



**The Order of Worship**

**April 18, 2021  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*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.*

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

**THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .**

**PRELUDE** Chorale No. 2 in B Minor César Franck

**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. 361** (blue hymnal) How Firm a Foundation

*Foundation*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word! What more can be said than to you God hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

**\*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 READING** Luke 24:36-48

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

*Children age 4 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to go to the playground after the lesson.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** I John 3:1-7, 10

**SERMON** Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

**HYMN NO. 420** (blue hymnal) God of Grace and God of Glory *Cwm Rhondda*

God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy power; Crown

Thine ancient church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us

wisdom, grant us courage, For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this

hour.

Cure Thy children's warring madness, Bend our pride to Thy control; Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

Creed of the United Church of Canada (Reformed)

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim**

**Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

**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. You are also invited to reflect on the following prayer.)

*Oh, God:*

*I asked for hope, you gave me a challenge;*

*I asked for healing, you gave me patience;*

*I asked for riches, you gave me friendships;*

*I asked for friendships, you gave me opportunities to be a friend;*

*I asked to be useful, you required of me my riches;*

*I asked for love, you taught me to give;*

*I asked for peace, I found myself sorting my way through trouble;*

*I asked for rest, you gave me energy.*

*I asked only for solace, and you brought resurrection.*

*Lord, your giving answer seems always to be ahead of my wisdom in asking. The things I ask are too small, or too selfish, or too far beside the point of my own life's calling – you seem to know. You seem to grant me what I need rather than what I want. Grant me this always. Amen.*

**ARIA** Hear Ye, Israel (from *Elijah*) Felix Mendelssohn

Hear ye, Israel; Hear what the Lord speaketh: "Oh, had'st thou heeded my commandments!" Who hath believed our report? To whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him oppressed by tyrants; thus saith the Lord: "I am He that comforteth; be not afraid, for I am thy God, I will strengthen thee! Say, who art thou, that thou art afraid of a man that shall die; and forgettest the Lord thy maker, who hath stretched for the heavens and laid the earth's foundations? Be not afraid, for I, thy God, will strengthen thee."

Isaiah 48:1,18; 53:1; 49:7; 41:10; and 51:12-13

Meredith Mackay, Soprano

Margaret Harrison, Piano

**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

**\*POSTLUDE** Toccata (from *Pièces de Fantaisie*, Suite No. 2, Op. 53) Louis Vierne arr. Homer Whitford

\*Indicates standing.

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**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FLOWERS IN THE PAVILION** are given in honor of the precious children of Westminster from Allie Brewington.

**OUR THANKS** to Meredith Mackay and Margaret Harrison for their enrichment of our worship this morning.

**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).

**ONLINE WORSHIP VIDEOS:** We know that many are still not able or ready to attend church in-person. We will begin recording our in-person worship this morning and posting the service online later today. 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/>

**THE SESSION** will meet at 12:00 today in the pavilion with the Confirmation Class for lunch and a time of sharing. Many thanks to Kathy Parsons and Barbara Adamcik for your leadership in this important time in their lives! We appreciate you both!

<b>Confirmand</b>	<b>Mentor</b>
Ella Chattin	Melanie Lewis
Arthur Collins	Angela Shilling
Nathan Harmon	Tim Crais
Gracie Kringen	Julia Whipple
Frankie Manrod	Andrew Gordon
Jacob Phillips	Jeff Gilbert
Madison Thomas	Barbara Adamcik

### **Attention Youth! Join us for an Outdoor Concert Experience**

Today at 2:00pm

(Leave church @ 1:30 - we're renting a van!)

We're going to the Knoxville Botanical Gardens to hear INUKSUIT. Inuksuit is an outdoor "mill around" piece for 9-99 percussionists!! Knoxville's version of this fun piece is being played by about 30 drummers (including Bob Adamcik.) They'll be playing all over the gardens, and we'll walk around, hearing all the different drums in nature.

The youth of Westminster will be leading our worship services next Sunday, April 25 at both the 9:00 am and 11:00 am services. The Confirmation Class will be introduced during the 11:00 am worship service. We hope that you will make plans to join us for this amazing annual tradition at Westminster!

**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.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP:** Gentlemen, the vote is in and the results are clear. We will resume the Men's Breakfast on Thursday, May 6, at 8am in the Pavilion. Charlie Van Beke will be the speaker and his lesson will be entitled *Does the Supreme Court Need Restructuring?* Charlie is a retired lawyer and will certainly bring an interesting viewpoint to this timely topic. We will set up chairs in the Pavilion, so there is no need to bring your own chair. We will also once again provide sausage biscuits if you so desire. Just send Tim Crais an email if you would like a biscuit. We will rely on you to bring your own coffee, tea, water or another beverage of your own choosing. So, we are all set for May 6. We hope you will attend and bring a friend or new member with you.

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

will continue to meet through Memorial Day

#### **Feasting on the Word**

This lectionary-based class meets each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Courtyard near the columbarium.

#### **Bible Study**

Scott Brunger's Bible Study class is studying the book of II Samuel each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the breezeway near the door into the education wing.

#### **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 (via Zoom). The morning group meets on the first Thursday of each month (May 6) at 10:00 a.m. in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion.

#### **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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### **THE SESSION**

#### **Class of 2021**

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#### **Class of 2022**

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