

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

**PRELUDE** Prémambule (from *24 Pieces in Free Style*)

Louis Vierne

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 139, adapted)

Sarah Rennich, liturgist

Leader: O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

**People: You search out my path...and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Leader: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

**People: If I ascend to heaven you are there; if I make my bed in death, you are there.**

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart;

**People: And lead me in the way everlasting.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

**\*HYMN NO. 248** (blue hymnal) You Are Before Me, Lord

*Sursum corda*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, we give you thanks that you supply us with what we need. You surround us with a wealth of resources for life together. Even as we are amazed at the variety of expressions of love which we have seen in Christ, we confess we do not always embody such love. Confused, distracted, overwhelmed by the pressures of our unique circumstance, we often lose sight of the faith and life to which you call us. Forgive us, O Merciful God. Renew and re-shape us in heart, mind and spirit. Help us to make good use of your good gifts by following in the way of Christ. 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.**

**\*RESPONSE** Gloria Patri No. 579 (blue hymnal)

Henry W. Greatorex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Jeremiah 18:1-11, Luke 14:25-33

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Lisa Trofatter

Children age 4 through 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

Philemon 1-21

**SERMON**

"Does God Have a Plan for Your Life?"

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

**\*HYMN** Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

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*(see insert)*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**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** Ecce Panis

Albert Alain

Ecce Panis Angelorum, Factus cibus viatorum Vere panis filiorum, Non mittendus canibus. In figuris praesignatur, Isaac immolatur, Agnus Paschae deputatur, Datur manna patribus. Bone Pastor, panis vere, Jesu, nostri miserere: Tu nos pasce, nos tuere, Tu nos bona fac videre In terra viventium. Amen.

*Behold, the Bread of the Angels became the food of wanderers, the true bread of the children of God, not to be wasted. It was previously symbolized in this form: Isaac was sacrificed, the Pascal Lamb was chosen, and manna was given to the fathers. Good Shepherd, true Bread, Jesus, have mercy on us. Sustain us, watch over us, and make us see the good in others living on the earth. Amen.*

St. Thomas Aquinas

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal) *Tallis' Canon*  
(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue hymnal))  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**THE THANKSGIVING**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

(Prayer continues)...who forever say to the glory of your name:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

(Prayer continues)...so we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING THE SACRAMENT**

*As directed by the ushers, we come forward by the center aisle, take or tear a morsel of bread and dip it into the chalice before partaking. We return to the pew by the side aisle.*

**MUSIC FOR COMMUNION** Communion in e, Op. 39, No. 5 *Alexandre Guilmant*

**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 ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 538** (blue hymnal) Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing *Sicilian Mariners*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen *Danish melody*  
**\*POSTLUDE** Grand Plein Jeu (from *Suite on the First Tone*) *Louis-Nicolas Clérambault*

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP** here today.

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK** are Stephanie Lynch-Wright and Tim Ryan.

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR SEPTEMBER:** Janice Rawe

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS** are available from the ushers.

**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTE:** Joseph Hutzenbiler

**GREETERS:** Wes, Sandra and Spencer Williams

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:** Thalia Hatmaker, Ben and Abigail Hatmaker

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Women of the Chancel Choir

**LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP:** Tim and Joyce Ryan

**SENIOR USHER:** Dave Woehr

**USHERS:** Irene Seidner, Sue Caradine, Don Byerly, Rob McKeehan

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Rick and Janice Rawe in celebration of their 48<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary September 1<sup>st</sup>, Janice's mother's 96<sup>th</sup> birthday September 12<sup>th</sup>, and Rick's mother's birthday October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**NEWS FROM THE OFFICE:** We will be closed tomorrow for Labor Day, and will reopen Tuesday, September 7 at 9:00 a.m. Our new telephone system will be installed Wednesday, September 8. We might have a short time without phones on that day while we switch to the new system. Thank you for your patience during this upgrade.

