

Fourth Sunday in



The Order of Worship **March 6, 2016**
11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Vor deinen Tron tret' ich J. S. Bach
Before Thy Throne I Now Appear
(from the *Leipzig Chorales*)

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come into God's presence with singing!

**People: For the Lord is a gracious God,
whose mercy is everlasting;
and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

***HYMN NO. 526** (blue hymnal) For All the Saints *Sine Nomine*

COMMUNITY PRAYER FOR THE SEASON OF LENT

Gracious God, hear the prayers we offer for ourselves and others...

For your church around the world
we ask new life...

For clergy and lay persons and all who minister in their own way,
we ask grace and wisdom...

For people who have accepted spiritual disciplines
we ask inspired discipleship...

For Christians of every land,
we ask new unity in your name...

For Jews and Muslims and people of other faiths,
we ask your divine blessing...

For those who cannot believe,
we ask your faithful love...

For rulers and leaders in every land,
we ask your guidance...

For people who suffer and sorrow,
we ask your healing peace...

Gracious God, there is no pain or suffering in our hearts or in our planet that you do not know, and there is no place that cannot be touched by your resurrection presence. Lead and guide us throughout our Lenten journey, that we might continue to grow into your way of love, a love which connects us with you and all living things. Amen.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Cameron Sears
Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 21:1-8

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION Requiem John Rutter

Requiem aeternam

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis. Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion: et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem. Exaudi orationem meam, ad te omnis caro veniet. Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Grant them rest eternal, Lord our God, we pray to thee: and light perpetual shine on them for ever. Thou, Lord, art worshipped in Sion; thy praises shall ever be sung in all Jerusalem. O hear us; O Lord, hear thy faithful servants' prayer; to thee shall all mortal flesh return. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

from Missa pro defunctis

Out of the Deep

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint. If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it? For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared. I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him: in his word is my trust. My soul fleeth unto the Lord; before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch. O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy: and with him is plenteous redemption. And he shall redeem Israel: from all his sins.

Psalm 130

Pie Jesu

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem. Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis sempiternam requiem.

Blessed Jesu, Lord I pray in thy mercy grant them rest. Lord our God, we pray thee, grant them everlasting rest.

from 'Dies Irae,' Missa pro defunctis

Meredith Mackay, Soprano

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Prayer continues)...to the glory of your name.

SANCTUS (from *Requiem*) John Rutter

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and majesty. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord our God: Hosanna in the highest.

from Missa pro defunctis

(Prayer continues)...Great is the mystery of faith.

AGNUS DEI (from *Requiem*) John Rutter

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: in thy mercy, grant them rest.

Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem.

In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour?

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem.

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

Latin text from Missa pro defunctis; English texts from the Burial Service, 1662 Book of Common Prayer

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Seated and partaking of elements as instructed.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.

OFFERTORY ANTHEMS From *Requiem* John Rutter

The Lord Is My Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: thou has anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 23

Lux aeterna

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labours: even so saith the Spirit.

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine: cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es. Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Light eternal shine upon them, Lord, we pray: with saints and angels ever dwelling, for thy mercy's sake, may they rest in peace. Grant them rest eternal, Lord our God, we pray to thee: and light perpetual shine on them for ever.

English text from the Burial Service (slightly altered);

Latin text, *Missa pro defunctis*

Meredith Mackay

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal) *Tallis' Canon*
(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue hymnal))

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren

Johann Gottfried Walther

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

THE ORCHESTRA

<i>Flute</i>	<i>Harp</i>
Joanne Bendy	Cindy Hicks
<i>Oboe</i>	<i>Percussion</i>
Phylis Secrist	Robert Adamcik
<i>Cello</i>	<i>Organ</i>
Andy Bryenton	Eileen Rudd

THE RUTTER REQUIEM is sung this morning in memory of the members and friends of Westminster Church who have passed away during its 50 years of worship and ministry.

OUR THANKS to the Chancel Choir and members of the orchestra for their enrichment of our worship this morning.

THE ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS for the Rutter *Requiem* are by the composer.

EXCERPTS FROM JOHN RUTTER'S OWN PROGRAM NOTES for a recording of *Requiem* by the Choir of King's College, Cambridge, are included here: "*Requiem* was written in 1985. Unlike most of my work up to that point, it was not commissioned: a personal bereavement was the immediate reason for writing it. Its precedents were the small-scale, intimate Requiems of Fauré and Duruflé rather than the great

dramatic frescoes of Berlioz and Verdi; and, as with many Requiems since about 1850, the music is not a complete setting of the *Missa pro defunctis* as laid down in Catholic liturgy, but instead a meditation on themes of life and death using a personal compilation of texts. Like Fauré, I selected portions of the Requiem Mass, and like Britten I wove other, English texts into them to form a counterpoint to the Latin.

The English texts consist of two psalms used at funerals (Psalms 130 and 23) together with some of the Burial Sentences from the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer*. The result is a concert work rather than a liturgical Requiem, though it has sometimes been used liturgically; in a more general sense, it feels at home, I hope, in church.

