

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Élévation (from *Messe Basse*) Louis Vierne

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) Come, Glad Hearts W. A. Mozart

Come, glad hearts in joyful measure, Sing of those who spread the treasure which in God’s own Word we find. Blessed tidings of salvation; Peace on earth their proclamation; Love from God to all mankind.

O may we, Thy truth confessing, And Thy holy word possessing Serve and love Thee evermore. Unto Thee our voices raising; Thee with all our lives now praising Evermore, forevermore.

trans. Robert Campbell

Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs
Helen Bryenton and Nancy Duckles, Violins

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, people of God, leave the cares of your day and the concerns of your life. Come and be filled with the presence of God.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in God’s presence.

Leader: Gather together, people of God, for God has set aside this moment for refreshment of your spirit.

People: We will rejoice and celebrate for the love of our God.

Leader: Give thanks, people of God, your Savior is doing a new thing, and the power to receive it is in your hands.

People: We will rejoice and give thanks for God’s care.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 267 (blue hymnal) All Things Bright and Beautiful *Royal Oak*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Creator God, you fashioned a world of beauty and plenty for our home, but we have spoiled it with greed. Refusing to live within your dominion of shalom and justice, we have ignored the needs of our fellow creatures. We vainly attempt to be lord of our own lives. Still, we cannot ignore what our sin has wrought – pollution, poverty, oppression, abuse, violence and extinction. Your people are hurting. Your planet calls out for justice. Forgive us, O Lord. Teach us again your good way that we may participate in your healing of creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*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. 576 (blue hymnal) Jacques Berthier

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

EPISTLE LESSON I Corinthians 4:1-5

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Anne Millett

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.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 6:24-34

SERMON “Traveling Light in Heavy Times” Rev. John Linton Muntz

“For we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.” – I Timothy 6:7-8

*HYMN NO. 333 (blue hymnal) Seek Ye First *Lafferty*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

God created the heavens and the earth and made human beings in God’s image, charging them to care for all that lives. God made men and women to live in community, responding to their Creator with grateful obedience. God was incarnate in Jesus Christ, who announced good news to the poor, proclaimed release for prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, let broken victims go free, and proclaimed the year of the Lord’s favor. Jesus came to seek and save the lost; in his life and death for others, God’s redeeming love for all was made visible, and in the resurrection of Jesus Christ there is assurance of God’s victory over sin and death.

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.
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) Come, Glad Hearts W. A. Mozart
(The text is found at the Introit.)

(11:00) Surge illuminare William Byrd
Surge illuminare Jerusalem, quia venit lumen tuum et gloria Domini super te orta est.
Alleluia.

*Arise, shine forth in splendour, Jerusalem, for thy light hath now appeared; the glory of the Lord
over thee hath arisen. Alleluia.*

Isaiah 60:1
Old Hundredth

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

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**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 475** (blue hymnal) (11:00) O That I Had a Thousand Voices
O dass ich tausend Zungen hätte

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** Tuba Tune in D C. S. Lang

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Bonny Naugher and Bill Farnham.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH: Carlene Robinson

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Sam Phillips and Helen Bonnyman

GREETERS (11:00): Wes, Sandra and Spencer Williams

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Chuck Wright and Stephanie Lynch-Wright, Emma Adamcik and Clara Oakes

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

(11:00) Boys’, Chancel, and Girls’ Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan

USHERS:

(9:00) Jeff Bendy and Carol Beilharz

(11:00) Danielle and Matt Mathews, Robin and Gordon Greeson, Buz Johnson

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by June Martin in honor of her daughters, Amy and Stacey.

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL collection is **next Sunday**. We bring this offering each “First Sunday,” as our share in maintaining the Volunteer Ministry Center of Knoxville. The average monthly cost to serve breakfast and lunch is \$200. Your support is greatly appreciated!

A STATED SESSION MEETING is today at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room. Dockets for current session elders are available in the narthex of the sanctuary.

OUR THANKS to Helen Bryenton and Nancy Duckles for their enrichment of our worship this morning as they accompany the Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs.

WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS will rehearse from **3:30 to 4:30** this afternoon. Please note the new time.

CRAIG SELLAR LANG (1891-1971) was an organist, teacher, and composer. Born in New Zealand, he moved to England and worked as Director of Music at Christ's Hospital school in Horsham, West Sussex, from 1929 to 1945. The school was originally founded in the sixteenth century to give disadvantaged children, both male and female, the chance at a better education. The trebles of our choirs at Westminster have enjoyed singing his stirring anthem *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing* and a descant to the hymn "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty." Of all his works, this morning's postlude may be his best known. The word "tuba" in the title refers to a loud trumpet stop, on high wind pressure, that is used for soloing out festive melodies or majestic fanfares.

A PLANNING MEETING for the June mission trip to the Dominican Republic will be held today at 12:15 p.m. in the library.

THE BLUEGRASS NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP will host a welcome dinner for Darryl and Ginny Baker today from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the home of Peter and Janet Tortorelli. Please bring a veggie dish, side item or dessert. An RSVP is requested to janettortorelli@gmail.com.

SHOW and WAMS meet this evening from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for a World Hunger Awareness Dinner. **Fifth graders are invited to join us for this event.** Everyone will receive a passport and eat according to your country of origin. This should be a fun and thought-provoking evening. Chetna Jain, a friend of Barbara's who grew up in India, will be sharing her experiences and leading a conversation about world hunger following the meal.

