

Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church

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## CALM DURING THE STORM



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April 26, 2020 | Youth Sunday  
Virtual Service for the Lord's Day

❧ GATHERING ❧

**Welcome and Announcements**

**We have started using a “NEW” telephone number for the Wednesday Prayer Line.**

Please see the congregational email from Friday, April 3, 2020 for details. **If you prefer to use Zoom video conferencing during this prayer gathering**, that information is also included in the same email. Due to recent reports of hackers exploiting Zoom, please do not post the numbers or access information publicly. You may invite family and friends privately.

**Confirmation Class** will NOT meet today. **Youth Fellowship** will meet at 6:30pm on Zoom.

**Three critical requests of WBPC:**

- 1) Our world is experiencing the stress, trauma and pain of a pandemic. Please be patient with one another and be patient with yourselves.
- 2) Stay the course with the “Social Distancing” and mandates of the CDC and local officials.
- 3) Pray!!!

**Call to Worship**

As we gather today we acknowledge what is holding us back from worshiping in our normal ways.

**Although we are not physically together we can find common ground through our faith.**

We are all connected as the body of Christ.

**And we come together today to share our praise.**

Today we invite you to find calm in this storm and open your hearts for worship.

**Opening Hymn**

*My Lighthouse*  
Joe Richardson

Rend Collective

**Facing our Sin and Trusting God’s Grace**

**God, despite this pandemic, we are busy. We admit that when our lives get hectic we lose our focus on you. We abandon you by justifying that there are more important things. We lie to ourselves when we think that. We know we need you but it’s hard to admit it. Help us to keep our eyes on you despite the chaos. Help us keep our calm during the storm. Help us lead others so that they may also focus on you. Amen.**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

 **PROCLAMATION** 

**New Testament Lesson: Philippians 4:5-7**

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds through Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Reflection**

Madison Barnette

**New Testament Lesson: Romans 8:18**

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Reflection**

Watson Whitehurst

**New Testament Lesson: Romans 5:6-8**

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Reflection**

Rita Burmester

 **RESPONSE** 

**Affirmation of Faith**

written by Dorothy McRae-McMahon

**We believe that every moment of our life  
is important to God.  
Every struggle is honoured,  
every pain is felt,  
every courage is celebrated  
and every small victory is marked with delight.**

We believe  
that every moment of our life  
is held precious,  
walked in by Jesus Christ  
as though our experience  
is worth knowing,  
and our choices  
are worth making.

We believe  
that every moment of our life  
could possibly hold  
the dancing Spirit of God  
as though we are part  
of a great adventure,  
the loved ones of the passion  
whose every moment  
could be a moment of grace.

### Tithes and Offerings

In times like these, our financial demands tend to increase rather than decrease. We encourage you to continue to tithe even in the absence of regular gatherings. Here are the ways you can continue to support the ministries at Western Boulevard Presbyterian.

By Check:

Check offerings can be mailed to the church office.

Mail your check to: Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church 4900 Kaplan Dr. Raleigh, NC 27606

Give on-line:

Go to <https://wbpresbyterian.com/> and open the pull down menu on the left and click the "GIVE". From here you can enter your gift amount, the designated fund and frequency of giving.

By Text:

To give via text, send WBPC to the phone number 73256. You'll receive a text message in response with your next steps. After you give one time, your payment method is saved, so you can quickly give again from your phone.

### Offertory

*What I Did For Love*  
Taylor Cleveland

Hamlisch & Kleban

### Prayers of the People

Today we pray especially for **Susan Sternberger**, who is in the hospital for a heart valve replacement. Susan is a church neighbor who has helped us with the Sunday breakfasts by cooking, cleaning and food preparation. We also pray for the fearless **medical professionals** who are putting themselves in harm's way to fight on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## The 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.



## Charge and Benediction

May God the Creator prepare your journey,  
Jesus the Son guide your footsteps,  
The Spirit of Life strengthen your body,  
The Three in One watch over you always,  
During every storm that you may face.  
Amen.

## Postlude

*10,000 Reasons*  
Elizabeth Davis

Redman & Myrin

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## Worship Leaders:

Youth: Edward Thompson, William Winslow, Kenlee Fischer, Evelyn Earnhardt, Ian Stutts, Madison Barnette, Livvy Holt, Watson Whitehurst, Lily Fleming, Rita Burmester, Will Fischer, Henry Whitehurst, Taylor Cleveland, Lydia Smith, Jonah Milchuck, Ollie Milchuck, Liza Medlin, Marley Medlin, Jessup Whitehurst, Wren Whitehurst

Anna Richardson Raab, Youth Fellowship Coordinator

Elizabeth Davis, Director of Music

Jeff Cleveland, Jeremy Brinkworth & Elias Guedira, Virtual Worship Video Editors

Joe Richardson, Guest Musician

We live to share God's love for ALL.