



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

September 1, 2019

10:00 A.M.

TWELFTH 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.

Children are welcome in worship here. A nursery is available during the entire service. Any who are baptized are invited to receive the elements of the Lord’s Supper.

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

PRELUDE Adagio (from *Concerto in a*, BWV 593, after Antonio Vivaldi) J. S. Bach

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah, Chapter 40

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He gives power to the faint of heart and strengthens the powerless.

People: **But those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 476 (blue hymnal) O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! Lyons

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God,
**We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,
 By what we have done and what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.
 We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 In your mercy forgive what we have been,
 Help us amend what we are and direct what we shall be,
 So that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
 To the glory of your holy name.**

*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 Luke 14:1-14

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Laura Stockdale

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

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

SERMON “Love in Real Life” Barbara Adamcik

*HYMN NO. 507 (blue hymnal) I Come with Joy Dove of Peace

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) from the Iona Community of Scotland

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God’s goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God. Amen.

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 Ave verum Corpus W. A. Mozart

Ave verum Corpus natum de Maria Virgine: Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine: Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, Who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals, Whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood: Be for us a foretaste [of heaven] during our final examining.

trans. Ron Jeffers

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Beginning from the front of the sanctuary, we will come forward by the center aisle, take or tear a morsel of bread and dip it into the chalice before partaking. We return to the pew by the side aisle.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

Wir danken dir, Herr Jesu Christ Hermann Grabner

We Thank Thee, Lord Jesus Christ

Der Herr ist mein getreuer Hirt Johann Pachelbel

The Lord Is My Shepherd

PRAYER AFTER THE TABLE

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: **And all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: **And forget not all his benefits.**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 535 (blue hymnal) Go with Us, Lord *Tallis' Canon*
(Sing in canon, with the pulpit side of the congregation beginning)

***POSTLUDE** Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir Johann Pachelbel
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Leslie Versen and Brian Bonnyman

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR SEPTEMBER: 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: Bitsy Ingram and Judy Jordan

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Jim Boyd

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Sue Caradine

USHERS: Shawn Owens, Elizabeth Ridley, Buz Johnson, Bob Daverman, Reed Ellis

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Rick and Janice Rawe with thanks on their 57th wedding anniversary for all the years of wedded bliss (most of the time).

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

THIS MORNING'S OFFERTORY ANTHEM is a motet composed by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in June 1791 as he was also writing his opera *The Magic Flute* and visiting his wife Constanze, who was expecting their sixth child and staying at the spa in Baden bei Wien. The motet, setting the 14th-century Eucharistic hymn *Ave verum Corpus*, was composed for his friend Anton Stoll, music director at St. Stephan, Baden.

NAME TAG SUNDAY is today. Please fill out a name tag in the Narthex.

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL collection is today. We bring this offering each "First Sunday," as our share in maintaining the Volunteer Ministry Center of Knoxville. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER is in need of adult clothing, shoes and toiletries. You may bring these items and place in our collection area at the bottom of the stairs leading into the children's wing.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS: The morning women's Bible study will meet for the first time this Thursday at 10:00 a.m. We will meet in the pavilion this month. If you have questions or need a book, speak to Mary Boyd.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Komen Race for the Cure 2019 is October 19 and you can join our team, *Tribe Alive - Westminster* You can register through www.komeneasttennessee.org. It's the last week to register at the discounted rate.

COMPANIONS CLASS: Please note on Wednesday, September 11, COMPANIONS class will begin the study of, FIELD of COMPASSION, How The New Cosmology is Transforming Spiritual Life, by Judith Cannato. To quote the author, "the purpose of the book is twofold: 1).....an invitation to transformation that will change how our species lives and, 2)....ways we may walk through this terrain together this gets your attention and sparks a curiosity of interest to participate." The class studied a previous book by Ms Cannato, RADICAL AMAZEMENT, which was thoroughly appreciated. FIELD of COMPASSION is available from Amazon as traditional (paperback) or e-book. All are welcome as we look forward to another sharing the richness of spiritual growth.

BREAKFAST IN THE SMOKIES is scheduled for September 28, 2019. We will meet at Metcalf Bottoms in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park at 9:00 A.M. for the 8th annual Matt Mathews, Don Byerly Memorial Breakfast (12th Westminster Breakfast in the Mountains). There are sign-up sheets in the Schilling Gallery.

FISH DELIVERY is Thursday, September 12. The number of families we can help is limited by the number of delivery volunteers available. We deliver in pairs and the names of the food recipients can be picked up at the church, as well as non-food items for each family. Please note the time for teams to pick up your delivery address sheets is now 1 PM. Please contact Georgann Byerley,, if you can help.

HARP CONCERT: Elzbieta Szmyt, professor of music and co-chair of the Harp Department at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music will be in concert here, Friday, September 6 at 7 pm. This event is sponsored by the East Tennessee chapter of the American Harp Society. Admission is \$15 at the door or by calling

WORSHIP SCHEDULE will return to two services on
Sunday, September 8 at 9:00 am and 11:00 am
with a Sunday School Fellowship hour in-between.

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Daniel Lewis, Youth Assitant
Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

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

DISCOVER WESTMINSTER: Our amazing ministry teams have been working overtime, and coming up with some fantastic opportunities for everyone at Westminster! You will want to join us next Sunday, September 8 at 10 a.m. to find out what's going on. Every ministry team will have displays, information, and sign-up opportunities for the coming semester. The teams will have snacks and most will have games (with fabulous prizes!!) This is also a great morning to visit with your friends and join in the goofy fun!! See you then!

EVENING YOUTH BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY!!!
In accordance to tradition, we call upon the YOUTH of Westminster (6th-12th grade) to assemble on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 5 to celebrate the 7th annual Westminster Olympic Games!! Yes, we will have another crazy array of games and competitions to kick off our youth year. Examples of our games will be Tandem Kickball, Water Balloon Dodgeball, Extreme Volleyball, a Joke competition, and a super-cool surprise event!! As usual, there are beautiful medals to be awarded at the end of this awesome evening! As always, you are welcome to bring a friend. We begin with dinner at 5:00, and the medal ceremonies will take place at 7:30. We can always use parent help at this event. We hope to see you all there!!
We have planned our whole semester, and We'll give you the calendar of fantastic events by Sunday (or at Discover Westminster Sunday morning!)

Class of 2020

Scott Brunger
James Everett
Andrew Gordon
Susan McKeehan
Shawn Owens
Youth Elder: Katie Rogers
Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Reed Ellis

THE SESSION

Class of 2021

Brian Bonnyman
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