



The Order of Worship

**April 11, 2021
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

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

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

PRELUDE Praeludium in F Major, BuxWV 145 Dieterich Buxtehude

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have been freed!

People: Fear and death have no claim on us!

Leader: Christ and Lord is risen!

People: Even though we have not touched his wounded hands, yet we believe.

Leader: Even though we have not heard him speak our names, yet we believe.

People: Let us celebrate God's love through the life of Jesus Christ. Amen.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

HYMN NO. 459 (blue hymnal) Father, We Praise Thee *Christe sanctorum*

Father, we praise Thee, now the night is over; Active and watchful, stand we all before Thee; Singing, we offer prayer and meditation: Thus we adore Thee.

Monarch of all things, fit us for Thy mansions; Banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending; Bring us to heaven, where Thy saints united Joy without ending.

All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit, Trinity blessed, send us Thy salvation; Thine is the glory, gleaming and resounding Through all creation.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Patient Lord, you wait for us to understand. You wait for us to remove the blinders of prejudice, fear, unbelief, confusion. You have offered to us the greatest miracle of all time, the resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ. We sang and celebrated last Sunday, but a week has passed and we have slid back into our old ways of perceiving your presence and love. Shake us up, Lord! Shake us up and cause us to look with new eyes on our Savior, who came that we might have life, abundantly serving all who are in need. Forgive our stubbornness and our complacency. Reach out to us so that we may reach out with healing love to others, for we pray this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

***KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574** (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson

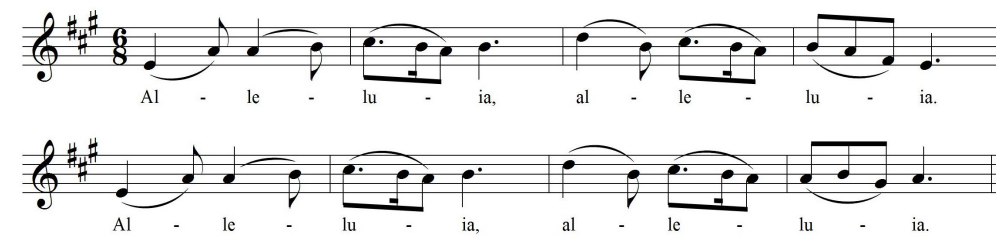
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

***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 Judges 6:11-24

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Allie Brewington

Children age 4 through 3rd grade are invited to go to the playground after the lesson.

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31

SERMON "The Wounded Healer" Rev. Gradye Parsons

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) from Romans 8

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all

creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our 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.

ANTHEM Christ Hath a Garden Gerald Near

Christ hath a garden walled around, A paradise of fruitful ground, Chosen by love and fenced by grace From out the world's wide wilderness.

Like trees of spice his servants stand, There planted by his mighty hand; By Eden's gracious streams, that flow To feed their beauty where they grow.

Awake, O wind of heav'n, and bear Their sweetest perfume though the air: Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, Till the beloved Master come:

That he may come, and linger yet Among the trees that he hath set; That he may evermore be seen To walk amid the springing green.

Robert Bridges

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

POSTLUDE Sinfonia (from *Cantata No. 29*), BWV 29 Johann Sebastian Bach

arr. Homer Whitford

*Indicates standing.

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NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS IN THE PAVILION are given in honor of the wonderful church staff by Chuck Wright and Stephanie Lynch-Wright.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called for April 25, to be held by email due to Covid-19 restrictions. The purpose of the meeting is to elect five elders (class of 2024) and one youth elder (class of 2022) and appoint one trustee (class of 2024).

ANNE DUNGAN RECEPTION: An open house will be held in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion on Saturday, April 17, between 10:00 and 12:00 to honor Anne Dungan. Everyone is welcome to drop by during those hours. This will be a chance for all those who know and love her to say good-bye and wish her well on her move to Cary, NC. Anne has been part of this congregation for many years, offering her talents and wisdom in so many ways.

ONLINE WORSHIP VIDEOS: We know that many are still not able or ready to attend church in-person. We will have one last “traditional” online worship video today. From there, we will begin recording our in-person worship and posting the service online later that day. We want this to work for everyone! If you have any questions, please email Allie (allie_wpc@comcast.net) To RSVP for pavilion worship go to: <https://westminsterworship.rsvpify.com/>

TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP will be meeting in the Pavilion April 20 at 10:30 a.m. We are planning to discuss Jodi Pecoult’s well written, insightful novel *Small Great Things*, which focuses on race relations and white supremacy — a very relevant topic unfortunately. Also bring some ideas for future books you would like to discuss. All women of the church who enjoy reading and discussing books in an informal setting are welcome to join us. Watch the *Abbey* for further announcements or changes but for now we are back on our regular 3rd Tuesday schedule. Contact Linda Rutherford at 865-690-3499 for questions.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES will continue to meet through Memorial Day (links and passcodes are listed in the *Abbey*). We will be discussing the possibility of in-person, outdoor classes in the next few weeks. For now, though...

Feasting on the Word

This lectionary-based class meets on Zoom each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Bible Study

Scott Brunger’s Bible Study class is studying the book of II Samuel each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom.

Women’s Bible Study Groups

There are two opportunities for Women’s Bible study. Both groups are using the same curriculum, which is entitled Into the Light. We are taking a look at lament in scripture and our lives. The evening group meets on the fourth Monday of each month (April 26) at 7:00 pm. The morning group meets on the first Thursday of each month (May 6) at 10:00 a.m.

Congregational Chat with John & Ibbie Muntz

Join John and Ibbie Muntz each Monday night at 7:00 p.m. for some fellowship time.

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