



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

August 26, 2018

10:00 A.M.

FOURTEENTH 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.

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

PRELUDE Sonata No. 2 for Organ, Movement II Paul Hindemith

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

MINUTE FOR MISSION Buz Johnson and Ashley Baker

CALL TO WORSHIP adapted, Psalm 84

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

People: **Blessed are those whose strength is in you, O Lord. Blessed is everyone who trusts in you.**

Leader: Blessed are those who gather in the house of the Lord...

People: **Ever singing God’s praise.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

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

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, we are those who have inherited the promises first given to Israel. You have included us in the blessing of your salvation, yet we have not lived with the same acceptance of others. You intend that we define ourselves in relationship with you, but we tend to define ourselves by our self-made boundaries. We confess that these boundaries easily become walls of exclusion, prejudice, mistrust, and even hatred. So, we now confess the fear at the root of our actions, a fear that can only be rooted out by being grounded in your love. We confess with sorrow our failure to love as you love. Forgive us, we pray. 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 READING Ephesians Chapter 6

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Justus Paulinus Mackayrinius

Roman Centurian

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

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians-selections

SERMON “Our Struggle, Our Hope” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 447** (blue hymnal) Lead On, O King Eternal Lancashire

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

God has not taken his people out of the world, but has sent them into the world to worship God there and serve all humankind. We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission. We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining God in that work. We risk disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here and now. But we find guidance in God’s deeds in the past and in God’s promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture. We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion and peace.

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 On Eagle’s Wings Michael Joncas

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

And He will raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life, say to the Lord: “My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!” (Refrain)

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. (Refrain)

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. (Refrain)

For to His angels He’s given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. (Refrain)

based on Psalm 91

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 430** (blue hymnal) Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! *Darwall’s 148th*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** A Short Verse

Thomas Tomkins

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Cindy Pearman and James Everett
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR AUGUST: Bill and Bonnie Rogers
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: Bill and Bonnie Rogers

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Bryan and Rachel Powell

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Summer Choir

SENIOR USHER: Alice Mercer

USHERS: Mary Lou Crow, Robert Daverman, Connie Graham, Andrew and Kristi Gordon

LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP: Renee and Bill Wiesehuegel

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Shawn and David Owens in celebration of their 32nd wedding anniversary (June 28th).

MANY THANKS to all the musicians of the Summer Choir for their enrichment of our worship and service to Westminster these past two months. It has been most enjoyable making music again with members of the Chancel Choir and friends from the congregation.

Peter Van Eenam

PAUL HINDEMITH (1895-1963) was a German composer, violist, teacher, theorist, and conductor. His music was condemned as “degenerate” by the Nazis and banned, and in 1939 he emigrated to the United States, becoming a professor of music theory at Yale in 1942. Four years later Hindemith became an American citizen, but returned to Europe in 1953, living in Zürich and teaching at the university there.

WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS begins rehearsals this afternoon at 4:00. All upper middle and high school students are welcome to join us!

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

THE SHARE THE BOUNTY table is set up in the Schilling Gallery for the summer. 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.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS are about to begin! The Monday evening group meets TOMORROW NIGHT at 7:00 p.m. in the library, and every fourth Monday of the month thereafter. The morning group meets for the first time September 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the SHOW room, and then each month on the first Thursday. Need a book or further information? Ask Mary Boyd.

SPECIAL CLASS AFTER WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Today will conclude Penny Tschantz’s book study on Willa Cather’s *Death Comes To the Archbishop*. Penny taught English at UT and grew up in New Mexico. She’s a great facilitator and Cather’s book is fantastic!! Meet us in the Fellowship Hall from after-lemonade to 12:30. Even if you don’t have a chance to read the book, you are invited to join our class and learn about enchanting New Mexico! We hope you can join us!

WESTMINSTER’S 2018 HABITAT HOUSE BUILD: As you start filling in your Fall calendar, make sure you mark the Habitat build dates as follows:

September 29 (BLITZ DAY) – This is the day that the volunteers will erect the exterior walls and build and set trusses.

October 6 – Interior walls will be built and the roof will be installed.

October 13 – Vinyl siding will be applied to the exterior.

November 3 – Interior painting will be done.

November 10 – Trim and cabinets will be installed

January 12 – The house will be dedicated

HABITAT EVERYDAY ANGELS: Westminster is committed to feeding all hammer and saw Habitat House builders for 3 out of the 5 Saturday work days. You can be an everyday angel by helping feed the hard-working builders. The sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery. Contact Brenda Seip for more information at .

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER’S critical needs this month are deodorant, hygiene products, underwear, and socks for both men and women. The drop off collection area at Westminster can be found at the base of the stairwell leading to the Children’s education wing.

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CHURCH OFFICE will be closed for the Labor Day holiday and reopen Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM.

RACE FOR THE CURE TEAM: Join our team, Ashley’s Awesome Angels (Captain Ashley Baker) for the Saturday, October 27, 5K race in downtown Knoxville. You can register online at Komen Race for the Cure 2018. Contact Anne Crais for more information.

YOUTH PLANNING TEAM will be meeting today at 5:00 PM at Zoe’s on Bearden Hill. Come join us to help plan the year! If you need a ride talk to Barbara.

COMING SOON! We go back to our regular schedule of two worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. with an education hour at 10:00 on September 9. On that day, we’ll kick off fall activities with DISCOVER WESTMINSTER, our annual opportunity to see what’s in store for education and other ministries of the church. It’s been a very popular event, so we’re moving the Fellowship Hall this year at 10:00 a.m. Visit tables for each ministry team, have a snack or two, play a game, and visit with your friends. See you then!

THE SESSION

Class of 2019

Debbie Babelay

Daniel Collins

Vicki Mayfield

Cindy Pearman

Jay Schmid

Youth Elder: Maggie Gordon

Class of 2020

Scott Brunger

James Everett

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeehan

Shawn Owens

Class of 2021

Brian Bonnyman

Anne Crais

Amy Gilbert

Buz Johnson

Rachel Powell

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