



April 25, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter

"Grace defies reason and logic. Love interrupts, if you like, the consequences of your actions, which in my case is very good news indeed, because I've done a lot of stupid stuff." -Bono

Order of Worship

Prelude

Sharing of Peace

Jeff Shankle

***Call to Worship**

Jim Snipes

One: For by grace you have been saved through faith.

Many: And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

One: Not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

Many: For we are what God has made us.

Welcome and Community Prayer

Bethany Nelson

Almighty Teacher, teach us Your ways today. Help us turn the other cheek when we are wronged and do so without bitterness. Inspire us to give to those in need and do so without resentment. Turn our hearts that we may learn how to love our neighbor, even those with whom we find disagreement. Teach us and show us the way of holiness, that we may be a holy people. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Assurance

Joys & Concerns and The Lord's Prayer

Robert McClellan

Anthem

Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)

Houston and Myrin

Time of Discovery

Robert McClellan

First Scripture Reading

Leviticus 24:17-23

Jim Snipes

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:38-48

Jeff Shankle

Sermon	High School Reunion	Jeff Shankle
Silent Reflection		
Life of the Beloved Community		Robert McClellan
Closing Song	<i>Your Grace is Enough</i>	Matt Maher
*Benediction, Grace and Peace		Jeff Shankle

Postlude

* *Please rise, in body or spirit*

Program Staff: The Rev. Dr. Robert McClellan, Pastor; The Rev. Bethany Nelson, Associate Pastor; Jeff Shankle, Director of Youth Ministry; Ruth E. Wells, Music Director; Patty Sempell, Worship Accompanist; Brook Scott, Pastoral Associate; The Rev. Dr. Sharon Burch, Parish Associate. Musicians: Bethany Nelson, Scott Bucey, Tim Richards, Ben Sumrall.

☞ Upcoming Church Events & Speakers ☜

"A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH" DISCUSSION **Sunday, April 25, 11:30am**

Written in 1983, "A Brief Statement of Faith" serves as one of the Confessions of the national Presbyterian Church (USA). We will spend some time with this statement, discussing both the passages that are meaningful and inspiring for us, as well as those that trouble or confuse us. Facilitated by Rob and Bethany. If you would like to read the statement prior to our discussion, you can find it here - <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/what-we-believe/brief-statement-of-faith/>

TUESDAY FILM GROUP **April 27, 2:30 pm**

This group meets every other Tuesday to discuss a film via Zoom. This week's film is "Rams," available on Amazon Prime.

WOMEN CONNECTING **Tuesday, April 27, 7:00 pm**

Westminster's new Pastoral Associate, Brook Scott, presents on "The Ministry of Presence."

BOLD WOMEN OF THE BIBLE **Wednesday, April 28, 9:30 am**

We will take look at the bold women who are named as forbears of Jesus Christ in the Gospel of Matthew. Come explore what these unconventional women did and why it matters. Facilitated by Brook Scott.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION **Sunday, May 2, 11:30am**

Interested in learning more about Westminster? Join Rob and Bethany for an informational session via Zoom. RSVP to Bethany at bethany@wpctiburon.org to receive some materials prior to the orientation.

INTERFAITH PRAYER BREAKFAST **Tuesday, May 4, 9:00am**

The Marin Interfaith Council hosts this Zoom event on the theme, "Where Do We Go From Here?" Featured speakers are Rev. Ineda Adesanya from Allen Temple Baptist Church, Sylvia Boorstein from Spirit Rock, and Rabbi Paul Steinberg from Congregation Kol Shofar. Advanced registration is required at marinifc.org.

BIBLE STUDY WITH ROB

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 4:00pm

We will discuss 1st Thessalonians to understand its meaning in the context in which it was written and what it may mean for us today. Our next gathering is May 4.

SPIRITUAL LIFE BOOK GROUP SUMMER PROGRAM

Monday, May 17, 7:00pm

Please join us for another interesting, thought-provoking, and enlightening book group series. We will meet monthly via Zoom; 5/17, 6/28 and 7/26. Our Summer book selection is: *Eye of the Heart: A Spiritual Journey into the Imaginal Realm* by Cynthia Bourgeault. Contact Coral Kisseberth coralkisseb@yahoo.com or Steffen Bartschat sbartschat@comcast.net with any questions.

OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP

There are lots of ways to be involved in the worship life of Westminster! Here are just a few of the many opportunities.

- 1) Music. RuthE. would love to share the opportunity to provide special music during worship. Instrumental music is easiest, but singing is also possible. Please reach out to RuthE. directly to let her know of your interest in participating as a soloist or in a small ensemble. music.at.wpc240@gmail.com
- 2) Flowers. Do you have a green thumb or an eye for flower arranging? The WPC flower team decorates the front of the sanctuary each week. You can volunteer as many or as few times as you'd like. We welcome all and have trainers who can assist you. If interested, please contact Meg Rafter at megplus4boys@gmail.com or 610-888-1218.
- 3) Usher. Our ushers are a key part of helping people enter and exit the sanctuary safely, as well as making people feel welcome here at Westminster. Contact Carolyn Grey at carolynkgrey@gmail.com if you would like to join the ushering team.
- 4) Lector. If you are comfortable with public speaking, the lector role would be great for you. The lector leads the call to worship and reads a scripture passage during worship. Contact Bethany at bethany@wpctiburon.org.

WPC TIBURON PODCASTS

Curious about the spiritual lives of teens in Marin? Listen to the series "My Journey Update" on the WPC Tiburon podcast. Jeff Shankle talks to youth in our church about their personal spiritual journeys and where they see God taking them. It's insightful, funny, engaging, and inspiring!

DIAPER DUTY

Tuesdays, 10-11 am

We invite you join the Diaper Duty brigade, by purchasing diapers and wipes for donation to families in the Canal. Many front line workers have been unemployed or underemployed for almost a year now and are struggling to make ends meet. Drop them off in the WPC Parking Lot along with the bag lunches. For **more information**, check out the WPC website or contact Carol Coffman @ boco54@gmail.com.

BAGS OF LOVE

Tuesdays, 10-11 am

We are collecting bag lunches for families in need in Marin City. Drop them off at the WPC parking lot each Tuesday. If you want more information, please contact carolegunn@comcast.net.