

**The Order of Worship**

**July 24, 2011**

**10:00 A.M.**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS ...**

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

**PRELUDE** O Herre Gott, Vater in Ewigkeit Johann Michael Bach  
*O Lord God, Eternal Father*

Verse 1

Verse 2 Christe, aller Welt Heiland

*Christ, Savior of the World*

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**INTROIT** O Praise God George Thalben-Ball  
O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.

Psalm 150:1

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 139, Adapted Nate Seidner, 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: Search me, O God, and know my heart; and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Leader: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in death, you are there.

**People: Search me, O God, and know my heart; and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Leader: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day.

**People: Search me, O God, and know my heart; and lead me in the way everlasting.**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 483** (blue hymnal) Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above *Mit Freuden zart*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Gracious God, creator of all things, source of all goodness, forgive us for pursuing a life that is not the life you have shown us in Jesus Christ. Forgive us for a lack of reverence for your creation, for a hurried pace that causes us to overlook things that matter, for a lack of trust in your providential care. Forgive us for not seeing you in the Other, for clinging to those things that you would have us release and let go, for a half-hearted faith and worship that too often

just goes through the motions. Forgive us and free us, so that we might continually become the people you call us to be. 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** Romans 8:28-30,38-39

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** Janelle Stueck

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** Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

**SERMON** "Weeds in the Garden" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

**\*HYMN NO. 248** (blue hymnal) You Are Before Me, Lord *Sursum corda*  
(Verses 1 and 2: All; 3: Women; 4: Men; 5: All)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) from *A Declaration of Faith*

Christ calls us to be disciples. In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and in death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

**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. Though 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** Lord of All Power and Might Geoffrey Shaw  
Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for the seventh Sunday after Trinity

**\*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**

**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 339** (blue hymnal) Be Thou My Vision *Slane*

**\*CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

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

**\*POSTLUDE** O Herre Gott, Vater in Ewigkeit Johann Michael Bach  
Verse 3 O Gott, heiliger Geist

*O God, Holy Spirit*

\*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 Bonny Naugher and Don Byerly.

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JULY:** Linda Rutherford

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

**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTE:** Jake Tidwell

**GREETERS:** Don and Sue Byerly

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:** Nursery Staff, Clara Oakes and Emma Adamcik

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Summer Choir

**LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP:** Bill and Eileen Rudd

**SENIOR USHER:** Bill Holt

**USHERS:** Andrew Gordon, Kristi Gordon, Robin Greeson, Gordon Greeson, Buz Johnson

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Kathy and Sky Huck in memory of Kathy's mother, Phyllis Clark, who loved flowers.

**A STATED SESSION MEETING** is today at 11:00 a.m. in the McKinnon Room.

**ENGLISH COMPOSER AND ORGANIST** Geoffrey Shaw lived from 1879 to 1943. He received his training at St. Paul's, London and at Cambridge University, and later took the post of organist at St. Mary's Church, Primrose Hill, London. Here at Westminster we have enjoyed a number of his free accompaniments to hymns and a descant and accompaniment to "Old Hundredth."

**COME JOIN SUMMER CHOIR!** Though summer is fleeting, we would still love to have you in the Summer Choir. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 8:00. Please contact Peter Van Eenam for further information.

**THE ART DISPLAYED IN THE SCHILLING GALLERY** features the work of two artists. **Pat Delashmit** has been weaving for more than 25 years, with an emphasis in tapestry. Her interests include soft sculpture and mixed media pieces as well. Her inspiration is most always from the landscapes that we enjoy in East Tennessee and the changing seasons, weather and light of each day. She works from photographs as well as from scenes remembered or imagined. She shows her work at the Art Market Gallery in Knoxville, Foothills Craft Guild and Artsclamation!. **Angela Shilling's** Smiling Medusa Jewelry is in the display case near the church office. She has been working as a metalsmith for the last decade, and strives to blend other media into her creations. She is sharing with us some of her competition and ready-to-wear pieces of art.

**THE ABBEY DEADLINE** is Wednesday. Please send your articles to [unitedprinters@comcast.net](mailto:unitedprinters@comcast.net).

**WESTMINSTER NIGHT AT THE SMOKIES:** Join us at the ballpark on Friday, August 12 for the 7:15 p.m. Smokies game! The cost of each ticket is \$8. Please make checks payable to Westminster, noting "Smokies tickets" on your check.

**WE'RE CLOSING OUT SALES** of our WPC water bottles and retreat t-shirts. We have several bottles and t-shirts (size large) available for \$3 each. They can be found on a table in the Schilling Gallery.

**DIAPER ROUND-UP  
FOR FISH HOSPITALITY PANTRY**

**August 7, 4:00 p.m**

It's that time again! Round up those boxes, bags and packages of diapers (especially sizes 5 and 6) and head on down to the Diaper Round-Up! The big event is scheduled for Sunday, August 7 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the church courtyard. Not sure what to wear? Well, make sure it's something that you don't mind getting wet, 'cause this year's round-up is "The Wet and Wild" Diaper Round-Up. We've got so many ways for kids young and old to get wet and stay wet, you'll end up leaving knowing just how a diaper feels. There will be food, drink and fun for all.

For those of you allergic to fun (or with other plans), you can leave your diapers in the hallway next to the kitchen whenever the mood strikes you. We'll miss seeing you there, but you'll give a whole new meaning to "party pooper." All those bottoms thank you!