

The Order of Worship

**April 15, 2012
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Praeambulum in F, WV 39

Heinrich Scheidemann

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Laura Dupper, liturgist (9:00)
Kristi Gordon, liturgist (11:00)

Leader: Come, people of God, bring 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 spirits.

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

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 celebrate for the love of our God.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 106** (blue hymnal) Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Alleluia No. 1

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

O God, we come before you bearing the brokenness of the human church,
asking that you make us whole by the power of your love.

O God, we come before you bearing the violence of our time,
asking that you would lead us in the way of peace.

O God, we come before you bearing the poverty of our world,
asking that you would bind us to those who suffer.

O God, we come before you bearing the wounds of creation,
asking that you would teach us to be stewards of the earth.

O God, we come before you bearing the pain that we have caused,
asking that you would free us to love more fully.

***KYRIE ELEISON**

Healey Willan

(Congregation singing— music is found on the inside cover of the red hymnal)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

(First part: women; second: men; third: all)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***RESPONSE** Celtic Alleluia *(sing twice)*

Fintan O'Carroll

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER RECOGNITION

Angela Grobe and the Christian Formation Ministry Team, Kristi Gordon, Chair

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

PSALTER

Psalms 118:1-2,14-24,28-29

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Kristi Gordon

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

John 20:19-31 and I John 1:5-2:2

SERMON

"Imagine There's No Sunrise"

Rev. John Linton Muntz

"We have seen the Lord!" – John 20:25

***HYMN** I Have Called You by Your Name

Kelly

(see insert)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God; preaching
good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the
children, healing the sick and binding up the broken hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving
sinners and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy
and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the
sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his life, breaking the power
of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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) Children’s Prayer

German folk tune
arr. Robert Leaf

Oh Father, in heaven, be with us we pray. Thy word shall our hearts and our voices obey.
Through darkness and danger abide on our way. Oh Father, in heaven, be with us we pray.

So softly, so gently, the dawn of the day, With beauty surrounds us while lighting our way. Oh Father, direct us in work and in play. In all our endeavor be faithful, we pray.

We welcome thy Spirit within us to dwell, Thy glory and honor our voices will tell. We thank thee, we praise thee, thy word we obey. Oh Father, in heaven, be with us we pray.

Robert Leaf

(11:00) Your Voice, My God, Calls Me by Name

Erik Routley

Your voice, my God, calls me by name; your joy awaits me in your home. Dearest Lord, your kindly word fails me never, stands for ever.

Your death, my Jesus, sets me free, your life has ris’n again in me. Dearest Lord, your vital Word activates me, captivates me.

Spirit of love, repeat that sign which makes anew this heart of mine: Dearest Lord, now is your Word shining o’er me, praying for me.

Claude Rozier

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. 118** (blue hymnal) (11:00) The Day of Resurrection!

Lancashire

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Erstanden ist der heilige Christ

Johann Gottfried Walther

The Blessed Christ Is Risen Today

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Anne Millett and John Salsbery

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR APRIL: Linda Rutherford

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Max Yates and Clara Oakes

GREETERS (11:00): Mark and Pam Potocik

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Angela Shilling and Sam Smith, Emma Adamcik and Ellie Yates

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Young Musicians’ Class

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Sue Caradine

USHERS:

(9:00) Connie Graham and Carol Beilharz

(11:00) Rex Battenberg, Bill Beintema, Jane Beintema, Nancy Cundall, Scott Brunger

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in memory of Benjamin Harmon on his 13th birthday by Gary, Katherine, Kaitlyn and Nathan Harmon.

TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY: We would like to thank all of our Sunday School teachers and Youth volunteers. They are very giving of their time in sharing our faith, traditions and passions with us - from the Adult Sunday School volunteers who have led book studies, Bible studies, faith topic or current topic classes, to the Middle, High School and Youth Group teachers and volunteers, to the Elementary and Preschool Sunday School teachers who teach, share, sing, listen and laugh with our children. Please take a minute to thank your Sunday School leaders and Youth volunteers. They have all been a blessing to the Christian Formation Ministry at Westminster.

