day after day they spoke to him but he refused to comply. Therefore they told Haman about it to see whether Mordecai's behavior would be tolerated, for he had told them he was a Jew.

ESTHER 3:3-4, NIV


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When Haman saw that Mordecai would not kneel down or pay him honor, he was enraged. Yet having learned who Mordecai's people were, he scorned the idea of killing only Mordecai. Instead Haman looked for a way to destroy all Mordecai's people, the Jews, throughout the whole kingdom of Xerxes.

ESTHER 3:5-6, NIV


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In the twelfth year of King Xerxes, in the first month, the month of Nisan, the *pur* (that is, the lot) was cast in the presence of Haman to select a day and month. And the lot fell on the twelfth month, the month of Adar.

ESTHER 3:7, NIV


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Then Haman said to King Xerxes, "There is a certain people dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom who keep themselves separate. Their customs are different from those of all other people, and they do not obey the king's laws; it is not in the king's best interest to tolerate them.

ESTHER 3:8, NIV


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If it pleases the king, let a decree be issued to destroy them, and I will give ten thousand talents of silver to the king's administrators for the royal treasury."

ESTHER 3:9, NIV


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So the king took his signet ring from his finger and gave it to Haman son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews. "Keep the money," the king said to Haman, "and do with the people as you please."

ESTHER 3:10-11, NIV


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Then on the thirteenth day of the first month the royal secretaries were summoned. They wrote out in the script of each province and in the language of each people all Haman's orders to the king's satraps, the governors of the various provinces and the nobles of the various peoples. These were written in the name of King Xerxes himself and sealed with his own ring.

ESTHER 3:12, NIV


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Dispatches were sent by couriers to all the king's provinces with the order to destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jews—young and old, women and children—on a single day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar, and to plunder their goods.

ESTHER 3:13, NIV


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A copy of the text of the edict was to be issued as law in every province and made known to the people of every nationality so they would be ready for that day.

ESTHER 3:14, NIV


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The couriers went out, spurred on by the king's command, and the edict was issued in the citadel of Susa. The king and Haman sat down to drink, but the city of Susa was bewildered.

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

ESTHER 3:15, NIV


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"People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: *to an unknown god*.

So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship...

ACTS 17:22-31, NIV


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TAKEAWAY:

WE CAN STAND FIRM IN THE FACE OF
UNCERTAINTY BY REMEMBERING OUR
IDENTITY AND WHAT GOD HAS DONE
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Next Sermon Response



Reflection

SAME GOD
(S. FURTICK, B. LAKE, P. BARRETT, C. BROWN)



Reflection

I'm calling on the
God of Jacob
Whose love endures
through generations
I know that You will keep
Your covenant

Reflection

I'm calling on the God of Moses
The one who opened up the ocean
I need You now to do the
same thing for me

Reflection

Oh God, my God I need You
Oh God, my God I need You now
How I need You now

Reflection

Oh Rock, oh Rock of ages
I'm standing on Your faithfulness,
on Your faithfulness,

Reflection

I'm calling on the God of Mary
Whose favor rests upon the lowly
I know with You
all things are possible

Reflection

I'm calling on the God of David
Who made a shepherd boy
courageous
I may not face Goliath
But I've got my own giants

Reflection

Oh God, my God I need You
Oh God, my God I need You now
How I need You now

Reflection

Oh Rock, oh Rock of ages
I'm standing on Your faithfulness,
on Your faithfulness,

Reflection

You heard Your children then
You hear Your children now
You are the same God,
You are the same God

Reflection

You answered prayers back then
And You will answer now
You are the same God,
You are the same God

Reflection

You were providing then
You are providing now
You are the same God,
You are the same God

Reflection

You moved in power then
God, move in power now
You are the same God,
You are the same God

Reflection

You were a healer then
You are a healer now
You are the same God,
You are the same God

Reflection

You were a Savior then
You are a Savior now
You are the same God,
You are the same God

Reflection

Oh God, my God I need You
Oh God, my God I need You now
How I need You now

Reflection

Oh Rock, oh Rock of ages
I'm standing on Your faithfulness,
on Your faithfulness

Reflection Last chords





Next Opportunities



Next: Offertory



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Our operating budget comes from:

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

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Call for Offering, Next: Offertory

OFFERTORY
CLOSE TO THEE
(D. PAXTON)

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



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Venmo: wpcwestlake

Offertory

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Doxology

Doxology

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

IN CHRIST ALONE

(K.GETTY / S.TOWNEND)

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength,
My song

This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest
Drought and storm

What heights of love,
What depths of peace
When fears are stilled,
When strivings cease

My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe

**This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones
He came to save**

**'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied,**

**For every sin on him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live**

Interlude

*"God made him who had no sin to
be sin for us, so that in him we might
become the righteousness of God."*

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

There in the ground his body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain

Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave he rose again

And as he stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me

For I am his, and he is mine
Bought with the precious
Blood of Christ

*"Therefore, there is now no
condemnation for those who are in
Christ Jesus."*

Romans 8:1(NIV)

Interlude 2

**No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me**

**From life's first cry, to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny**

**No power of hell,
No scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from his hand**

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'Til he returns
Or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ
I'll stand

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Stay on last slide through end of song

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Benediction | Next: Benediction Song

Amen, amen,
A – Men!

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Postlude

POSTLUDE
VOLUNTARY
(D. WAGNER)