



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

July 15, 2018

10:00 A.M.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 Twenty and Twenty-nine (from *Miniatures for Organ*) Herbert Howells

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

from *Psalms* 24

Leader: The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it,

People: The world and those who live in it;

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!

People: That the King of glory may come in.

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

People: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 488** (blue hymnal) The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***LITANY OF CONFESSION**

from *Book of Common Worship*, 1993

Leader: Almighty God, you alone are good and holy. Purify our lives and make us brave disciples. We do not ask you to keep us safe, but to keep us loyal, so we may serve Jesus Christ, who, tempted in every way as we are, was faithful to you.

People: Amen.

Leader: From lack of reverence for truth and beauty, from a calculating or sentimental mind, from going along with mean or ugly things,

People: O God, deliver us.

Leader: From cowardice that dares not face truth, laziness content with half-truth, or arrogance that thinks we know it all,

People: O God, deliver us.

Leader: From artificial life and worship, from all that is hollow or insincere,

People: O God, deliver us.

Leader: From trite ideals and cheap pleasures, from mistaking hard vulgarity for humor,

People: O God, deliver us.

Leader: From being dull, pompous or rude, from putting down our neighbors,

People: O God, deliver us.

Leader: From cynicism about others, from intolerance or cruel indifference,

People: O God, deliver us.

Leader: From being satisfied with things as they are, in the church or in the world, from failing to share your indignation about injustice,

People: O God, deliver us.

Leader: From selfishness, self-indulgence or self-pity,

People: O God, deliver us.

Leader: From token concern for the poor, lonely or loveless people, from confusing faith with good feeling, or love with wanting to be loved,

People: O God, deliver us.

Leader: From everything in us that may hide your light,

People: O God, light of life, forgive us.

***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 ...

HEBREW HISTORY

Genesis 12:1-9

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Allie Brewington

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship. Children are welcome in worship here or a nursery is available.

GOSPEL

Luke 15:11-24

SERMON

“The Boredom of Security”

Rev. John Linton Muntz

“The younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country.”

Luke 15:13

***HYMN NO. 275** (blue hymnal) God of Our Life

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

from *A Declaration of Faith*

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God’s kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God’s kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

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.

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 Christ Hath a Garden

Gerald Near

Christ hath a garden walled around, A paradise of fruitful ground, Chosen by love and fenced by grace From out the world’s wide wilderness.

Like trees of spice his servants stand, There planted by his mighty hand; By Eden’s gracious streams, that flow To feed their beauty where they grow.

Awake, O wind of heav’n, and bear Their sweetest perfume though the air: Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, Till the beloved Master come:

That he may come, and linger yet Among the trees that he hath set; That he may evermore be seen To walk amid the springing green.

Robert Bridges

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal)

Old Hundredth

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 267** (blue hymnal) All Things Beautiful and Bright

Royal Oak

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Fantasia in C, BWV 570

J. S. Bach

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Maggie Gordon and Brian Bonnyman

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JULY: 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

GREETERS: Ashley and Scott Porter

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Rick Rawe

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Summer Choir

SENIOR USHER: Jerry Carley

USHERS: John Romeiser, Gary Rowcliffe, Bill Rudd, Shawn and David Owens

LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP: Kaye Davis

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Bryan and Rachel Powell in honor of Bobby and Lucy’s July birthdays!

GERALD NEAR, one of this country’s finest composers of sacred music, received much of his musical education at the University of Michigan, where he studied theory and composition with Leslie Bassett, organ with Robert Glasgow, and conducting with Elizabeth Green and Gustav Meier. This morning’s anthem sets the beautiful melody familiar to us as a hymn with gracefully flowing counterpoint in the accompaniment. The third verse, rich with warm harmonies, is sung without accompaniment, leading to the final verse, accompanied by the serene string celeste and solo flute.

FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING SUMMER CHOIR, music for the next several Sundays will be rehearsed immediately after worship today.

THE BIRTH CANDLE is lit today in celebration of Tyler Andrew Hmielewski, born July 11, the grandson of Roy and Judy Hawk and son of Lauren and Andrew Hmielewski.

THE BIBLE STUDY CLASS meets after worship in the Library to study Maccabees. The Maccabees’ struggle is the source of the story of Hannukah. Scott Brunger and Phil Barnette will lead the class.



MOTHER’S MORNING OUT: Drop your kids off Wednesday, July 18th from 9:00-11:30 AM. We’ll have crafts, stories, snacks, and more. Email Allie at allie_wpc@comcast.net if you’re interested!

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER is desperately in need of men’s shorts and pants sizes 30 to 34 inches, men’s socks and underwear. You can place your donations in the collection area at the base of the stairs leading to the children’s ministry area.

SHARE THE BOUNTY: You may have noticed that our Share the Bounty table is back in the Schilling Gallery for the summer and is starting to provide produce, mainly gorgeous greens at this point. Later, you will be seeing beets, tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant. You are more than welcome to help yourself to what is provided on the table. 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 also a donation basket with any contributions this year going to our Presbytery’s Carbon Footprint Fund. Also, take a walk around our organic veggie garden located behind the sanctuary – it’s amazing what good things can come from a small space.

The Environmental Ministry Team

LADIES BOOK CLUB meets this Tuesday, July 17 at 10:30 in the library to discuss *Sargent’s Women, Four Lives Behind the Canvas* by Donna Lucey, discussion led by Patricia Taylor.

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WESTMINSTER NIGHT AT THE SMOKIES GAME is August 11, 2018. It is UT Theme Night and Fireworks will take place immediately after the game. UT Cheerleaders will be in attendance. RSVP deadline is July 31. Send in \$9 per ticket to the church office. The Fellowship Team is sponsoring this event.

BIG
SUMMER



“BIG SUMMER” activities are today after Time with Children. All school aged kids are welcome to join us for larger than life activities in the Fellowship Hall. We’re keeping the events a surprise to build some suspense, but think of some traditional fun- upsized!

THE SESSION

Class of 2019

Debbie Babelay

Daniel Collins

Vicki Mayfield

Cindy Pearman

Jay Schmid

Youth Elder: Maggie Gordon

Clerk of Session: Sandra Williams

Alice Mercer

Class of 2020

Scott Brunger

James Everett

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeehan

Shawn Owens

TRUSTEES

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