



West Main Baptist Church
March 3, 2024

*congregation standing; **bold print** indicates congregation reading in unison

TOLLING OF THE HOUR Julian King

WELCOME Drew Herring

OPENING VOLUNTARY Mark Gourley
Ciacona in f minor
Johann Pachelbel

*CALL TO WORSHIP Jennifer Clatterbuck

Create in each of us a kneeling place,
where we may empty ourselves of our self-importance and become vulnerable to your Word to us.
Help us set our faces firmly against friendly suggestions for safe, expedient lives and toward the risk of discipleship.
Loosen our grip on certainties that smother possibilities.
Forgive our resistance to change.
Let us pursue the adventure of losing our lives in order to find them in you.
Guide us to follow the way of the cross
where despair is transformed by the promise of new life.

*HYMN 6 The Church
Creator God, Creating Still

*LENTEN PRAYER Jennifer Clatterbuck

Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole. In Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*LENTEN RESPONSE The Church
Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;
incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.**

(As we sing, the children are invited to come forward for the children's lesson)

CHILDREN'S LESSON Jennifer Clatterbuck

(After the children's lesson, preschool children through kindergarten are encouraged to follow the leader to our Extended Session in the preschool area. Grades one and above remain in worship.)

*HYMN 72 The Church
Day by Day

PRAYERS Drew Herring

SERMON Meredith Stone
"Who Sinned: Transforming Power and Authority"
John 9: 1-11 Exec. Dir., Baptist Women in Ministry

*HYMN 285 The Church
God of Grace and God of Glory

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Caskie Kirk

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Sanctuary Choir
King of Glory, King of Peace
David Charles Walker

*LENTEN DOXOLOGY (Tune: *OLD 100TH*) The Church
**Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts God love in Christ into our hearts. Amen**

*BENEDICTION Sean Timmons

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Mark Gourley
O God, Thou Faithful God
J.S. Bach

The sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory and in celebration of Betty Lea's 79th birthday by Sally Burton and family. Happy Birthday, Mom!

The flowers in the vestibule are given in honor of the marriage of Alexis Calvert and Michael Reisland.

Thank you to Julian King and Joy Collins for assisting in worship today.

Proposed 2024 West Main Mission Offering: \$20,000

Project Ruth/Romania	\$6,000	Harvest Pack	\$0*
God's Storehouse	\$3,000	House of Hope	\$3,500
Good News Jail Ministry	\$2,000	Habitat for Humanity	\$2,000
Grace & Main	\$800	Transitions Pregnancy Center	\$1,000
Ascension Lutheran/Grace & Main Meal	\$1,700		

* Harvest Pack will be funded through an estate gift through 2026

This is a proposal from our Missions Committee and will be voted on during our regular church business meeting on March 20th. We will begin collecting this year's W.M.M.O.

Emmaus Café

3/6 @ 5:30 P.M.

Menu: Meat Loaf,
Creamed Potatoes,
Broccoli, Corn,
Rolls & Dessert

No Dinner/Activities
on Wednesday,
March 13th b/c
D.P.S. on break