



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

June 5, 2016

10:00 A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshipping 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. Any who are baptized are invited to receive the elements of the Lord’s Supper.

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.

PRELUDE Adagio (from Concerto in a, BWV 593, after Antonio Vivaldi) J. S. Bach

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we gather in the presence of the holy,

People: We find the Spirit.

Leader: Moving in our lives, bringing comfort and yet transforming,

People: The Spirit finds us.

Leader: Awed by the colors of sunrise and sunset,

People: We meet the Creator.

Leader: Seeing our fellow creatures and all that unites us,

People: The Creator meets us.

Leader: In the breaking of bread around a common table,

People: We meet the Redeemer.

Leader: In our work and service,

People: The Redeemer meets us.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 489 (blue hymnal) Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty Unser Herrscher

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

*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 I Kings 17:8-24

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Julia Whipple

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

SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“Another Troubling Phrase...’God doesn’t give us more than we can bear”

*HYMN NO. 507 (blue hymnal) I Come with Joy Dove of Peace

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) Romans 8:1,28,38,39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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 In Christ There Is No East or West Harry T. Burleigh

arr. Terrance McCracken

In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north; But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere Their high communion find; His service is the golden cord Close-binding humankind.

Join hands, then brothers and sisters of the faith, Whate’er your race may be. Who serves my Father as a son Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, In Him meet south and north; All Christly souls are one in Him Throughout the whole wide earth.

John Oxenham

Deborah Phillips, Soprano

Terrance McCracken, Baritone and Guitar

*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

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Seated and partaking of elements as instructed.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele Michael Beyer

Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH FOR WOW URBAN MINISTRY

Leader: Today we would like to commission the Middle School youth of Westminster and their adult and high school leaders as they begin their week of Urban Ministry in downtown Knoxville. Their work will be done through the Win Our World Urban Ministry program which serves our neighbors who may need nourishment, housing, companionship, and home maintenance work.

Friends, by God’s grace we are saved, and enabled to grow in the faith, and to commit our lives in ways that serve Christ. God had called you to this particular service. I ask you to respond to this call by answering the following questions: Will you be Christ’s faithful disciples, obeying his Word and showing his love?

Commissionees: We will.

Leader: Do you welcome the responsibility of this ministry to serve God by serving others?

Commissionees: We do.

Leader: For the Congregation: Do you promise to pray for and encourage these youth in this service?

All: We do.

(Commissioning Prayer...)

Faithful God, in baptism you call all of us to ministry. We thank you for leading these brothers and sisters to this time and this work. Guide them by your Holy Spirit. Keep them safe from harm. Bless the work of their hands in Christ's name. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 333 (blue hymnal) Seek Ye First

Lafferty

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

*POSTLUDE Prélude (from Suite Médiévale)

Jean Langlais

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Linda Van Beke and Steve Hoadley

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR JUNE 1-15: Lucy Johnson and Shirley

Wittman

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: Mark and Pam Potocik

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Tim and Katy Gawne, Alice Gawne and Eric Partelow

SENIOR USHER: Sue Caradine

USHERS: Bob Daverman, Andrew and Kristi Gordon, Reed Ellis, Suzanne Graham

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 by Robert and Lucinda Albiston in honor of their 40th anniversary.

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL collection is today. We bring this offering each "First Sunday," 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.

OUR THANKS to Deborah Phillips and Terrance McCracken for their enrichment of our worship this morning.

J. S. BACH was a master arranger and transcriber and, aside from borrowing from his own music, he also was very knowledgeable of other composers and their work. As a young person we know that Bach studied and admired Antonio Vivaldi's works and compositional process, in particular the latter's ability to develop a piece from figures and motives. Vivaldi scored his Concerto in a for strings and continuo.

FISH DELIVERY is Thursday, June 9th. 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.

BAGGING GROCERIES FOR THE WEST KNOX FISH PANTRY for the month of June is done by Westminster volunteers. All bagging takes place at 5:00 p.m. at Church of the Savior, 934 N. Weisgarber Road. With a sufficient number of volunteers, it takes about an hour to fill the number of bags needed for the next week. Our remaining dates are: Sunday, June 12th; Wednesday, June 22nd and Thursday, June 30th. For more information, please contact Linda Van Beke.

THE BIBLE STUDY class is meeting this summer at 11:00 a.m., following the worship service. Today we begin the study of the Old Testament book of Ezekiel.

MOTHER'S MORNING OUT for infants through rising 5th graders will be available for one day each week in June, July and August, with the exception of VBS week (June 20-23). Please email Angela Grobe at angela_wpc@comcast.net to sign up.

VBS 2016 - Water All Around the World
 June 20-23, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
 Age 3 – 5th Grade

"Water All Around the World" will help our children understand the importance of clean water for our health, and show them how access to clean water affects children around the world. We will talk about the value of water and conservative water use.

VBS Sign-up:

Child's Name	Age/Current Grade
_____	_____
_____	_____

VBS Volunteers:

Name	Area of Volunteer Interest
_____	_____

If you are volunteering and need childcare for your child/children under age 3, please note their names and ages: _____

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THE SESSION

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