



The Order of Worship

“Where Faith and Life Connect”

May 19, 2019
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

FIFTH 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 Mighty Lord, Thy Faithfulness Abideth Ever Antonio Lotti
trans. Peter Van Eenam
Movement III (from *Contrasts*) (11:00) Vaclav Nelhybel
Trombone Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) O Praise God George Thalben-Ball
O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.
Psalm 150:1

CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise the LORD from the earth. Let everything that lives Praise the LORD!
People: For God commanded and they were created...sun and moon and shining stars, mountains and hills...wild animals and flying birds...all peoples of the earth.
Leader: Let them all praise the LORD!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 256** (blue hymnal) Let the Whole Creation Cry Salzburg

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Caring and compassionate Creator, we enter this place set apart for your worship, knowing that we have failed to see you in other places. We have ignored your beauty around us, in earth and sky, in plants and creatures, in the people who surround us. We have chosen to live more by our fears than by our faith, to be weighed down by what we do not have, rather than rejoicing in your gifts to us. Widen our capacity to care, and forgive us when we do not see you in all whom we meet. In Jesus' name. 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 Revelation 21:1-6

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Laura Stockdale

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

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 11:1-18

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“Born again...Damascus Road...or Joppa City Dreamer?”

***HYMN NO. 298** (blue hymnal) There's a Wideness in God's Mercy *In Babilone*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) I John 4:7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) Movement III (from *Contrasts*) Vaclav Nelhybel

(11:00) Rise Up, My Love Paul Laubengayer

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away, Oh, come away. For, lo, the winter now is past, the rain is over and gone; The flow'rs appear on the earth; the time for singing birds has come, and the voice of the turtle dove is heard in the land.

Song of Solomon 2:10-12

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 228** (red hymnal) (11:00) Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *Beecher*

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (9:00)

Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) God Be in My Head John Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.

from the *Sarum Primer*

***POSTLUDE** Fantasia in g Johann Pachelbel

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Anne Crais and Dan Collins

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR MAY: Lana Daverman and Susan McKeehan

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): Macy and Kara Porter

GREETERS (11:00): Brenda Seip and Angela Shilling

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Joe McConnell and Molly Roberson

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Trombone Choir

(11:00) Chancel and Trombone Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Buz Johnson

USHERS:

(9:00) Genet Weber and Robert McKeehan

(11:00) Brenda Seip, Elizabeth Ridley, Larry Ridley, Ashley and Scott Porter

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Jeff and Amy Gilbert in celebration of their 17th wedding anniversary.

VACLAV NELHYBEL (1919-1996) was born in Polanka, Czechoslovakia. He studied composition and conducting at the Conservatory of Music in Prague (1938-42) and musicology at Prague University and the University of Fribourg in Switzerland. Following World War II he was affiliated as a composer and conductor with Swiss National Radio and became lecturer at the University of Fribourg. In 1950 he became the first musical director of Radio Free Europe in Munich, Germany, a post he held until he immigrated to the United States in 1957. As an internationally renowned and prolific composer, Nelhybel wrote concertos, operas, chamber music, and numerous compositions for symphony orchestra, symphonic band, chorus, and smaller ensembles. Although he wrote the majority of his works for professional musicians, he relished composing original, challenging pieces for student musicians and delighted in making music with young players. If you were growing up in the 1960s or 70s, you undoubtedly were very familiar with his music! This morning's work for trombone trio makes interesting use of rhythm, layering of voices, and dissonance and resolution.

SHOW AND WAMS: Kickball! Today! Be there! It's the Parents vs. Youth kickball game, this afternoon at 4pm! We will meet at Field 3 at West Hills Park (directly behind West Hills Elementary school). Fields are first-come, first-serve, so if Field 3 is taken, we will move to Field 4 (right behind 3). This is our final Youth event before the start of Summer, so don't miss it!



OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE begins Sunday, May 26th and continues through Sunday, September 1st. We will have one worship service at 10:00 a.m.

