

The Order of Worship

**March 21, 2010
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the Worship of God.

PRELUDE

(9:00) O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, BWV 1095 J. S. Bach
O Guiltless Lamb of God
(from the *Neumeister Chorales*)

(11:00) Great Is Thy Faithfulness and Sweet Hour of Prayer arr. Jo Ann Powell
Joanne Bendy, Flute
Jo Ann Powell, Guitar

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.

People: Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 288** (blue hymnal) I Sing the Mighty Power of God *Ellacombe*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, your giving is without end; but we struggle to receive all that you offer. We misuse your gifts, ignore your intents, and refuse your abundance. We hoard what you would have us share, and we throw away what you would have us keep. Forgive us and help us discern your priorities. Govern our hearts with your spirit, so that we can live into the fullness of the gospel, and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON** John L. Bell

Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE** Of the Father's Love Begotten

Divinum mysterium

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 126

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Linda Judge-McRae

Children age 4 through grade 3 are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship. A nursery is available during the entire service for infants through age 3.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:1-8

SERMON

"The World As It Should Be"

Deborah Phillips

***HYMN NO. 388** (blue hymnal) O Jesus, I Have Promised

Angel's Story

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

From *A Declaration of Faith*

We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining God in that work. We risk disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here and now. But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past and in God's promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture. We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion and peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord's Prayer

(During the Prayers of the People there will be a time of silence. You are invited to use this time for personal reflection, confession, thanksgiving, and prayer.)

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle. As many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) Great Is Thy Faithfulness and Sweet Hour of Prayer arr. Jo Ann Powell

(11:00) Precious Lord Thomas A. Dorsey

arr. Arnold Sevier

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone, at the river, Lord, I stand, guide my feet and hold my hand: Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home.

Thomas A. Dorsey

***AT THE PRESENTATION**

Hymn No. 414 (blue hymnal) As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought *Forest Green*
With gratitude and humble trust We bring our best to You, Not just to serve Your
cause, but share Your love with neighbors too. O God who gave Yourself to us In
Jesus Christ Your Son, Help us to give ourselves each day Until life’s work is done.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 435** (blue hymnal) (11:00) We All Are One in Mission *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen *Danish melody*

***POSTLUDE** Christe, aller Welt Trost, BWV 673 (from the *Clavierübung*, Part III) *J. S. Bach*
Christ, Comforter of the World

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Mary Lou Crow and Bill Farnham.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH: Janice Rawe

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Eva James and Leah Milam

GREETERS: John and Shirley Wittman

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Nursery Staff

(11:00) Angela and Mark Grobe, Megan Milam and Anna Milam

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Marlene Browning

USHERS:

(9:00) Don and Connie Graham

(11:00) Rick and Janice Rawe, Max and Carlene Robinson, John Salsbery

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Rick and Janice Rawe in honor of all those who contribute to the music and drama here at Westminster.

OUR THANKS to Joanne Bendy and Jo Ann Powell for their enrichment of our worship this morning.

THOMAS A. DORSEY (1899-1993) is widely considered the father of gospel music, having brought together, during the early 1930s, secular blues and sacred texts. Leaving school at age 11 “Georgia Tom” played piano for blues artist Ma Rainey and her Wild Cats Jazz Band, but at 21 he suffered the first of two nervous breakdowns. Following the second, which led to a reassessment of his life’s goals and musical direction, he committed himself to composing sacred music, though at first many mainstream churches rejected his songs. In August 1932 his life was again touched by tragedy when his wife and son died in childbirth. It was from his grief that “Take My Hand, Precious Lord” emerged.

ORGANIST JOHN GREW will be heard in recital at Westminster Church on Friday evening, April 9, at 8:00 as part of this season’s *Musica Organi* series. Mr. Grew is Professor of Organ and University Organist at McGill University in Montréal and an internationally active concert organist. The recital is cosponsored by the Knoxville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Admission is free and the congregation is cordially invited to attend. A nursery will be provided. Do come join us that evening!

MEN’S THURSDAY MORNING BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: On Thursday, March 25 at 7:00 a.m. a group of men will meet in the McKinnon Room for breakfast and a short discussion-oriented lesson. Dave Dupper will provide the meal and Tim Crais will lead the lesson. The lesson is entitled, “Simplicity as a Spiritual Discipline.” If you want to review the lesson ahead of time, contact Renee at renee_wpc@comcast.net and she will email the lesson to you. You can also pick up a hard copy in the church office. Come join us!



THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be collected Sunday, April 4. The offering is used to support those whose lives have been impacted by disaster, as well as those made vulnerable by hunger, disease, unemployment and environmental degradation. Our gifts are divided among the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Please see the table in the narthex and the insert in today’s bulletin for more information.

Lenten Sunday School Series

Today we will continue our study of the book, *Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church is Transforming the Faith* by Diana Butler Bass. Today's class will be led by Ellen Anderson, and we will talk about the elements of Worship and Reflection in creating a vital church. Join us even if you haven't read the book – our discussions are stimulating and accessible to all!

Easter Event Schedule

- *March 24 and March 31*

Wednesday Lenten Series

We share a simple meal of soup and bread at 5:45 p.m. followed by a brief, reflective time of song, scripture and prayer.

- *March 28*

Palm Sunday

Worship - 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

- *April 1*

Maundy Thursday

Worship and Celebration of Communion - 8:00 p.m.

- *April 4*

Easter Sunday

Worship - 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast - 10:00 a.m.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for our annual Easter Breakfast.

Neighborhood Groups to Convene

Every so often in the life of our church we convene all of the neighborhood groups for something very important. That time has come once again. During April and May we will be convening all of the neighborhood groups to take part in a presentation and discussion of the Vision Report which you have recently heard referenced by Rev. Phillips and others. It is time for all of us to review our new Vision and Mission statements and discuss how we as a church can grow into the new vision and mission. You will soon be contacted by your neighborhood coordinator to come and participate in a one and a half hour meeting. Leading the meeting will be a team of two elders, one Vision Task Force person and one facilitator. The first half hour will be a meal and the next hour will be the presentation, which will involve your participation and idea sharing. When your neighborhood coordinator contacts you, we hope you will mark your calendar and then attend this very important meeting in your neighborhood. By participating in the meeting, you can help shape the future of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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Easter Flowers

If you wish to honor the memory of a loved one or to honor someone special in your life with Easter flowers in the sanctuary, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate. A listing of all dedications will be included in the bulletin on Easter Sunday and in the April 7 edition of the *Abbey*.

Donation of \$_____ given in (please circle your choice) honor/memory of:

Given by: _____