



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

August 25, 2013

10:00 A.M.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshiping 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 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

Aidan Sears, liturgist

Leader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

People: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

Leader: Incline your ear to me and save me.

People: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress.

Leader: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust.

People: My praise is continually of you, O Lord.

from Psalm 71

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 35** (red hymnal) When Morning Gilds the Skies *Laudes Domini*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***LITANY OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

We wait in your presence, Holy One, listening in these moments, seeking your salvation and wholeness. Hear our confession with the mercy only you can offer. We carry the worries of so many things and forget that in Christ you have promised to carry the burdens we cannot bear. Forgive our failure to entrust everything in faith. When we rely on our own abilities instead of trusting you, forgive us and turn our hearts and minds to you. We humbly offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ.

***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 ...

PROPHECY Isaiah 40:27-31

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Linda Judge-McRae

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship.

EPISTLE Romans 4:13-22

SERMON “Temptations Of The Older Adult” Rev. John Linton Muntz

“But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles...” – Isaiah 4:31

***HYMN NO. 404** (blue hymnal) Precious Lord, Take My Hand *Precious Lord*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

We believe that God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of his dealings with us. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. God has created us and endowed us with capacities to make the world serve his needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. We are free to seek life within the purpose of God, to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use our creative powers for the fulfillment of human 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.

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 O Most Merciful Charles Wood

Oh most merciful! Oh most bountiful! God the Father Almighty! By the Redeemer’s Sweet intercession Hear us, help us when we cry!

Bishop Reginald Heber

***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. 420** (blue hymnal) God of Grace and God of Glory *Cwm Rhondda*

***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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Ellen Anderson and Bill Wiesehuegel

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR AUGUST: Linda Rutherford

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from the 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: Bob and Ada Pfohl

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP: Joshua and Laurie Williams, Ellie Yates and Abby Hatmaker

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir

LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP: Renee Wiesehuegel

SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerley

USHERS: Rob McKeegan, Hap McSween, Bob Murrian, Doug and Bonny Naugher

Children are always welcome in our worship services! A nursery for newborns up to 5 years of age is provided in the Children’s education wing by trained, caring staff each week as a part of our ministry to children and their families. Please ask a greeter or usher for assistance.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in loving memory of Jimmie Brown by Katharine Brown and John Grueser, and Jimmie's grandchildren: Robert and Allison Butturini and Evans, Katie and Riley Butturini.

THE BIRTH CANDLE today celebrates the births of Bennett Jefferson Ingram and Hudson Thomas Ingram, twin sons of Megan and Robert Ingram. They were born Wednesday, August 21. Proud grandparents are Lee and Bitsy Ingram.

FOR SEVERAL YEARS, Rev. John Muntz has been a vital member of our staff serving as Parish Associate. As plans developed for Buran's sabbatical leave, John volunteered to serve the church on full-time status during Buran's absence. The Human Resources Ministry Team and the Session were delighted to accept John's gracious offer. John has filled this role with his usual grace and considerable skill. Even though we all will welcome Buran back in the pulpit on September 1st, we want to enthusiastically thank John for his meaningful service. Please join in this celebration of a job well-done in the Schilling Gallery immediately following today's service.

CHARLES WOOD (1866-1926) was an Irish composer and teacher educated at the Royal College of Music and Cambridge University, becoming a professor at the latter in 1924, teaching harmony and counterpoint. His pupils include such prominent English composers as Ralph Vaughan Williams and Herbert Howells. This morning's offertory anthem is a beautifully crafted introtit exhibiting subtle details of nuance and expression.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: Photography sign-ups are posted on the bulletin board near the kitchen. Each family who participates will receive one free 8X10 portrait and a church directory. No purchases are necessary.

If you need alternate dates for photography, you can sign up with other local churches. Please call the church office for more information.

Volunteers are needed to staff the check-in table on our photography dates. We need help Tuesday, August 27 - 5:00-8:00 p.m.; Thursday, August 29 - 5:00-9:00 p.m.; Friday, August 30 - 4:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 31 - 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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

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

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Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

Rally Day

September 8, 10:00 a.m.

"Learning in God's House Together (LIGHT)"

Our spiritual growth is greatly enhanced when we gather as a community to learn, share and serve. With that thought in mind, we have chosen the theme for this year's Sunday school program to be "Learning in God's House Together."

We will start the year with Rally Day on Sunday, September 8 at 10:00 a.m. for an exciting kick-off of programs for all ages! The children ages Preschool-5th grade will go directly downstairs for music, games, crafts, and a time for getting to know their Sunday School teachers. The Middle and High School youth will go to their Sunday School rooms to meet their new leaders and hear what is in store for them. The adults will gather in the Fellowship Hall to hear about the exciting class options, teachers, and speakers for the year.

We hope you will join us to kick off the new Sunday school year in great fashion. Come be part of the fun, greet your friends, and enjoy some refreshments. See you then!

You may pick up a copy of the Christian Education Booklet on the table in the Schilling Gallery if you did not receive a copy by email.

THE SESSION

Class of 2014

Terry Crow
Angela Partelow
Tim Ryan
Cindy Spangler
Bill Wiesehuegel
Youth Elder: Will Bendy
Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

Class of 2015

Ellen Anderson
Jean Bonnyman
Hap McSween
Rick Oakes
Jack Woodall

Class of 2016

Mary Boyd
Jerry Faerber
Vicki Mayfield
Scott Porter
Elizabeth Ridley

TRUSTEES

Norman McRae

Joe Ben Turner

John Smartt

Wide Open Doors

by Dee Wade

These wide church doors
Open before all comers
In honor of him who said
Come unto me.

They welcome pilgrims of Truth,
The posers of great questions
the half faithful,
the full fearful,
Pre- and, yes, post-believers,
Joining inward journeyers
with justice types,
and sickbed friends
With community builders,
Jumbled tumbled, together
ye that labor,
heavy laden,

Bring personality
Bring each gift of the Spirit
each tongue of fire
each flash of flesh

Bring white, black, yellow and red
Geek, Barbie, and athlete
lovers young, old
where- whom-ever

Come rich, come poor, tall and short
Those ambling and those who move
on rolling stock
or canine led;

And I will refresh your soul,
Folk divvied every which way;
all may enter
except these:

Everyone Christ doesn't love,
Everyone God didn't make.

Everyone else
Has family and a home,
So through these wide open doors
do come, all y'all.

For my yoke is easy
and my burden is light.