

The Order of Worship

**March 25, 2012
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) Von Gott will ich nicht lassen Johann Gottfried Walther
From God I Shall Not Turn
(11:00) Prélude (from Suite No. 1 in G for Unaccompanied Cello) J. S. Bach
Ethan Partelow, Cello

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Just this morning, the Creator has brought forth new life.

People: All praise and thanks to God.

Leader: Just this morning, the Christ has come into our midst, for we are many gathered in one place.

People: All praise and thanks to God.

Leader: Just this morning, the Spirit has given us breath and voice to shape into prayer and song.

People: All praise and thanks to God.

Leader: Already this morning God has done great things in our lives.

People: We lift up our hearts in joy and gratitude as we worship our gracious God.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 457 (blue hymnal) I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art *Toulon*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, the times in which we live cause us to be anxious, and too often we are shaped by our fears, not by faith. We have said and done things unworthy of our calling. Our thoughts have been so dominated by the past and the future that we have failed to live fully in the present. Often our lives are filled with discontent, worry, and self-protective pursuits and we have not trusted your guidance. Forgive us. Change us. Inspire our caring and doing so we may bear fruit as your forgiven and forgiving children. 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 ...

OLD TESTAMENT WORD

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:5-10

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Amy Theiss

Children age 4 through 2nd 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.

NEW TESTAMENT WORD

John 12:20-33

SERMON

"Biography as Theology "

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*HYMN NO. 101 (blue hymnal) When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

from A Declaration of Faith

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 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.

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

(9:00) Be Still, My Soul

Finlandia

Brass Choir

(11:00) Jesu dulcis memoria Tomás Luis de Victoria
Jesu dulcis memoria Dans vera cordis gaudia; Sed super mel et omnia Ejus dulcis
praesentia.

*Jesus, how sweet the very thought, Giving true joy to the heart, But sweeter than honey and all else
Is His presence.*

trans. Ron Jeffers

***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. 371** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Lift High the Cross *Crucifer*

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** Fantasia in g Johann Pachelbel

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible Class **Prayer Room**

We will look at how Jesus' ministry changed in the weeks before his death and resurrection.
The period we celebrate as Lent is packed with parables, predictions, and prayers! Join us for
the joy of the journey in the Bible.

The Prodigal God **McKinnon Room**

The Prodigal God by Timothy Keller is a teaching film and group study based on Jesus' parable
of The Prodigal Son. This study continues each Sunday throughout Lent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Leslie Rotella and Dave Dupper.

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR MARCH: Shirley Wittman and Lucy Johnson

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Leah Milam and Emma Adamcik

GREETERS (11:00): Wes and Sandra Williams

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Kirche, Caroline, and Katie Rogers

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerley

USHERS:

(9:00) Daniel Berry, Suzanne Graham

(11:00) Scott Porter, Ashley Porter, Christie Dowling, Scott Rutherford, Irene Seidner

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Bob and Barbara Adamcik in honor of Chester
Ingraham and in memory of Billie Ingraham (Barbara's mother).

OUR THANKS to Ethan Partelow for his enrichment of our worship this morning.

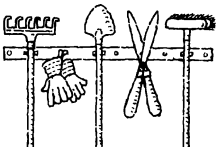
TOMÁS LUIS DE VICTORIA (1548-1611) was one of the most well-known and prolific composers
of the late Renaissance in Spain. Born in Sanchidrián in the province of Ávila, he became a choirboy
at the cathedral there and studied the organ as well. After receiving a grant from Philip II in 1565,
he went to Rome and later became cantor at the Collegium Germanicum founded by St. Ignatius
Loyola. It is thought Victoria may have studied with Palestrina around this time, though this is
only circumstantial. Beginning in 1573, Victoria held two positions, one being at the German
College and the other at the Roman Seminary. In 1587 he returned to Spain to serve as chaplain and
organist to Philip's sister, the Empress María, living in retirement at the Monasterio de las
Descalzas de S Clara in Madrid.

A STATED SESSION MEETING is today at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE meets today at 10:00 a.m. in the DCFLM office.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERIES: Join us at 5:45 p.m. each Wednesday evening during Lent for a simple meal of soup and bread, followed by a service of evening prayers in the sanctuary. This reflective time focuses on scripture, song and prayer as we prepare ourselves for Easter.

WHY SUPPORT ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING? Your gifts lend a hand after devastating natural disasters wipe out entire cities. They help by educating and equipping individuals and congregations to eliminate hunger by addressing the issues that perpetuate hunger. And these gifts help people help themselves with long-term solutions to poverty and pressing community problems. The ministries supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) are ever present, responding with love and compassion. OGHS will be collected through Easter Sunday, April 8.



Spring Workday at Westminster

Come join us for part or all of this workday as we spruce up the church building and grounds.

Saturday, March 31 from 8 AM to 12 N

Numerous and diverse jobs for all, both inside and outside

Put on your old clothes and bring your favorite tools to help us clean, weed, plant, haul, saw, mulch, trim, cut, rake, paint, and various other tasks. You bring the energy and spirit; we'll provide the jobs and leadership (and coffee and donuts). Help us give WPC a clean face for Easter. **Suggested tools to bring:** pruners, clippers, weed whackers, edgers, blowers, rakes, pitchforks, tarps, wheelbarrows, shovels, mattocks, yard saws, paint brushes, gloves, hats, sunscreen, kneeling pads.

Help Us Maintain the Church Grounds

Join us for a Westminster Spring Hike

Where: Porters Creek Trail

When: Friday, April 6th

Time: We will leave from the church parking lot at 8:00 a.m.

We picked this trail because it has so much to offer: a lush forest, a beautiful creek, lots and lots of trillium, a farmstead, a cemetery, footbridges, farm sites, cabins, all kinds of wildflowers such as bloodroot, hepaticas, white fringed phacelia, violets, white trilliums, yellow trillium, toothwort, wild geranium, May-apple, dwarf ginseng, blue phlox, baneberry, foam flower, halberd-leaved violets, woodland bluets and Jack-in-the-pulpits along the trail as well. We can have a picnic lunch at Fern Branch Falls and then turn around and hike back. It is a 4 mile round trip hike. Trail difficulty rating is moderate. We take our time to take in all the beauty! Join us!!

EASTER FLOWERS

Please help the Flower Guild this Easter as they adorn the sanctuary in celebration of our Lord's glorious ascension from the tomb. Checks of any amount are welcome and can be made out to Westminster Flower Guild in honor or memory of loved ones. These names will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin and *Abbey*. Easter lilies will be available after the service to deliver to those who are unable to attend worship, or to recycle into your garden. Thank you for supporting this annual tradition.

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

Given by: _____