

Fifth Sunday in *Lent*

The Order of Worship

March 13, 2016
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

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 Von Gott will ich nicht lassen (I) Dieterich Buxtehude
From God I Shall Not Turn

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) Lord Jesus, Think on Me *Southwell*
Lord Jesus, think on me, And purge away my sin; From earth-born passions set me free, And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, That, when this life is past, I may the eternal brightness see, And share Thy joy at last.

Synesius of Cyrene
Psalm 95

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

People: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: In his hand are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains; the sea is his, for he made it.

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!

People: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From empty dreams and sadness of heart, O Lord, deliver us.

From heavy hands and slow tongues, set us free.

From dullness of mind and uninformed opinions, remove us.

From willingness to accept mediocre or tawdry efforts in ourselves, release us.

From avoidance of conflict for the sake of social status, deliver us.

From commerce that is cheap and desires that are lustful, set us free.

From choosing the easy way rather than the courageous and just, remove us.

From obedience to small gods that cannot save, O Christ, release us.

***KYRIE ELEISON** John L. Bell

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE** Of the Father's Love Begotten *Divinum mysterium*

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

PROPHECY Isaiah 43:16-21

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Julia Whipple

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

GOSPEL John 12:1-8

SERMON "What To Do When Time Grows Short" John Linton Muntz

"Life is short and there is precious little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us . . ." *Henri Frederic Amiel*

***HYMN NO. 237** (blue hymnal) When God Delivered Israel *Sheaves*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (The people uniting.)

God is a God of infinite goodness, who does not will death but life in its fullness, who treasures the poor, the stray sheep, the prodigal, the forsaken. Captured at night, taken away by soldiers, stripped of his garments, interrogated, tortured, crowned with sharp thorns and finally condemned to death on a cross, Jesus entered into solidarity with all humanity. But three days after his death, Jesus emerged alive. Death has been swallowed up in Christ's resurrection. Oppression has been transformed into a pathway of liberation through sacrifice. We are called by the Holy Spirit to live life to the full: joyous in our hope, confident in our love, and reconciled to the world, our fellow human beings and God.

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

THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) Sinfonia No. 4 Salomon Rossi

Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Lead Me, Lord S. S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalms 5:8 and 4:9

***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

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE

***HYMN NO. 538** (11:00) Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing *Sicilian Mariners*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** Præambulum ex clave F (from *The Lüneburg Organ Tablature*)
Anonymous

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Linda Van Beke and Phil Barnette
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS MARCH: Judy Jorden and Sue Byerly (March 1-15); Lana Daverman and Susan McKeehan (March 16 - 31)
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: James and Ella Baker
GREETERS: Linda Rutherford and Marlene Browning
CHILDREN’S WORSHIP: Josh and Elizabeth Birdwell, Ellie Yates and Caroline McRae

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Recorder Ensemble
(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Bill Wiesehuegel

USHERS:

(9:00) Stephanie Lynch-Wright and Rob McKeehan
(11:00) Brenda Seip, John Salsbery, Jay Schmid, Nancy Cundall, Sue Caradine

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Jack and Kati Carley in honor of their children: Mason, Monroe, Maddox, and McClendon Carley.

SALOMON ROSSI (c. 1570-1630) is widely regarded as the leading Jewish composer of the late Italian Renaissance. After acquiring a reputation as a talented violinist, he was hired as a court musician by the Gonzaga royalty of Mantua, where he served as concertmaster from 1587 to 1628.

THE GALLERY GUILD invites you to enjoy the new art exhibit in the Schilling Gallery. The lovely artwork is by watercolor artist Kate McCullough and oil painter Roy McCullough.

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 today following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERIES: Join us at 5:45 p.m. this 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.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Faith and Life McKinnon Room

Larry Ridley leads a study based on Brené Brown’s bestselling book, The Gifts of Imperfection, as we seek to let go of who we think we’re supposed to be and embrace who we are.

Bible Study Library

This thoughtful group works its way through the scriptures, looking deeply at Bible passages, and discussing them with questions and lots of humor. No experience is necessary to join this class, led by Scott Brunger and Leslie Versen.

Coffee House

Can’t make it to class on time? Do you really just want a chance to chat? Our Coffee House meets in the Schilling Gallery each week. There is always coffee and a few pastries ready for you as you join other folks in casual conversation.

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER: We are excited to offer a Wednesday evening program for six weeks, Care for the Caregiver, beginning April 6. The course is patterned on the Rosalyn Carter Institute for Caregiving program Caring for You, Caring for Me. Led by master trainers and area professionals, the course is targeted at unpaid caregivers, but will also be helpful to caregivers, pastoral care providers, caregiving professionals, and care receivers. We will meet each Wednesday evening from 6:00 until 7:30. We suggest you eat before you come, but feel free to bring a meal with you. For further information, please contact Mary Boyd at the church, at marybwpc@gmail.com, or at 382-6953.

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.

THE ABBEY DEADLINE is March 20 (new date). Please send your announcements and articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

THE SOUTH KNOXVILLE AND BLOUNT COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD 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 at grahamcd@bellsouth.net.

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EASTER FLOWERS (March 20th is deadline)
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 \$_____

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