



*“Where Faith and Life Connect”*

**The Order of Worship**

**May 10, 2015**  
**9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**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** Rhosymedre (Lovely) Ralph Vaughan Williams  
 (from *Three Preludes Founded on Welsh Hymn Tunes*)

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**INTROIT**  
 (9:00) To God on High Be Thanks and Praise Nicolaus Decius  
 To God on high be thanks and praise For mercy never waning; He stops the  
 hand of ev'ry foe, Unbroken peace ordaining. With joy to Him our hearts  
 ascend, For bliss is ours that knows no end Within His love sustaining.

Let men unite to praise Thy Name, Whose goodness faileth never; Upon whose  
 strength we rest secure, Whose love no storm can sever. Thou art the light, the  
 truth, the word: Thou art the great and living Lord Forever and forever.  
 trans. Katherine K. Davis

(11:00) Witness African-American spiritual  
 arr. Mark Patterson

Who'll be a witness for my Lord?

Now Daniel was a Hebrew child, he went to pray to his God awhile. The king  
 at once for Daniel did send, he put him right down in the lions' den. God sent  
 angels, the lions to keep, so Daniel laid down and went to sleep. Daniel was a  
 witness for my Lord.

There was a man of the Pharisees, his name was Nicodemus and he didn't  
 believe. Christ told Nicodemus as a friend, "Man, you must be born again.  
 Marvel not, man, if you want to be wise, repent, believe, and be baptized."

Who'll be a witness for my Lord? I'll be a witness for my Lord.  
African-American spiritual  
 Boys' and Girls' Choirs  
 Grace Lee, Piano

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Spirit of God calls us to worship.  
**People: In God's Spirit, we rejoice and give thanks.**  
 Leader: The glory of God calls us to praise.  
**People: In God's glory, we meet the mysteries of the Holy.**  
 Leader: The wisdom of God summons us to live with goodness and truth.  
**People: In God's wisdom, we find grace for living our lives.**  
 Leader: The love of God calls us to service.  
**People: In God's love, we are filled with strength and peace.**  
 Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: At all times and for everything!**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 469** (blue hymnal) Morning Has Broken *Bunessan*  
**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**  
**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)  
**God of mercy and of grace, you know the secrets of our hearts:**  
**how blind we are to our own faults, yet harsh in judging others;**  
**how we want much, and yet give so little.**  
**Forgive us as individuals and as a church when we fail to love as**  
**you have shown us in the Christ. Help us to bear the good fruit of**  
**forgiveness, compassion and reconciliation in the world around us;**  
**In Christ's name, we pray. 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** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*) Fintan O'Carroll

**TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...**

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 15:9-17  
**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00) Deborah Phillips  
*Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in*  
*Children's Worship.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** I John 5:1-6; Acts 10:44-48  
**SERMON** Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*“Crazy Little Thing Called Love”*  
 – Queen

**\*HYMN NO. 309** (blue hymnal) Of the Father's Love Begotten *Divinium mysterium*  
**INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMAND** (11:00) Caroline McRae

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) from the Iona Community of Scotland  
**We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our**  
**lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love**  
**was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating**  
**even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are**  
**sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus**  
**Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live**  
**in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's**  
**goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of**  
**love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of**  
**God. Amen.**

**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.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**  
 (9:00) Witness African-American spiritual  
 (The text is found at the Introit.)

(11:00) If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again John W. Vaughan  
 How sweet and happy seem those days of which I dream, When memory  
 recalls them now and then! And with what rapture sweet my weary heart  
 would beat, If I could hear my mother pray again. If I could only hear my  
 mother pray again, If I could only hear her tender voice as then! So happy I  
 should be, 'twould mean so much to me, If I could hear my mother pray  
 again.

She used to pray that I on Jesus would rely, And always walk the shining  
 gospel way; So trusting still His love, I seek that home above, Where I shall  
 meet my mother some glad day. (Refrain)

Within the old home-place her patient, smiling face Was always spreading  
 comfort, hope and cheer; And when she used to sing to her eternal King, It  
 was the songs the angels loved to hear. (Refrain)

Her work on earth is done, the life-crown has been won, And she will be at  
 rest with Him above; And some glad morning she, I know, will welcome me  
 To that eternal home of peace and love. (Refrain)

James Rowe

John Harrison and John Johnson, Tenor  
 Ron Kauffmann and Terrance McCracken, Baritone  
 Steve Hoadley and Peter Van Eenam, Bass

**\*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. 555** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Now Thank We All Our God  
*Nun danket alle Gott*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (9:00) A Chorister’s Prayer Bruce Neswick  
Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple; grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Latin, 4th century

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (11:00)

Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

**\*POSTLUDE** Prélude (from *Suite Médiévale*)

Jean Langlais

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Ellen Anderson and Bryan Powell  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MAY:** 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**

**ACOLYTES** (11:00): Ian Salsbery and Griffen Oros

**GREETERS** (11:00): Ibbie Muntz and Linda Van Beke

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:**

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Angela Grobe and Ellie Yates

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

(11:00) Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs and Members of the Chancel Choir

**SENIOR USHER:** Buz Johnson

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Bob and Lucinda Albiston

(11:00) Paul and Judy Jorden, Leonard and Betty McKeehan, Bill Rudd

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Rob McKeehan in memory of Mary McKeehan and in appreciation of her Westminster care givers.

