



The Order of Worship

“Where Faith and Life Connect”

May 26, 2019
10:00 A.M.

SIXTH 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 Symphony No. 5, IV movement Charles-Marie Widor

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 67

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us,

People: That your way may be known upon the earth, your saving power among all nations.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.

People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.

People: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 487 (blue hymnal) When Morning Gilds the Skies *Laudes Domini*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, Risen Lord, ever-present Spirit, how often you come to us, and we do not recognize you. In friends and strangers who seek and offer kindness; in words that make sense of our lives and the world around us; in opportunities to show and receive love; in living, enduring promises that sustain us when life threatens to overwhelm. You come, O God, but our hearts and minds are slow to recognize you. Forgive us, and awaken us to your presence, we pray in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. 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 ...

GOSPEL READING John 5:1-9

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Julia Whipple

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

READING FROM THE HEBREW TRADITION I Kings 17

SERMON “When the Brook Dries Up” John Linton Muntz

What have you against me, O man of God? I Kings 17:18

*HYMN NO. 261 (blue hymnal) God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us
O Quanta Qualia

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

God created the heavens and the earth and made human beings in God’s image, charging them to care for all that lives. God made men and women to live in community, responding to their Creator with grateful obedience. God was incarnate in Jesus Christ, who announced good news to the poor, proclaimed release for prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, let the broken victims go free, and proclaimed the year of the Lord’s favor. Jesus came to seek and save the lost; in his life and death for others, God’s redeeming love for all people was made visible, and in the resurrection of Jesus Christ there is the assurance of God’s victory over sin and death and the promise of God’s continuing presence in the world.

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 Meditation Louis Viene

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 344 (blue hymnal) Christ of the Upward Way *Sursum Corda*

*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

*POSTLUDE Rigaudon Danish melody
Andre Campra

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Debbie Babelay and James Everett

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

GREETERS: John and Kathy Shilling

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Hap McSween

SENIOR USHER: Buz Johnson

USHERS: Rick and Janice Rawe, John Romeiser and Gary Rowcliffe

LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP: The Gilbert Family

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Sara Cantrell in loving memory of Joe Ben Turner.

OUR THANKS to Eileen Rudd for serving as organist this morning while Peter Van Eenam is away.



OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE begins TODAY and continues through Sunday, September 1st. We will have one worship service at 10:00 AM followed by Lemonade Fellowship in the Schilling Gallery.

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 unload the Second Harvest truck. On June 2, 12 and 17 we will bag groceries at the same location, 5:30 PM. Please contact Linda VanBeke if you have questions ().

A SESSION MEETING is scheduled for June 2 at 11:00 AM.

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, Monday, 5/27. We will see you Tuesday!

ABBEY DEADLINE is today! Send articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

WESTMINSTER'S YOUTH are planning a busy summer of service and spiritual growth! Here is a list of the 3 summer program weeks, the ages who can participate, and the cost of each event. Contact Barbara Adamcik if you are interested. It is not too late to sign up for any of these weeks!!

WAMS (5th-8th grade)

Win Our World (WOW) Urban Ministry @ St. John's Lutheran in Knoxville (This is a "day camp" that runs from 8 a.m.-8p.m.)

June 16-21 Cost-\$200*

SHOW (8th-12th grade)

Montreat (in Montreat, NC) Youth Conference

June 9-15 Cost-\$300*

Ghost Ranch Pilgrimage 8th-12th grade (New Mexico mission and spiritual growth trip) Destinations: Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Taos, and Ghost Ranch

June 26-July 7 Cost-\$400*

*The church can help with scholarships for anyone who needs them.

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