

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE

(9:00) Prelude in G Felix Mendelssohn
(from *Three Preludes and Fugues for the Organ*, Op. 37)

(11:00) Paeon for Spring Martin Farren
Handbell Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

People: **For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 442 (blue hymnal) The Church's One Foundation Aurelia

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574 (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson

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.**

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-6

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

JP Mackay

Children age 4 through 3rd grade 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

Acts 11:1-18

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*He drew a circle that shut me out--
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout,
But love and I had the wit to win:
We drew a circle that took him in!
—Edwin Markham*

*HYMN NO. 521 (blue hymnal) You Satisfy the Hungry Heart Finest Wheat

(The congregation sings the refrain, the choir the refrain and verses.)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) adapted Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. This we believe!

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle. If you would like to receive our newsletter or more information about the church, include your address, phone number and email address. 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) Paeon for Spring Martin Farren

(11:00) I Sat Down Under His Shadow Edward C. Bairstow

I sat down under His shadow with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love.

Song of Solomon 2:3b-4

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal) *Old Hundredth*
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 DEDICATION**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Prayer continues)...to the glory of your name.

**People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory
be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.**

(Prayer continues)...Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

**People: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O
Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O
Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

(Seated and partaking of elements when received, followed by silent meditation.)

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION (11:00) Now to Your Table Spread *Love Unknown*

Now to Your table spread We come, each one in faith That You alone provide the words
of life and death: In wine and bread, In promised food We find Your loving heart, O God.

Hands of the world stretch out Your mystery to touch In longing to believe a truth beyond
our reach, To sing in joy, To cry in grief, To know Your meaning for our life.

Here is our common wealth In sharing what is good, As though all humankind around
one table stood, This bread to break, This wine to taste: One people in the name of Christ.

Shirley Erena Murray

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 535 (blue hymnal) Go with Us, Lord *Tallis' Canon*

(Sung in canon, with the pulpit side of the congregation beginning)

***POSTLUDE** Fugue in G *Felix Mendelssohn*
(from *Three Preludes and Fugues for the Organ, Op. 37*)

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Leslie Rotella and Don Byerly.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MAY: Georgann Byerley

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Jake Tidwell and Sam Phillips

GREETERS (11:00): Scott and Ashley Porter

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Nursery Staff

(11:00) Larry and Kathleen Tragesser, Chloé and Lacey Tragesser

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Handbell Choir

(11:00) Chancel and Handbell Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerley

USHERS:

(9:00) David Woodall and Lalla Phillips

(11:00) Trish Groves, Barbara Wilkinson, Christie Dowling, Nancy Cundall, Georgann Byerley

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in memory of Eloise Pope Woodall by Sharon Boyce and Jack Woodall.

FIVE DATES REMAIN AVAILABLE for flower dedications for 2010. Those dates are: May 30; August 8, 15, and 22; and October 24.

EDWARD C. BAIRSTOW served as the organist at York Minster from 1913 until his death in 1946 and was one of the great English composers of the early twentieth century. A number of his anthems are staples of the sacred choral repertoire and our choir is pleased to share this wonderful piece in worship this morning, having last sung Bairstow in October 2004.

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL collection is today. This offering, brought each "First Sunday," is our share in maintaining the Volunteer Ministry Center of Knoxville.

NAME TAG SUNDAY is today. Please fill out a name tag in the Narthex.

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP GATHERINGS are taking place for the purpose of discussing the Vision Task Force recommendations. Upcoming group meetings are listed below. **If you were unable to attend the meeting of your neighborhood group, you are invited to attend one of the remaining meetings.** We hope that you will be a part of the shaping of a new vision for Westminster Presbyterian Church!

Date	Time	Neighborhood Group
May 2	5:00 p.m.	Peninsula
May 2	6:00 p.m.	Sequoyah and Westmoreland
May 4	7:00 p.m.	Westminster
May 7	6:30 p.m.	Bluegrass
May 16	12:30 p.m.	Kingston Woods

Bluegrass Group: If you did not receive your email or postcard with meeting details, please contact Janet Tortorelli at tort@knology.net or 690-7072. Your RSVP is greatly appreciated!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

"If You Want to Walk on Water, You Have to Get Out of the Boat" McKinnon Room

What does that mean? " It means facing your fears and choosing not to let fear have the last word." " It means discovering and embracing the unique calling of God on your life." " It means experiencing the power of God in your life to do something you would not be able of doing on your own." Laura Barron and Gail Clark will be facilitating the class. Books are available for \$19.

Bible Study Class Fellowship Hall

"The earth is the Lord's and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein." Today, the Bible Study Class will look at Psalms 24 and 25. God loves you so! Come read and share with us these beautiful songs. Ellen Anderson will lead, and we are meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Share Your Faith Journey Library

Members are "invited to reflect on their experience of God's presence in their life and God's absence, the people and events who have shaped or inspired their faith most, and the faith convictions they affirm, and those with which they struggle." Join us in the library during the Sunday school hour to share your faith journey.

May 9-23

Nuclear Tipping Point Library

This class will take "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9) as a starting point and look into the big picture of nuclear weapons and their relationship to peace and security. The format will include a combination of short video segments, Bible references and discussion. We feel that this topic is very timely in that President Obama recently signed a nuclear reduction treaty and our senators will be debating this treaty in the Fall.

THIS AFTERNOON IS YOUR LAST CHANCE to attend the Westminster Players' Musical Revue. The show begins at 1:30 p.m.

THE ALL-CHURCH PICNIC is Sunday, May 9. Join us as we celebrate Confirmation and Senior Sunday. The cost is \$8 per person, with no charge for honorees and mentors. Please sign up in the Schilling Gallery for the meal catered by Take Out Thyme.

Vacation Bible School
Sunday, June 27 – Thursday, July 1

This year, Erin Presbyterian Church will join us for a combined daytime Vacation Bible School. Their church has a new addition under construction, and we will enjoy sharing our time and facilities with them.

Attendance and volunteer sign-ups are in the Schilling Gallery. We will need help with snacks, crafts, shepherding, games, decorating and co-leading classes. If you are interested in helping in any way, please fill out the form below and return it to the offering plate or to the church office. You may also sign up by contacting Angela at angela_wpc@comcast.net or at 556-8034.

Our schedule:

Sunday, June 27 – 2:00-5:00 p.m., followed by a cookout for the entire family

Monday, June 28 – Thursday, July 1 – 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Attendance Sign-up:

A nursery is available for infants and toddlers of volunteers. Preschoolers aged 2-3 (potty trained), 4 and 5, as well as students currently in kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to sign-up.

We also need middle and high school students to lead the games.

Name:_____ Age or Current School Grade:_____

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Volunteer Sign-up:

Name(s):_____

Please circle your volunteer interest:

crafts snacks shepherd decorations class co-leader



Coffee, Anyone?

Many of you may remember purchasing delicious coffee sporting the Westminster label. Starting today, you have that opportunity again. SHOW is selling ground and whole bean Fair Trade Organic Coffee, both regular and decaf. The price is \$10 per bag, and all funds raised will help offset the cost for Montreat.

Thank you for your support!