



**The Order of Worship**

*“Where Faith and Life Connect”*

**June 23, 2019**

**10:00 A.M.**

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .**

*When despair for the world grows in me  
and I wake in the night at the least sound  
in fear of what my life and my children’s lives may be,  
I go and lie down where the wood drake  
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.  
I come into the peace of wild things  
who do not tax their lives with forethought  
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.  
And I feel about me the day-blind stars  
waiting with their light. For a time  
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.*

*“The Peace of Wild Things” Wendell Berry*

**PRELUDE** Trio de Flûtes (from *Suite on the Second Tone*) Jean Adam Guilain

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: For the goodness of God that infuses creation and surrounds our lives

**People: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart!**

Leader: Even when the storms of life are raging and threatening

**People: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart!**

Leader: Even though answers do not come quickly and faith does not come easy

**People: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 229** (blue hymnal) From All That Dwell Below the Skies

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*LITANY OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Leader: Gracious God: When we treat your good creation as an object rather than a gift

**People: Forgive us, and make us whole.**

Leader: When we treat others in a manner unworthy of disciples of Jesus Christ

**People: Forgive us, and make us whole.**

Leader: When we treat ourselves as less than children of God

**People: Forgive us, and make us whole.**

Leader: When we fail to speak up and speak out for those who have no voice

**People: Forgive us, and make us whole.**

Leader: When we stumble and fall

**People: Give us the courage that comes from knowing that you walk with us. 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** Galatians 3:23-29

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** Mary Boyd

*Children age 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs for Children’s Worship.*

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 8:26-39

**SERMON** Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*“Possessed Pigs, Deviled Ham and a Vision for the Future”*

**\*HYMN NO. 260** (blue hymnal) A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *Ein’ feste Burg*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)  
From “The Confession of 1967” Presbyterian Church USA

**The life, death, resurrection and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His life as a human being involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to humanity commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on humankind’s inhumanity and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of humanity’s life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.**

**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** How Can I Keep From Singing Robert Lowry

My life flows on in endless song above earth’s lamentation  
I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation  
Above the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing  
It sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?

While though the tempest loudly roars I know the truth, it liveth  
And though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to the rock I’m clinging  
Since love is lord of Heav’n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

I lift my eyes the clouds grow thin, I see the blue above them  
And day by day my singing shines since first I learned to love him  
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever singing  
Since Christ is Lord of Heav’n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to the rock I’m clinging  
It sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?

Pauline T.

John Harrison, Tenor

John Hankins, Bass

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH AND ADULTS TO NEW MEXICO and GHOST RANCH**

Leader: As many of you as were baptized into Christ *Galatians 3:27-28*  
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**All There is no longer Jew or Greek,  
There is no longer slave or free,  
There is no longer male and female;  
For all of you are one in Christ Jesus.** *Ephesians 4:1-6*

(Minister remarks...)

Leader: Do you welcome the responsibility of representing Westminster Presbyterian Church and will you seek to follow Christ in all that you do and say while on pilgrimage at Ghost Ranch ?

**Commissionees: I do and I will.**

Leader: Do you, the members of Westminster confirm the call of God to our sisters and brothers to grow in faith, learning, and fellowship by participating in the Youth Service Corps at Ghost Ranch?

**All: We do.**

Leader: Will you support them with your prayers while they’re away, welcome them warmly when they return, and pester them enthusiastically for stories about their experience?

**All: We will!**

(Commissioning Prayer...)

Faithful God, you are always near. Be with your servants on this pilgrimage and guide their way in accord with your will. Be a companion for them along their

journey, a guide at crossroads, strength in their weariness, shelter on the way, shade against the heat, light in the darkness, and a comforter in their discouragements. As they travel into new communities, may they continually feel your presence, bravely answer your call, and plant it deep into their beings.

Friends, you are commissioned as representatives of the body of Christ in this place to embark on your pilgrimage to New Mexico and Ghost Ranch. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

### TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

\*HYMN NO. 333 (blue hymnal) Seek Ye First

*Lafferty*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Danish melody

\*POSTLUDE Canzonet

Thomas Morley

\*Indicates standing.

### NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Shawn Owens and Brian Bonnyman

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JUNE 16-30:** Lana Daverman

**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:** Kaye Davis and Sue Byerly

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Brad Pearman

**SENIOR USHER:** Bill Holt

**USHERS:** Scott and Jerry Carley, Carol Beilharz, Sue Caradine, Judy Jorden

**LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP:** Nancy Lowe, Harold and Katherine Jones

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Jim and Linda Yates to the glory of God and in celebration of their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**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 are several dates still available: July 21, 28, August 11, 18 and 25.

**DIAPERS NEEDED FOR FISH:** On June 30<sup>th</sup>, our 5th Sunday Ministry will be to collect diapers sizes 4, 5, and 6 diapers for WPC's FISH deliveries. You may place diapers in the play pen which will be located in the Schilling Gallery starting today!

**OUR THANKS** to John Harrison and John Hankins for their enrichment of our worship this morning and to the latter for his notes on the duet.

**HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING** was written and published by American Baptist minister Robert Lowry in the 1869 songbook, "Bright Jewels for the Sunday School." The first known publication of the words was on August 7, 1868, in The New York Observer, titled "Always Rejoicing," and attributed to "Pauline T." The words we are singing today are very similar to the original but with some changes from more recent versions. During the twentieth-century, this hymn was not widely used in congregational worship but Pete Seeger revived the song for the 1960's folk era. Then the song received new prominence in 1991 again with Irish musician Enya. Though it is not, in fact, a Quaker hymn as Pete Seeger claimed, twentieth-century Quakers adopted it as their own and use it widely today.

**SUMMER CHOIR** will return in a few weeks and sing through the latter part of August. I invite you to come sit in with the choir and enjoy the music, fellowship, and camaraderie! Please contact the church office at your earliest convenience if you'd like to participate, so that a choir folder can be made up for you. If you prefer to sing a certain part, please let us know that as well. It was wonderful to again have new faces with us last summer—I hope *you* will be one of them *this* summer!

Peter Van Eenam

**SHARE THE BOUNTY:** If you are not familiar with this, our table provides a space to share the bounty from our personal gardens and our very own Westminster organic garden. 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. 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.

**SUMMER MISSION OPPORTUNITY:** With all that is going on in the world, it is easy to forget the devastating floods in Eastern NC last year. While the crisis is over, there is much work to be done. Several local Presbyterian churches, led by Sequoyah Hills will be making a trip this summer (July 29 - Aug 3th) to Fayetteville, NC. The group will assist in cleanup and limited rebuilding to fit the skill set of the team. We would like commitments within the next few weeks. If you are interested, please contact William Milam at.



**MOTHER'S MORNING OUT:** Mother's Morning Out will run Wednesdays during the summer (June 5 - July 31) from 9:00-12:00. The cost is \$10/child. Kids 0-10 years old are welcome to join us in the nursery to play, have snacks, and complete crafts and activities. Please email Allie at allie\_wpc@comcast.net if you are interested in signing up for any part of the summer.

**WESTMINSTER NIGHT AT THE SMOKIES** is August 10. There will be a Firework Display immediately following the baseball game. Tickets are \$9 and can be purchased through the church office by sending in a payment marked for this fun Fellowship event!

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY CLASS** will resume July 14!

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### **GHOST RANCH PILGRIMS**

#### **Embark This Wednesday!!!**

Our Westminster youth pilgrimage and work trip is next week! Twenty-two of our high school youth and adult sponsors will be traveling to Abiquiu, New Mexico for a trip of a lifetime! Here are some ways we could use your help by June 24!

Prayers and Encouragement Notes- Send notes we can read to our group each day of the trip. Mail to the office or email to Barbara (wpcyouth.barbara@gmail.com). Shhhh... let's surprise the pilgrims and keep this hush hush.

Travel Bags- Donate items for our pilgrims to enjoy on the 24 hour bus ride (hand sanitizer, pens, candy, games, jokes, etc) We are going to assemble a bag for each pilgrim this coming Monday (6/24.)

And finally, we would appreciate your prayers for safe travels and deep spiritual connections with God, nature, and each other. Westminster's ongoing, loving support is making this transformational experience possible for our youth. Thank you, Westminster!!!

Want to keep up with our travels? Check for stories and photos on our Ghost Ranch Pilgrimage 2019 blog: <https://ghostranch2019.blogspot.com>

**SESSION MEETING** today at 11:15 in the McKinnon Room.

#### **Class of 2020**

Scott Brunger

James Everett

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeehan

Shawn Owens

Youth Elder: Katie Rogers

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

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#### **THE SESSION**

##### **Class of 2021**

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