The seven-movement structure is arch-like. The first and last movements are prayers to God the Father (with texts according to the *Missa pro defunctis*); movements 2 and 6 are psalm settings, both with instrumental obbligatos; movements 3 and 5 are personal prayers to Christ; and the central Sanctus, the keystone of the arch, is celebratory and affirmative, using bells as is traditional at this point in a mass.

Gregorian chant (a thread running through much of my work) is found at a number of points in *Requiem*, most overtly in the Agnus Dei, where fragments of the Easter Sequence, *Victimae paschali laudes*, are played on the flute before and during the words "I am the resurrection and the life." In the final Lux aeterna, the opening few notes to the theme first sung by the sopranos are taken from the chant associated with that text."

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Leigh Dunlap and Steve Hoadley
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS MARCH 1-15: Judy Jorden and Sue Byerley
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: Alice Gawne and Rhys Whipple
GREETERS: Don and Sue Byerly
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Tricia Bell, Tolson and Shea Bell
SENIOR USHER: Bill Wiesehuegel
USHERS: Kathy Huck, Judy Jorden, Tim and Joyce Ryan, Scott Rutherford

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Carol Beilharz, children, and grandchildren, in loving memory of Clark.

THE BIRTH CANDLE today celebrates the March 2nd birth of Juliet Ray Morris, daughter of Kate and Ryan Morris, and granddaughter of Robin and Gordon Greeson. Juliet has a big sister, Emery Lee Morris.

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL collection is today. We bring this offering as our share in maintaining the Volunteer Ministry Center of Knoxville. The average monthly cost to serve breakfast and lunch is \$275. Your support is greatly appreciated!

NAME TAG SUNDAY is today. Please fill out a name tag in the Narthex.

KIDS' CLUB meets today following the worship service. We will be assembling Easter bags for the children at Knox Area Rescue Ministries.

GOAL!! SHOW AND WAMS are going to the Ice Bears game today! Meet at the church at 2:00 to carpool to the Civic Auditorium and Coliseum. Thanks to John Langley and the Ice Bears for donating tickets to this fun event!

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE for Margaret Manrod, mother of Ehren Manrod, will be at Westminster on Friday, March 11th at 4:00 p.m.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. The Worship, Music and Arts ministry team will provide our refreshments.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Series

Join us at 5:45 p.m. each Wednesday evening during Lent for a simple meal of soup and bread, followed by a service of evening prayers in the sanctuary. This reflective time focuses on scripture, song and prayer as we prepare ourselves for Easter.

MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: On Thursday, March 10th, the men of Westminster will gather in the McKinnon Room for our next meeting and lesson of 2016. The lesson entitled 'To Be ... or Not To Be Politically Correct' will be presented by Buz Johnson. Breakfast will be provided by courtesy of Don Byerly. No reservation is necessary and all men are welcome. Please view the webpage at wpcknox.org/westminstermen for full details and access to a copy of the lesson.

FISH DELIVERY is Thursday, March 10th. 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.

THE SESSION

Class of 2016

Jerry Faerber

Vicki Mayfield

Scott Porter

Elizabeth Ridley

Angela Shilling

Youth Elder: Ethan Partelow

Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

Class of 2017

Phil Barnette

Bitsy Ingram

William Milam

Bryan Powell

Brenda Seip

Class of 2018

Leigh Dunlap

Steve Hoadley

J.P. Mackay

Linda Van Beke

Michael Yates

TRUSTEES

John Smartt

Larry Ridley

Paul Jorden

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER for the homeless families who will be housed at Ball Camp Baptist Church this week. Westminster volunteers will cook dinner and eat with the families Monday and Thursday.

UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP MEETINGS:

- The Sequoyah/Westmoreland group will gather for appetizers and dessert on Friday, March 11, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the home of Jay and Debbie Schmid.
- The South Knoxville and Blount County group will meet for soup, salad and dessert on Friday, March 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Scott and Ashley Porter. If you would like to join in this Good Friday fellowship gathering please RSVP to Connie Graham.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING is being collected through Easter Sunday. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God’s love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

SIMON AND ESTHER HTANG have received their US citizenships. Please join us at a reception in their honor next Sunday, March 13 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. If you can bring a finger food for the reception, please contact Cindy Spangler.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE has a deadline of **March 6th** for receiving nominees for five Elders for the class of 2019, one Youth Elder for the class of 2017, and one Trustee for the class of 2019. If you would like to nominate someone, please fill out the following and drop it in the offering plate or submit it to the church office. You may also send nominations to the Committee Chair, Vicki Mayfield at vmayfiel@utk.edu.

I would like to nominate _____

for Elder/Youth Elder/Trustee, because _____

_____.

THE RHODES COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC presents the Rhodes Singers in “A Concert for Healing” at Westminster, Friday, March 18th at 7:30 p.m. Eric Adamcik is a member of the choir and has been campaigning for Rhodes Singers to sing at Westminster since his Freshman year.

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EASTER FLOWERS

Please help the Flower Guild as they adorn the sanctuary in celebration of Easter. Checks of any amount are welcome and can be made payable to Westminster Flower Guild in honor or memory of loved ones. These names will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin and *Abbey*. Thank you for supporting this annual tradition.

Donation of \$ _____

given in (please circle your choice) honor/memory of:

Given by: _____