



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

June 23, 2013

10:00 A.M.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshipping here with the goal of connecting faith and life. If you are a visitor, we pray you will feel welcome and blessed by our worship. We invite you to consider making Westminster your church home. Please let us have your contact information so we may be in touch.

Children are welcome in worship here. A nursery is available during the entire service.

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

PRELUDE Sonata No. 1, Movement II Felix Mendelssohn

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT Blessed Jesus, at Your Word *Liebster Jesu*
harm. J. S. Bach

Blessed Jesus, at Your word We are gathered all to hear You; Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear You; By Your teachings true and holy, Drawn from earth to love You solely.

Tobias Clausnitzer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Connor Sears, liturgist

Leader: God of grace, who leads us into the challenges of every day,

People: Refresh us with your mercy.

Leader: God of love, who calls us out of torment into peace,

People: Refresh us with your mercy.

Leader: God of the lost, the hurt, the oppressed,

People: Refresh us with your mercy.

Leader: God of our successes and struggles,

People: Refresh us with your mercy.

Leader: God of mystery, who calls us into the unknown,

People: Refresh us with your mercy.

Leader: Come. Let us worship God!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 481** (blue hymnal) Praise the Lord, God’s Glories Show *Llanfair*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

They can be such giants in our lives, God of grace.

**Each day, our fears, our doubts, our worries wash over us,
until we come to believe that you do not care.**

**There seems to be so much wrong in the world;
we are convinced there is nothing good we can do.**

**The storms of sin and temptation batter us,
and we seem unable to find the faith to withstand them.**

Forgive us, God of hope.

Remind us that if we open our hearts you will heal.

If we listen to your words we will hear of peace and joy.

**If we open our lives to you we can go forth to serve our sisters and brothers,
even as we have been served by our Lord and Savior.**

***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** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*) Fintan O’Carroll

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

PSALTER Psalm 42

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Megan McClure

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in

Children’s Worship.

GOSPEL Luke 8:26-39

SERMON “Or Would You Rather Be A Pig?” Rev. John Linton Muntz

“I beg you, do not torment me.” – Luke 8:28

***HYMN NO. 284** (blue hymnal) O God, What You Ordain Is Right *Was Gott tut*

***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 and the promise of God's continuing presence in the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord’s Prayer

Leader: We pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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.

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 Serve the Lord with Gladness Antonio Caldara

Serve the Lord with gladness, And come before His presence with a song.

Serve Him with a song.

Psalm 100:2

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

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. 261** (blue hymnal) God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us *O quanta qualia*

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Prelude in F

Georg Böhm

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Elizabeth Ridley and Hap McSween
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR JUNE: Lucy Johnson and Shirley Wittman
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from ushers.
PLEASE place your bulletin into a blue recycling bin located at the Narthex door if you do not care to take it home.

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS: Elizabeth Ridley, Joanne White
CHILDREN’S WORSHIP: Bryan and Rachel Powell, Delaney Sears
MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Summer Choir
LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP: Amy Rawe
SENIOR USHER: Bill Wiesehuegel
USHERS: Joanne White, David Woodall, Sue Caradine, Connie Graham, Michael Yates

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Jim and Linda Yates to the glory of God and in gratitude for the presence of the Rev. John Muntz while Buran is on sabbatical.

ANTONIO CALDARA (c. 1670-1736) was born in Venice, the son of a violinist. While a chorister at St. Mark’s Cathedral there, it is believed he was a student of Giovanni Legrenzi. He went on serve courts in Mantua, Barcelona, Rome, and finally Vienna, where he remained until his death. Though not a familiar name these days, he was highly regarded in his time and afterwards, and his music was studied and admired by composers including J. S. Bach, Telemann, Franz Joseph Haydn, W. A. Mozart, Beethoven, and Brahms. This morning’s anthem is light and buoyant, energetic, and overtly Italianate in style.

A STATED SESSION MEETING is today at 11:15 a.m. in the McKinnon Room.

