



## Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church

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10:30 AM

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

Justice and Peacemaking Sunday

### GATHERING

Prelude

*Meditation on "Sanctuary"*

arr. Elizabeth Davis

Welcome

Call to Worship (Bold = All)

Psalm 82:2-4

How long will we defend the unjust  
and show partiality to the powerful?

**Instead, let us defend the weak and the ill;  
uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.**

Rescue the weak and the needy;  
deliver them from the hand of the greedy and wicked.

**We are here to worship our God of justice,  
mercy and love.**

Let our worship begin.

## Opening Prayer

## Opening Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,  
Raise thou me heaven-ward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## LITANY FOR PEACEMAKING

In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst for  
peace . . .

**come worship a God who feeds the hungry.**

In the midst of a world where people are abused and  
oppressed . . .

**come worship a God who calls for compassion  
and justice.**

In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumors of war . . .

**come worship a God who desires nothing less  
than peace for the world.**

In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness . . .  
come worship a God who gives life meaning.  
Come worship a God whose grace and love know no end.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you.

We have turned from our neighbors in need and refused to bear the burdens of others.

We have ignored the pain and divisions of the world. In our comfort, we have passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins. Free us from selfishness, and self-centeredness that we may choose your will and bring your light to the oppressed and to the oppressors.

May we obey your commandment to love one another through Jesus Christ the Savior. Amen.

### Declaration of Forgiveness

### Passing of Christ's Peace

## THE WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

#### Hebrew Scripture

*Psalm 139:1-6, 13-14*

139:1 O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

139:2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

139:3 You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

139:4 Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

139:5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

139:6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

139:13 For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

139:14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 6:12-15a, 19-20*

6:12 "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything.

6:13 "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

6:14 And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

6:15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?

6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own?

6:20 For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

## Gospel

*John 1:43-51*

1:43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

1:44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

1:45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

1:46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

1:47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"

1:48 Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you."

1:49 Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

1:50 Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these."

1:51 And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

**Sermon**

*Come and See*

Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Barker

## **Ascription of Praise**

## **Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

Lord God, because Jesus has taught us to trust you in all things, we hold to his word and share his plea:

**Your kingdom come, your will be done.**

Where nations budget for war while Christ says, "Put [away] your sword":

**Your kingdom come, your will be done.**

Where countries waste food and covet fashion while Christ says, "I was hungry . . . I was thirsty . . .":

**Your kingdom come, your will be done.**

Where powerful governments claim their policies are heaven blessed while Scripture states that God helps the powerless:

**Your kingdom come, your will be done.**

Where Christians seek the kingdom in the shape of their own church as if Christ came to build and not to break down barriers:

**Your kingdom come, your will be done.**

Where our prayers falter, our faith weakens, our light grows dim:

**Your kingdom come, your will be done.**

Where Jesus Christ calls us:

**Your kingdom come, your will be done.**

Lord God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us. Open our ears to hear it, our hands to serve it, our hearts to hold it. This we pray in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

Christ Jesus taught his disciples how to pray with this example:

**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**

## Offering

### Giving of our Tithes, Offerings

(See options for giving at the end of the bulletin)

### Offertory Response

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Sebastian Temple

## Doxology

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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

### SENDING

### Sending Hymn

*O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

MARYTON

O Master, let me walk with thee  
In lowly paths of service free;

Tell me thy secret; help me to bear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move  
By some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
And guide them in the homeward way.

In hope that sends a shining ray  
Far down the future's broadening way;  
In peace that only thou canst give,  
With thee, O Master, let me live.

## Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*This Little Light of Mine*

Traditional

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## OFFERING OPTIONS

### By Check:

Mail to: Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church 4900 Kaplan  
Drive Raleigh, NC 2760

### Give On-line:

Go to <https://wbpresbyterian.com/>  
Open the pull down menu on the top left and click "GIVE".  
From here you can register and 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.

## Announcements

- 2021 BUDGET CAMPAIGN UPDATE – For 2021 our pledge budget goal is \$419,506.00. As of this past Sunday (1-10-21) we have received 75 pledges in the amount of \$335,189.00. This represents 80.14% of the proposed pledge budget.

We are sending out pledge confirmations as pledges are received. Please check this confirmation and let the office know of any discrepancies. If you have pledged and do not receive a confirmation letter, please contact the church.

If you have not received a pledge card, please contact the church office.

## Joys and Concerns

### Prayer Requests

If you wish to make a prayer request, call or email your request to Amy by Tuesday. [amy@wbpresbyterian.org](mailto:amy@wbpresbyterian.org) – Type "Prayer Request" in the subject line. Please be specific and concise.

### Pastoral Concerns

- For Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church, members and friends, the session, teachers and church leaders. Pray for our nation and all nations.
- For Patrick Davis, Elizabeth Davis' father, hospitalized with COVID and pneumonia
- For Ella McNeill, who is now in hospice care in heart and kidney failure.
- For Becky Burmester's brother-in-law, Tony, with cancer.
- For the Burmester's son-on-law, Jeff Landon, with heart issues. COVID is delaying his rehab.

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### Worship Leaders:

Jonathan Barker, Interim Pastor;

Jane Whitehurst, liturgist;

Elizabeth Davis, Director of Music, videography and production;

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