



The Order of Worship

May 17, 2015
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
PEACE AND KINDNESS SUNDAY**

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

My Lord, God, I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But, I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it.

*Therefore will I trust you always,
though I may seem to be lost in the shadow of death
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.*

—Thomas Merton

PRELUDE Ricercar No. 11

Francesco Guami Lucchese

Recorder Ensemble

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT Lord, Thy Word Endureth

Christopher Tye

O Lord, Thy word endureth forever in heav'n: Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another. Thou hast laid the foundations of the earth, and it abideth. They continue this day according to Thine ordinance, For all things serve Thee. Hallelujah.

Psalms 119:89-91

I Heard the Voice of Jesus (11:00)

Kingsfold

arr. Russell Schulz-Widmar

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; and in your weariness lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun; and in that light of life I'll walk 'til traveling days are done.

Horatius Bonar

Westminster Choristers

Ed Babelay, Cindy Pearman, Cindy Serbin,
and Renee Wieseheugel, Handbells

CALL TO WORSHIP

Micah 6:6,8

Leader: With what shall we come before the Holy One, and bow ourselves before God on high?

People: What does the Holy One require of us, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?

ALL: Let us worship the Lord our God!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 150** (blue hymnal) Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, these are our sins: when given health we misuse it. When given a good Creation we abuse it. When given food we hoard it. When given beauty we flaunt it. When given freedom we assume it. When given time we squander it. When given life we distort it. When given love we place conditions around it. Forgive the ways that we fail to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our God. 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 17:6-19

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Bryan Powell

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

Marshall Robert Almquist, Wallace Richard Almquist, Brielle Susanne Corley

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:6-11,21-26

SERMON

"What Now?"

Barbara Adamcik

***HYMN NO. 151** (blue hymnal) Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

Creed of the United Church of Canada (Reformed)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

TEACHER APPRECIATION (11:00)

LITANY OF PRAYER:

Gracious God, who has created all people in your image, we gather before you in a spirit of prayer, that we might continue to grow into your likeness.

Hear our prayers, O God, for others and for ourselves.

Guide all nations with your wisdom, and all peoples toward a common welfare. Guide all rulers and leaders toward reconciliation. Guide all toward your vision of peace and kindness.

Hear our prayers, O God.

For all who suffer from acts of war and its consequences, for refugees and all who grieve and sorrow, for all who are in the midst of great despair in mind, body or spirit.

Hear our prayers, O God.

For all the victims of bloodshed, violence, and hateful acts throughout the world; for those persecuted because of their faith; for lives devastated by natural disasters,

Hear our prayers, O God.

From that within our own hearts which does not make for peace and creates the walls that separate us,

O God, deliver us.

From cynicism and fear, from mistrust and suspicion, from prejudice and intolerance,

O God, deliver us.

From indifference and silence toward injustice, from our lack of forgiveness,

O God, deliver us.

Eternal God, our hope and our help, we lift up these prayers for all your creation, even as we now lift up prayers for ourselves and those closest to us...

Hear our prayers, O God...

Silent Meditation

THE LORD'S 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

(9:00) I Heard the Voice of Jesus

Kingsfold

(The text is found at the Introit.)

(11:00) The Ascension

Philip Moore

Lift up your heads, great gates, and sing, Now glory comes, and glory's king; Now by your high all-golden way The fairer heav'n comes home today. Hark! now the gates are ope, And hear the tune of each triumphant sphere; Where ev'ry angel as he sings Keeps time with his applauding wings, And make heav'n's loftiest roof rebound The echos of the noble sound.

Joseph Beaumont

***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 ...

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (9:00)

Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) Be Thou with Me Johann W. Franck
arr. M. J. Luvaas

Be Thou with me through darkened night, That I may see the day illumined
so bright, Oh, thank Thee for the hope we have in Thee. Take Thou my hand
Near Thee to stand. All they rejoice who lay their trust in Thee, Our Savior,
for ever Thine to be. Songs of triumph praise Thy name above all earthly joy
proclaim! Enlighten mine eyes To see the way: Be Thou with me, Oh Father
most high.