TRIFLE SALE: Today and again on July 14, the Family Promise team will be selling chocolate and strawberry trifles in the Schilling Gallery after worship. All proceeds will go to Family Promise. Family Promise is an organization that works to help families find jobs and affordable housing. There are 16 “host” churches and at least twice that many churches who volunteer on a rotating basis to house and feed families while they try to put their lives back together. The families are supported by a social worker who meets with them daily. Adults are required to attend classes on budgeting, nutrition and parenting. The program is only big enough to have 3 or 4 families at a time, and they are trying to expand so that they can help double that amount. Every dollar we raise will help them toward that goal.

EXPLORING THE LABYRINTH: You are invited to join Marty Pryor for a quiet and directed walk of our labyrinth this evening from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Marty will provide information regarding the history and experience of walking the labyrinth. Please sign up in the Schilling Gallery, or by calling the church office.

THE ABBEY DEADLINE is Wednesday. Please send your announcements and articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

BAGGING GROCERIES FOR THE FISH PANTRY for the month of June is done by Westminster volunteers. All bagging takes place at Church of the Savior on Weisgarber Road. With a sufficient number of helpers, it takes about an hour to fill the number of bags needed for the next week. Thanks to all who have participated this month. Our final bagging date is Wednesday, June 26 at 5:00 p.m.

New Church Directory

Photography will begin soon for our new church directory. Sign-ups are posted on the bulletin board near the kitchen. Online sign-ups will be available next week. Photography dates are July 19 from 2:00-8:10 p.m., July 20 from 9:30 a.m.-4:10 p.m., August 27-30 from 2:00-8:10 p.m. and August 31 from 9:30 a.m.-4:10 p.m. Each family who participates will receive one free 8X10 portrait and a church directory. Please plan to participate so we can create a complete and up-to-date directory for our church family.

FOYER GROUPS will shuffle this summer as we form new groups for the Fall. Please see the article in the June 5th *Abbey* for details. For more information or to join a Foyer Group, contact Shirley Wittman. Current Foyer members will remain in the rotation unless we hear from you. Foyer Groups provide a great opportunity for relaxing fellowship and the opportunity to become better acquainted with others in the Westminster family.

Operation Backyard

Our youth are looking forward to working with Operation Backyard again this year. We expect to have about 35 Westminster youth and adults participating. Volunteers from Westminster will deliver lunch at the work site each day, July 8-12. We have a basket in the Schilling Gallery, where donations are being taken for chips, cookies, crackers or other snacks to supplement our lunches. Operation Backyard provides free home repair services for low-income homeowners. The homeowners receive much-needed repairs, and our youth have the opportunity to make a real difference in our community. Thank you for your prayers and support!

ART EXHIBIT: Paula Smartt’s art exhibit in the Schilling Gallery will conclude at the end of June. Please take time to view these gorgeous photographs! Paula is designating ALL proceeds from sales to be donated to the Sanctuary’s Window Fund. A price list is available in the church office.

OUR SHARE THE BOUNTY TABLE is back in the Schilling Gallery for the summer. The table provides a space to share the bounty from our personal gardens as well as our very own Westminster organic garden. You are welcome to help yourself to what is provided on the table. If you have a bit too much of that zucchini (or any other vegetable, fruit, or plant) from your garden, bring it in to share. The produce on the table changes every week – so take a look and take some home. All proceeds placed in the donation basket will go to help support *Family Promise of Knoxville*. We also encourage you to take a walk around our garden located behind the sanctuary – it’s really thriving. Several of the plants in the Prayer Garden as well as in our Labyrinth have come from the table. We appreciate members of the Environmental Concerns Ministry Team for making this ministry possible! It is a beautiful thing to witness!

PARKING LOT RESURFACING on the front portion of our parking lot is scheduled for Thursday, June 27. On Thursday and Friday (June 28) we may use only the Lyons Bend entrance and the portion of the parking lot beside the sanctuary. During this time, the church may be accessed from the stairways and sidewalks near the sanctuary. Thank you for your patience.

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A Prayer for Sunday

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new. Especially we thank you for
the beauty of your creation...
the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness...
the sustaining love of family and friends...
the fellowship of faith in your church...
Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the loving Lord. Especially we pray for those who govern nations of the world...
the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare...
all who work for peace and international harmony...
all who strive to save the earth from destruction...
the church of Jesus Christ in every land...

from the *Book of Common Worship*, Daily Prayer edition

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