



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship May 9, 2021
9:00 and 11:00 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.

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

PRELUDE Rhosymedre (Lovely) Ralph Vaughan Williams
(from *Three Preludes Founded on Welsh Hymn Tunes*)

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader: The Spirit of God calls us to worship.
- People: In God’s Spirit, we rejoice and give thanks.**
- Leader: The glory of God calls us to praise.
- People: In God’s glory, we meet the mysteries of the Holy.**
- Leader: The wisdom of God summons us to live with goodness and truth.
- People: In God’s wisdom, we find grace for living our lives.**
- Leader: The love of God calls us to service.
- People: In God’s love, we are filled with strength and peace.**
- Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- People: At all times and for everything!**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

HYMN Morning Has Broken *Bunessan*

Morning has broken Like the first morning, Blackbird has spoken Like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing Fresh from the Word!

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning Born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, Praise every morning, God’s recreation Of the new day!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

**God of mercy and of grace, you know the secrets of our hearts:
how blind we are to our own faults, yet harsh in judging others;
how we want much, and yet give so little.
Forgive us as individuals and as a church when we fail to love as
you have shown us in the Christ. Help us to bear the good fruit of
forgiveness, compassion and reconciliation in the world around us;
In Christ’s name, we pray. 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 John 15:9-17

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

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING I John 5:1-6; Acts 10:44-48

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

HYMN Now Thank We All Our God *Nun danket alle Gott*

Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, In whom this world rejoices; Who, from our mothers’ arms, Hath blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us, With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us; And keep us in God’s grace, And guide us when perplexed, And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

***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.

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 (9:00) Bright Morning Stars Kentucky folk song
arr. Jay Althouse

Bright morning stars are rising. Day is breaking in my soul.

Oh, where are our dear fathers? They are in the valley praying. Day is breaking in my soul.

Oh, where are our dear mothers? They are gone to heaven a-shouting, shouting. Day is breaking in my soul.

Traditional Appalachian text
Ruth Ann Bendy and Caroline Rowcliffe, Sopranos
Amy Dale Reddick, Alto

MUSIC FOR HARPSICHORD (11:00) La Volta William Byrd

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** Gott sei gelobet und gebenedeiet Heinrich Scheidemann
God Be Praised and Glorified

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NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

SERVING TODAY

SENIOR USHER: Buz Johnson

USHERS:

(9:00) Bill and Renee Wiesehuegel

(11:00) Tom and Georgann Byerley, Mary Lou Crow, Reed Ellis,
Linda Van Beke

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (9:00) Chancel Choir

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Rob McKeehan in memory of Mary McKeehan and in appreciation of her Westminster care givers.

THE HARPSICHORD is a keyboard instrument that flourished in Europe in the Renaissance and Baroque that eventually gave way to the popularity of the piano late in the 1700s. In the early 1900s it was rediscovered as part of a movement devoted to “early music” and its performance practice. Throughout Europe, each nationality developed different inner constructions (even different instruments—in England, for example, it was the virginal) and unique repertoire (though composers would later mix styles or influences). What they all shared was that they initiated sound by a plucking mechanism as opposed to percussive, which the piano employs. In fact, one could argue that the harpsichord “family” is more akin to the guitar, not only with plucking, but even down to where the string is plucked relative to the bridge (the wooden piece affixed to the sound board (or the guitar’s outer body)). This plucking placement affects tone and color.

NO YOUTH GROUP today, take time to celebrate your mom! Next week is the adults versus youth kickball game!

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

The Adult 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 Zoom with John & Ibbie Muntz

Mondays at 7:00 pm on Zoom

LADIES BOOK CLUB will meet May 18 at 10:30 in the pavilion. Contact Linda Rutherford at 865 with any questions.

FISH DELIVERIES are this Thursday, May 13 at 1:00 pm. If you want to help please contact Georgann Byerley at 865.

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