Teachers and Volunteers

Preschool - Martha Reynolds

Elementary Sunday School

Art - Kathryn Oakes and Emily Wright; Cooking and Games - Darlen Milam and Ruth Yates; Worship, Music and Drama - Rob McKeehan and Janet Tortorelli

5th Grade Sunday School - Andrew Gordon and Linda Judge-McRae

Middle School - Angela Partelow

High School - John and Beth Chang

Adult Bible Study - Ellen Anderson and Scott Brunger

Adult Sunday School

Dave Dupper, Jean Bonnyman, Tim Crais, Gail Clark, Kristi Gordon, Phil Barnette, Terry Crow, Ashley Porter, Wes and Sandra Williams, Barbara Adamcik, Jo Ann Powell, Scott Brunger, Joyce Ryan, Brian Bonnyman.

WAMS and SHOW

Scott Partelow, Mike and Leslie Rotella, Darlen and William Milam, Ruth Yates, Kathryn Oakes, Bob Adamcik, Wes Williams, Anne Dungan

THIS MORNING'S ANTHEM by the Young Musicians' Class represents several years of preparation and a myriad of musical steps by our young choristers. Back in their preschool days each young person began to learn to match pitch, to read notation (pitch and rhythm), use their voice properly (singing in head voice), and listen and tune to their neighbors. When they reached Young Musicians' Class we then added text to music, following the layout of a choir octavo, singing with accompaniment, and splitting one's focus between the printed music and the choir director. Is it any wonder that involvement in music feeds the "blooming" brain of a young person? It redefines multitasking! I appreciate so much each young person's enthusiasm and devotion to choir and learning. This is this present group's first time singing for worship and we are all excited about the opportunity to contribute our earliest corporate efforts.

Peter Van Eenam

KIDS' CLUB meets today in the McKinnon Room at 12:15 p.m. We will be having lunch, then making dog and cat toys for Young Williams Animal Center.

WAMS AND SHOW will leave Westminster at 5:00 p.m. to go to Victor Ashe Park for a picnic and frisbee golf. We'll finish up the evening with ice cream sundaes at Tim and Katy Gawne's home.

THE WAMS LOCK-IN begins Friday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. Bring \$20 to cover the cost of our food and activities. Pick-up will be Saturday morning at 9:00.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the SHOW room.

STEPHEN MINISTERS meet for CE and Supervision tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

THE MORNING BOOK GROUP meets Tuesday, April 17 at 10:00 a.m. in the SHOW room. All are welcome as we hear Frank Marsh talk about his fascinating new book, *A Perfect Madness*. We will discuss the book with Frank and have time for questions. Those who would like to may form a group to go out for lunch afterward.

THE CAP (Caring for Aging Parents) GROUP will meet Wednesday, April 18 at 4:30 p.m. in the Library. This group meets the third Wednesday of each month.

A STATED SESSION MEETING is next Sunday, April 22 at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER

Dinner and Fellowship

Let's celebrate Spring together with dinner at Bravo's, Tuesday, April 24th at 6:00 p.m. RSVP to Jan Gross by Monday, April 23rd. Look forward to seeing you there.

Adult Sunday School

Parents' Class

Join us as we begin a video study entitled, "Grace Based Parenting."

Bible Class

The class will focus on the aftermath of the Resurrection. We'll be reading in each of the four Gospels to see what Jesus did, what his followers did, and how the resurrection changed everything. Join us for interesting reading and discussion!

Faith Growth

Jesus lived with the awareness that God is doing something, right here, right now, and anybody can be a part of it. He encouraged his listeners to search, to question, to wrestle with the implications of what he was saying and doing. He inspired, challenged, provoked, comforted, and invited people to be open to God's work in this world. Wherever he went, whatever he did, Jesus started discussions about what matters most, because for Jesus, God is always inviting us to open our eyes and join in. NOOMA is a series of short films that explore our world from a perspective of Jesus. NOOMA is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion.

Fellowship Hall

Prayer Room

McKinnon Room

Westminster Players Present
The Rodgers and Hammerstein Musical

Carousel

April 27-29, 7:30 p.m.