**THIS MORNING'S ORGAN AND CHORAL MUSIC** survey French composers. Alexandre Guilmant held prominent positions in Paris, serving as organist at la Sainte-Trinité from 1871 to 1896 and teaching at the Paris Conservatoire, where he succeeded Charles-Marie Widor in 1896. Louis-Nicolas Clérambault, a contemporary of J. S. Bach, served as organist at St. Sulpice in Paris, where Widor would eventually also serve. Louis Vierne was the titular organist at Notre Dame in Paris from 1900 to 1937. Though his son, Jehan, is perhaps better known as an organist and composer and his daughter, Marie-Claire, as an organist and teacher, Albert Alain (1880-1971), too, was an organist, as well as a composer and amateur organbuilder. His teachers include Fauré, Guilmant, and Louis Vierne. This morning's anthem is a lovely setting of Gregorian chant.

**PLEASE TAKE TIME** to look at the new art display in the Narthex and Schilling Gallery. Cindy Moon Fulton, daughter of Judy and Joe Moon, is displaying her ceramic masks in the Schilling Gallery show cases. Cindy's masks reflect her work as a mental health worker with adolescents. Local artist, Beverly Gleeson, is exhibiting her paintings which reflect the theme of Appalachian life and culture. We appreciate these artists sharing their gifts with us.

**THE ABBEY DEADLINE** is Wednesday, September 8. Events through October 10 should be included in this *Abbey*. Please send your articles to [unitedprinters@comcast.net](mailto:unitedprinters@comcast.net).

**MEN'S THURSDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP:** Start your day off right with breakfast, fellowship, and a short lesson. On Thursday, September 9 at 7:00 a.m. we will meet in the McKinnon Room for a meal and a short discussion-oriented lesson. You can eat, discuss and be gone by 7:45 in time to be at work at 8:00. All ages are welcome. No previous attendance or preparation is required. No books to read. However, if you do want to review the lesson ahead of time, you can pick up a lesson copy in the church office or ask Renee to email the lesson to you. The lesson for September 9 is entitled, "Changing the Wind" and is about "rediscovering the presence of Spirit in all of life." Part of that process involves "movements within the church." So, come join us on a spiritual journey and grow within this community of Westminster Men.

**FISH** delivery is Thursday, September 9. If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Barbara Wilkinson. The more volunteers we have, the more food we can deliver to hungry families in our community. You are needed!

**THE HABITAT HOME BUILD** continues, with interior painting on Saturday, September 11 and cabinet and trim work scheduled for Saturday, September 18. To sign up, send an email with your name and phone number to [wpc.habitat@gmail.com](mailto:wpc.habitat@gmail.com).

**OUR REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE** resumes next Sunday, September 12. Worship services are at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., with Sunday School for all ages at 10:00 a.m.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE AS A GREETER** for an 11:00 a.m. worship service this fall, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery.

#### WANNA BLT?

No, not that kind of BLT. BLT is short for **Bible...Lunch...Tuesdays**. Beginning on Tuesday, September 21, Dr. Phillips will be leading a study on the parables of Jesus. The study group will meet during the noon lunch hour every Tuesday for approximately 10 weeks. We hope to look at some familiar parables and maybe some not so familiar ones, with informal discussions as to the meanings of these parables for our everyday lives. You are welcome to bring your lunch and brown bag it so to speak, and the plan is not to go much longer than the noon hour. You will need nothing more than a bible, but you may contact the church office for the schedule we plan to follow. Our topic for September 21 is The Parable of the Sower (Mark 4:1-20).

**RACE FOR THE CURE:** Westminster Tribe Alive will be participating in this year's Race for the Cure event to be held **Saturday, October 30** at World's Fair Park. Please join us for either the Family Fun 1 mile walk or the 5K run...or, if you prefer, "Sleep In" for the Cure! Meredith Mackay and Kathryn Oakes have volunteered to lead the team again and are happy to answer any questions anyone might have. **Early Bird registration ends today**. You can sign up online at [www.komenknoxville.com](http://www.komenknoxville.com). Go to "Register Online" and under Team select "Westminster Tribe Alive." We look forward to seeing you all on Race Day!

**WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER** begins September 22 at 5:45 p.m. Information about classes and activities is coming soon in the *Abbey*, bulletin and email.

#### Come on Down to the Diaper Round-Up!

In an effort to collect diapers for the FISH pantry, you and your family are invited to an afternoon of fun and food at WPC on Saturday, September 19 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. We will enjoy games and face painting, while getting to know others in our community who support the FISH pantry. The cost of admission? Diapers! The pantry needs diapers in size medium or large, or gift cards for major chain stores. Please RSVP to [westminsterpres@comcast.net](mailto:westminsterpres@comcast.net).