BLT (BIBLE, LUNCH, TUESDAYS)

A Selection of Psalms

The Psalms have been called the hymnbook of the Old Testament. This study has looked at a sampling of different types of Psalms under specific headings (suggested by the Old Testament scholar, Walter Bruggemann). We will conclude our Psalms study this Tuesday, beginning at 12:00 noon in the McKinnon Room. You are welcome to bring your lunch.

The Psalm in bold is our primary focus for the class, though you are encouraged to read both of the Psalms listed for this week. We have studied *Psalms of Orientation* and *Psalms of Disorientation*.

We conclude our study with:

Psalms of New Orientation:

Psalms of Assurance and Confidence: 23,91

Wednesdays With Westminster (WWW or W³)

Here is what we have planned for Wednesday, March 2:

5:45-6:30 – Dinner

You do not need a reservation and there is no cost for the dinner, unless you want to make a donation at the door. Thanks to the Congregational Care ministry team for preparing our dinner.

6:15-6:30 – Youth Worship in the Sanctuary

6:30-7:30 – Activities

Nursery for infants through age 4 and programs for ages 5 through 5th grade

Youth – Dgroup (Discipleship Group) Middle and High School youth

Adults – "Forgiveness" presented by Kristi Gordon, Ph.D.

What is forgiveness? How do we define it? How do we accomplish it? Is forgiveness always healthy or a desired outcome? After almost 20 years of researching these questions and treating couples struggling to resolve major betrayals in their relationships, it's become obvious to Kristi that there are no easy answers to these questions. At the same time, all of us at some time in our lives find ourselves struggling with them. This WWW presentation will address these questions from a psychological perspective, drawing on Kristi's research and clinical experiences with this topic. After a brief presentation about relevant research about forgiveness, she will take questions from the group.

Kristi Gordon is currently Associate Professor and Associate Director of Clinical Training in the Department of Psychology at the University of Tennessee. Recently she received the Distinguished Service Award from the American Psychological Association's Society for Family Psychology. She has co-authored two books on how to help couples recover following infidelity, along with numerous articles on forgiveness, infidelity, marital distress and couple therapy. She also maintains a small private practice in Knoxville.

Come join us for food, fun, fellowship and program. You will be glad you did!

THE COMMUNITY CHEST THRIFT STORE collection is scheduled for Saturday, March 5 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension. Clothing and small household items are needed. To volunteer at Community Chest call 971-4417.

A PROGRAM OF TRADITIONAL AND CLASSICAL SACRED MUSIC and lively spirituals will be presented Sunday, March 13 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The program benefits Westminster's music department and features John Edward Hankins, baritone; Margaret Harrison, piano; Eileen Rudd, organ; Carol Zinavage, piano; and Terrance McCracken, guest vocalist. A reception will follow the recital, and all are invited to attend.

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY PLAYHOUSE is presenting *The Silver Whistle*, a comedy by Robert McEnroe. A group from Westminster will attend the play on April 1 at 2:30 p.m. We welcome you to join us, whether you plan to go on to the retreat afterward, or just want to see the play. If you'd like to attend, please contact Betty McKeehan. Tickets are \$17, and more information about *The Silver Whistle* can be found on the website for the Cumberland County Playhouse at www.ccplayhouse.com.

WPC ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR WINTER 2011

Faith Topics (McKinnon Room)

Losses of Our Lives, by Dr. Nancy Copeland-Payton

"Based on her experience as a physician, hospital chaplain, and pastor, Dr. Nancy Copeland-Payton invites us to awaken to the losses of our lives – big and small – and embrace the wisdom each has to teach us about the deep mystery of God and the nature of living." Anne Dungan and Tim Crais are the facilitators.

Special Topics (Library)

What Kids Really Want That Money Can't Buy: Tips for Parenting in a Commercial World by Betsy Taylor.

This book is a dynamic, real-world guide to reshaping our busy lives and giving our children more joy with less stuff - and plenty of what truly matters most. Linda Judge-McRae is the facilitator for the class. Books are available for \$5.

Bible Experience (Prayer Room)

Corinthians

Westminster Players Present

God's Favorite

by Neil Simon

Who knew misery could be so funny? *God's Favorite*, Neil Simon's comical retelling of the Bible's Book of Job will be presented April 8-10 at Westminster. Show times are 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.

After wealthy Long Island businessman, Joe Benjamin is visited by God's eccentric messenger from Queens, his life takes a drastic turn for the worse. Destruction, devastation and divine comedy rain down on Joe to test his faith. With a pair of simple-minded twins underfoot, a rebellious, carousing son and wife Rose's kvetching, you'll be laughing to keep from crying. Will Joe put an end to his family's suffering by renouncing God, or will he hold fast to his faith come what may?

The admission price is a \$10 donation at the door. A nursery will be provided for young children.

THE OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE is receiving suggestions from members of the congregation for possible nominees for Elders for the class of 2014, one youth Elder for the class of 2012, and one Trustee for the class of 2014. Please write names and reasons for your suggestions on this sheet and drop it in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office.

Nominee for Elder or Trustee (circle one)

Reason for Nomination