Agnes P. Olsen
Heinrich Scheidemann

***POSTLUDE** Praeambulum in F, WV 39

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Brenda Seip and Scott Porter

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): Ellie Yates and Caroline McRae

GREETERS (11:00): Bud and Carolyn Cunningham

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Bill and Marti Davis, Rhys Whipple

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Members of the Four-in-Hand Ringers, Recorder Ensemble, and
Westminster Choristers

(11:00) Chancel Choir, Members of the Four-in-Hand Ringers, Recorder
Ensemble, and Westminster Choristers

SENIOR USHER: Buz Johnson

USHERS:

(9:00) David Woodall and Jeff Bendy

(11:00) Hap McSween, Mark Potocik, Scott and Ashley Porter, LoAnn Price

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in honor of
Beth Cline and the late Charles Cline.

MEMBERS OF THE FOUR-IN-HAND RINGERS are accompanying the
Westminster Choristers this morning. Many thanks to Ed Babelay, Cindy Pearman,
Cindy Serbin, and Renee Wiesehuegel for their enrichment of our worship.

OUR THANKS to Jim Mason for providing notes on the Philip Moore anthem, sung
at the 11:00 service. "The text of today's anthem, based on Psalm 24, is the short
poem "Ascension" by Dr. Joseph Beaumont, an English clergyman, academic, and
poet. Beaumont spent most of his career at Cambridge, where he was a classmate of
the poet Richard Crashaw, and at Ely Cathedral, where he was chaplain to the
bishop. At the Restoration in 1660, he was made Doctor of Divinity and became one
of the chaplains to Charles II. He was later Master of Jesus College and then
Peterhouse College, Cambridge, as well as Regius Professor of Divinity."

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
24th. 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.



OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE begins Sunday, May
24th and continues through Sunday, September 6th. We will have
one worship service at 10:00 a.m.

LEMONADE IN THE SCHILLING GALLERY: You are invited to sign up for a date
to serve lemonade in the Schilling Gallery after worship this summer. All the
supplies are provided for you. There is minimal set-up and you're guaranteed to
enjoy the fellowship. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the gallery.

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

THE TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP will meet May 19th at 10:30 a.m. in the
library. Our book for discussion this month is *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand. We
welcome any women who would like to join us.

LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH: May 21st 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.

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Welcome Home... College Party!

Attention all you college-types (including recent High School Grads)! The Rotellas
are hosting a swim party/cook out at their home this Tuesday, May 19 at 5:00 p.m.
Mike will fire up the grill, and Leslie will make yummy extras too! If you want to
bring something, we're asking partiers to bring soft drinks or a dessert. (You'll also
want to bring a swimsuit and towel!) Come hang out with us, and catch up before we
all start our summers!

Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 8 - Thursday, June 11

9:00-Noon

Children ages 2 through 5th grade are invited to sign up for VBS at the table in the
Schilling Gallery. Please contact Angela Grobe at angela_wpc@comcast.net for more
information.

SCHILLING GALLERY EXHIBIT: Oil paintings by Inna Nasonova Knox are on
display in the Schilling Gallery through June 28th. Inna was born in Kazan, Russia
and came to the United States in the year 2000. While in Russia, she studied interior
design and fashion design. She also received a degree in graphic technology design
from Gateway Technical College in Racine, Wisconsin. Due to her varied educational
background, she likes to use many different oil painting techniques and styles, all
with a rich sense of color. Her paintings reflect her heritage as well as her recent
travels.

Adult Sunday School

The Bible Study class will continue to meet during the summer months. We will meet
in the library following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

The Table Talk class is discussing a summer schedule. Please contact Amanda Collins
for more information.

Share the Bounty Table

Our Share the Bounty table is back in the Shilling Gallery for the summer and is
starting to provide produce. If you are not familiar with this, our table provides a
space to share the bounty from our personal gardens and our very own Westminster
organic garden. You are more than welcome to help yourself to what is provided on
the table. And if you have a bit too much of something from your garden, bring it in
to share. You may find here flowers and herbs, as well as vegetables. It changes
every week, so take a look and take some home. There is a donation basket with any
contributions going to Family Promise of Knoxville. Also, take a walk around our
veggie garden located behind the sanctuary - it's amazing what good things can
come from a small space.