



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

May 13, 2018
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

SEVENTH 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.

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) O Praise the Lord Adam Gumpelzhaimer
 O praise the Lord, all ye people praise him, for He is good, Alleluia! With all the saints and angels join now and sing to God a joyful song.

based on Psalm 67

(11:00) On Earth Has Dawned This Day of Days My Dancing Day
 arr. Hal H. Hopson

On earth has dawned this day of days, whereon the faithful give God praise. For Christ is risen from the tomb, and light and joy have conquered doom. Sing alleluia, vict'ry is won. Sing alleluia. *Christus surrexit, alleluia.* [Christ is risen, alleluia.]

At early morn, with spices rare, the women three assembled there, all to anoint fair Mary's Son, who over death had vict'ry won. (Refrain)

“Whom seek ye here?” the angel said; “The Lord is risen from the dead; see where he lay; let joy begin, the tomb is empty; enter in!” (Refrain)

So let our songs to heaven wing, the vault with alleluias ring, in praise of Christ, our risen Lord; new life to all he doth afford. (Refrain)

Nikolaus Hermann

Westminster Choristers

Katherine Harmon and Lisa Oros, 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 John 17:6-19, Psalm 1

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Amy Rawe

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

SCRIPTURE Acts 1:6-11,15-17,21-26

SERMON “Theological Discernment in an Age of Uncertainty”

or

“Pray, Flip a Coin, and Get On With It...”

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

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

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) from *A Declaration of Faith*

Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability and time. It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and rest, setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work, celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness. We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture, not

expecting detailed directions for every decision, but relying on the Word to tell us who God is, to press God's present claim on us, and to assure us of God's grace and comfort. We are charged to pray for ourselves and others with gratitude, boldness, and persistence, confident that God hears and answers our prayers in ways best for us all. Life in God's presence results in a life lived for others, for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see, we cannot love God whom we do not see.

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. 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) On Earth Has Dawned This Day of Days My Dancing Day
 (The text is found at the Introit.)

(11:00) At the Name of Jesus Ralph Vaughan Williams
 At the Name of Jesus Every knee shall bow, Every tongue confess him King of glory now; 'Tis the Father's pleasure We should call him Lord, Who from the beginning Was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation Sprang at once to sight, All the Angel faces, All the hosts of light, Thrones and dominations, Stars upon their way, All the heavenly orders, In their great array.

Humbled for a season, To receive a name From the lips of sinners Unto whom he came, Faithfully he bore it Spotless to the last, Brought it back victorious When from death he passed:

Bore it up triumphant With its human light, Through all ranks of creatures, To the central height, To the throne of God-head, To the Father's breast; Filled it with the glory Of that perfect rest.

Name him, brothers, name him, With love as strong as death, But with awe and wonder, And with bated breath; He is God the Saviour, He is Christ the Lord, Ever to be worshipped, Trusted, and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him; There let him subdue All that is not holy, All that is not true: Crown him as your captain In temptation's hour; Let his will unfold you In its light and power.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus Shall return again, With his Father's glory, With his Angel train; For all wreaths of empire Meet upon his brow, And our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Caroline M. Noel

***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 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.

People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

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

People: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Beginning from the front of the sanctuary, we will come forward by the center aisle, take or tear a morsel of bread and dip it into the chalice before partaking. We return to the pew by the side aisle.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION Christus, der uns selig macht Hans Kammeier
Christ, Who Makes Us Blessed

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

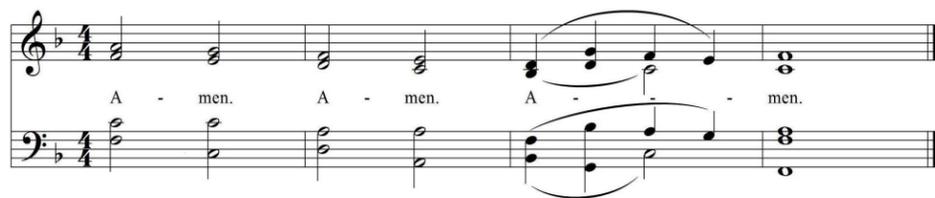
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power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

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody



***POSTLUDE** Plein jeu (from *Suite on the Third Tone*)

Jean Adam Guilain

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Leigh Dunlap and Wes Williams

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MAY 16-31: Cindy Spangler

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): Jake and Lane Palmer

GREETERS (11:00): Robin Greeson and Bitsy Ingram

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Larry Ridley

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Westminster Choristers

(11:00) Chancel Choir and Westminster Choristers

SENIOR USHER: Buz Johnson

USHERS:

(9:00) Daniel Berry and Scott Brunger

(11:00) Brenda Seip, John and Kathy Shilling, Linda VanBeke and Susan

Baughman

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. And Mrs. Fred Hatmaker (Doris), Mildred B. McRae and Linda Morton, and in honor of all beloved Mothers on Mother's Day.

THIS MORNING'S ANTHEM sung by the Westminster Choristers, with its exuberant Easter text, was intended to be sung during this past Easter season, but many and various scheduling difficulties prevented its singing during that time. Rather than have a single chorister miss out, we'll joyfully sing it *this* morning and I'll interpret the text as always being appropriate as we are a post-Easter people! This familiar carol is most often heard sung during Christmas (with its appropriate text), but is so infectious that texts for other seasons have successfully been substituted. I very much appreciate Katherine Harmon and Lisa Oros for accompanying the choir.

Peter Van Eenam

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH will meet at the home of Betty McKeehan, 11:30 AM, on May 17, 2018. Everyone is asked to bring \$5 to cover the cost of the meal Betty prepares. Please let Georgann Byerley know if you are coming by Tuesday, May 15th at. If it is raining, we will meet at the church at 11:15 AM and carpool. Otherwise we will park on Betty's driveway or on the grass.

A STATED SESSION MEETING will take place May 20 at 12:15 in the McKinnon Room.

SHOW AND WAMS will not have an evening activity tonight because we want to spend time with our mom on her special day. Next week, May 20, we're going to have our annual Parents vs. Kids Kickball Game at West Hills ball field #3. (Behind West Hills Elementary) It's time to get in shape, parents. We've had a lonnnng dryspell of losing to our not-so-humble teenagers. It's time for them to get schooled!!! We'll play from 3-5 and enjoy some ice cream treats afterwards. Gooooo Geezers!

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Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

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Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

We hope that you will make plans to attend the service of John Eaddy on Saturday, May 19 at 2:00 pm. Receiving of Friends will be held immediately after the funeral services. Please contact the church office if you are able to bring a finger food or clean up after the reception (584-3957 ext 100 or renee_wpc@comcast.net). We appreciate you!

MOTHER'S MORNING OUT: Drop your kids off Wednesday mornings from 9:00-11:30 starting June 13th. We'll have crafts, stories, snacks, and more. Email Allie at allie_wpc@comcast.net if you're interested!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be June 4-7th, 9:00-12:00. Children 0-5th grade are invited! There will be a nursery for babies 0-2, a Pre-K program for 3-5 year olds, and traditional VBS for school-aged kids. The cost is \$10/child for the entire week. See the sign-up sheets on the office door or email allie_wpc@comcast.net to register! Include your child's name/age/t-shirt size. If you have a tween/teen who might want to help out- let me know!

THE SESSION

Class of 2018

Leigh Dunlap

JP Mackay

Linda Van Beke

Wes Williams

Michael Yates

Youth Elder: Clara Oakes

Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

Class of 2019

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Vicki Mayfield

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