**OUR THANKS** to Grace Lee for her enrichment of our worship this morning as she accompanies the Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs. We appreciate her graciously sharing her vast talents with the congregation this year as she collaborates with Peter Van Eenam and the various choirs.

**THIS MORNING’S SPIRITUAL** was first mentioned to me a number of years ago by my older daughter, Jennifer, as piece we absolutely had to sing. I filed it away in my thinking as I always take her advice seriously. Last summer, on my annual trip to Montreat to the music display at the Worship and Music Conference, I happened upon the arrangement heard this morning and I grabbed it! We had never done a spiritual with the Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs before and this seemed like a great opportunity. As Jennifer had predicted, *Witness* is perhaps the choirs’ favorite anthem *ever!* We have enthusiastically looked forward to rehearsing it each week for several months. The syncopations and rhythms, as well as the part singing, have been a fun challenge and they have inspired a little surprise the singers have come up with themselves (I won’t spoil it!). Included is a section for a soloist and I was pleasantly surprised when nearly every choir member wanted to sing it! For obvious pragmatic reasons, I have had to group all the soloists into a semi-chorus: the Boys’ Choir for one service and the Girls’ for the other. Our “soloists” include Ella Chattin, Fiona Collins, Lucy Gordon, Gracie Kringen, Meghan Oros, Ella Wright, Jack Beilharz, Zach Brent, Griffen Oros, Eric Partelow, and Jacob Phillips (Hannah Mathews is recovering from having her tonsils removed earlier this week).

Peter Van Eenam

**ARE YOU IN THE MOOD FOR SOME ITALIAN?** You are cordially invited to hear Italian organist Edoardo Bellotti in recital at Westminster Church on Friday evening, May 29, at 8:00! This is the last program of this season’s *Musica Organi* recital series and we would love for you to join us that evening. Mr. Bellotti, currently on the faculty of the Eastman School of Music, is a performer of international renown and we are delighted to host him! Featured will be works of J. S. Bach, Haydn, Mendelssohn, and Pasquini as well as his own arrangement of a concerto by Vivaldi and an improvisation. We’ll hope to see you—what a great way to start the summer!

**THE PENTECOST OFFERING** will be collected through Pentecost Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps to encourage, develop and support young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

**MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT** is Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. The Human Resources ministry team will provide our refreshments.

**MEN’S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP:** On Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, the men of the church will meet in the McKinnon Room at 7:30 a.m. for a lesson entitled, “All God’s Children Got Issues...Including Men?” to be led by Buz Johnson. Breakfast will be provided by Ken Hansen. All men are welcome and no reservation is necessary.

**FISH DELIVERY** is Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. The number of families we can help is limited by the number of delivery volunteers we have, and you are needed! If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Nancy Cundall.

**LADIES’ LUNCH BUNCH:** May 21<sup>st</sup> the Westminster Ladies’ Lunch Bunch will be dining at Carolina Ale House, located at 9045 Kingston Pike. It is on the right side, going west, just before Cedar Bluff and across from Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church. We will be meeting in their glassed in sunroom, so it should be a quieter setting. The time is 11:30 and if you wish to attend, please contact Kathy Shilling by May 19th.

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Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Sandra Williams, Administrative Assistant

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Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

**Vacation Bible School**

**Monday, June 8 - Thursday, June 11**

**9:00-Noon**

Children ages 2 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to sign up for VBS at the table in the Schilling Gallery. Please contact Angela Grobe at [angela\\_wpc@comcast.net](mailto:angela_wpc@comcast.net) for more information.

**Adult Sunday School Classes**

**Welcome to Westminster.** ..... McKinnon Room

We will be talking about the history, mission, vision and values of Westminster and will tour the church as time allows. The class is led today by Mary Boyd.

**New Testament Personalities We Should Know: Video lectures by Amy-Jill Levine.** ..... Fellowship Hall

Rev. John Muntz will facilitate this class, with discussion following each video lecture. Dr. Amy-Jill Levine spoke at the Dungan Lecture Series at the University of Tennessee in February.

**Bible Study.** ..... Library

The Bible Study class is led by Ellen Anderson and Scott Brunger.

**Coffee House** is a time for coffee, conversation, and fellowship in the Schilling Gallery from 10:00-11:00 each Sunday morning.

**Class of 2015**

Ellen Anderson

Jean Bonnyman

Hap McSween

Rick Oakes

Jack Woodall

Youth Elder: Lily Seidner

Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2016**

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