



Service for the Lord's Day

4th Sunday after Epiphany
January 31st, 2021

Westminster Presbyterian Church
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Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude *Andantino* César Franck

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Hymn **God of the Sparrow** ROEDER

Prayer of Confession Dorothy Piatt

Congregational Response BAYLOR

**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
Renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Congregational Response TALLIS' CANON

**Praise God, the Source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame:
All glory, honor to God's name.**

Passing of the Peace

God's Word to Us

Solo *We Walk with God* Mary E. Caldwell

Psalter Psalm 51

Old Testament Reading Genesis 9:8-17

Sermon *Living Underwater* Ken Henry

Sending Us Out

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Lynne Clements

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Sortie* Albert Alain

22 God of the Sparrow

C Em Am Dm G

1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the

C F E7 Am Em F Em

swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy

Am Dm Gsus G C

How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture cry Save
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 How does the crea - ture say Life
 How does the crea - ture say Peace
 How do your chil - dren say Home

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Quote

“Eventually, all things merge into one, and a river runs through it. The river was cut by the world’s great flood and runs over rocks from the basement of time. On some of the rocks are timeless raindrops. Under the rocks are the words, and some of the words are theirs. I am haunted by waters.”

-Norman Maclean, *A River Runs Through it and Other Stories*

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