WESTMINSTER MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: Our final meeting of the Spring will be Thursday May 23rd at 7:30 am in the McKinnon Room. The lesson, to be presented by Larry Ridley, is entitled 'College Students: Food Pantries and Poverty Naps/Tuition or Dinner'. More than 20 million students are enrolled in American colleges and universities and the majority are on the hook for crippling student loan debt, now totaling 1.5 Trillion dollars nationwide. Purdue University has introduced an ISA/an Income Sharing Agreement for their undergraduates. Is the ISA sustainable? Smokey's Pantry is a FISH pantry located on the campus of the University of Tennessee, which has served approximately 6,000 students and staff since January 2016. A poverty nap is when a student chooses to go to sleep rather than deal with hunger. These challenges are widespread in higher education today. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of Ron Campbell. Come join us for this discussion on the state of higher education in America. All men of the church are welcome and no reservation is necessary. And - Have a great Summer.

THE LADIES BOOK CLUB will be discussing the book *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones. All women are invited to attend. Join us May 21st in the Church library at 10:30. For information or questions contact Linda Rutherford.

FRIENDS OF FISH: It is our turn to stock the FISH pantry during May and June. We need you Tuesday, May 28 at 9:00 AM (for about an hour). Meet at Church of the Savior, 934 N Weisgarber Rd. to prepare the bags of groceries. Please contact Linda VanBeke if you have questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019! VBS will be June 10-13 9:00-12:00. All ages of our congregation are invited to join us as we adventure through our "Miraculous Mission" theme!

- Children 3 years old - 4th grade: come participate in the fun!
- 5th graders - high school: volunteer to help lead the kids in games, songs, and more!
- Adults of all ages: volunteer to lead one of our fun stations (crafts, science, games, snacks, and bible stories), or just be an extra set of hands!

This is such a fun and memorable week for our children and all who participate. To register a child or sign up to volunteer, please use the following link: <https://vbsmate.com/wpcknox> and click the blue button in the top right corner.

LEMONADE IN THE SCHILLING GALLERY: You are invited to sign up in the Schilling Gallery for a date to serve lemonade after the 10:00 a.m. worship service this summer. All the supplies are provided for you. There is minimal set-up and you're guaranteed to enjoy the fellowship.

UKIRK MAY FUNDRAISER: Will you join us in donating \$20.19 to UKirk UTK in honor of the graduating class of 2019? Our staff and Board of Directors are all committed to give, will you commit? We are asking 100 people to donate \$20.19 in order to raise \$2,019 this May. You can mail a check payable to UKirk UTK to 1831 Melrose Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37916.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER is in need of dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, dish towels, razors, deodorant, shampoo, and conditioner. You may bring these items and place in our collection area at the bottom of the stairs leading into the Children's wing.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed for Memorial Day weekend Friday, 5/24 and Monday, 5/27. We will see you Tuesday!

KIDS CORNER

Children's Sunday School begins after A Time with Children. Kids 4 years old through 4th grade are invited to join us downstairs where we will divide into two classes (primary and intermediate). Crafts and activities will be available during the 10:00 Adult Sunday School hour for children 4th grade and under.

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS

All Sunday school classes begin at 10:00 a.m. each week.

Bible Study - Adult Bible study meets in the library and they are studying the Gospel of John.

The Wired Word - Led by a rotating group of teachers, this class takes a look at how scripture addresses current topics. All you need is a smart phone or tablet. The class meets in the Prayer Room.

Feasting on the Word - This lectionary-based study provides some background for the scriptures read during worship each week. Also led by a teaching team, this class meets in the McKinnon Room

Faith and Life — Penny Tschantz will use her background as a professor to lead us through a study she's calling Poems of Faith and Doubt. It will include a look at some "religious poetry" from poets such as Emily Dickinson, John Donne, Robert Frost, Gerard Manley Hopkins, and John Milton. Don't worry if you're not accustomed to reading poetry — Penny will lead you through. If you'd like a PDF of the poems ahead of time, contact the office.

THE SESSION

Class of 2019

Debbie Babelay
Daniel Collins
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Cindy Pearman
Jay Schmid
Youth Elder: Maggie Gordon

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Andrew Gordon
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