



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

**May 16, 2021
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

SEVENTH 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

(9:00) Alleluias sereins d'une âme qui désire le ciel Olivier Messiaen
Serene Alleluias from a Soul Longing for Heaven

“We beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we may in mind dwell in Heaven.”
from Mass on Ascension Day

(from L'Ascension)

(11:00) Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731 J. S. Bach
Dearest Lord Jesus, We Are Here

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

MINUTE FOR MISSION FISH Ministry Ginger Williams (9:00)
Linda Van Beke (11:00)

INTROIT (11:00) Serve the Lord with Gladness Antonio Caldara

Serve the Lord with gladness, And come before His presence with a song. Serve Him with a song.

Psalm 100:2

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With what shall we come before the Holy One, and bow ourselves before God on high?

People: What does the Holy One require of us, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?

ALL: Let us worship the Lord our God!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN** Crown Him with Many Crowns *Diademata*

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne; Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; Behold His hands and side, Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified: No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight, But downward bends his burning eye At mysteries so bright.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, these are our sins: when given health we misuse it. When given a good Creation we abuse it. When given food we hoard it. When given beauty we flaunt it. When given freedom we assume it. When given time we squander it. When given life we distort it. When given love we place conditions around it. Forgive the ways that we fail to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our God. 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 17:6-19

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Daniel Lewis

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

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 1:6-11,15-17,21-26

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! *Coronation*

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all! Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all! We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) *from A Declaration of Faith*

Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability and time. It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and rest, setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work, celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness. We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture, not expecting detailed directions for every decision, but relying on the Word to tell us who God is, to press God's present claim on us, and to assure us of God's grace and comfort. We are charged to pray for ourselves and others with gratitude, boldness, and persistence, confident that God hears and answers our prayers in ways best for us all. Life in God's presence results in a life lived for others, for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see, we cannot love God whom we do not see.

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.)

My Lord, God, I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But, I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust you always,

though I may seem to be lost in the shadow of death

I will not fear, for you are ever with me,

and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

—Thomas Merton

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) Arise, My Love, My Fair One Gerald Near

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone, the time of the singing of birds is come. Alleluia.

based on Song of Solomon 2:10-12

(11:00) Mighty Lord, Thy Faithfulness Abideth Ever Antonio Lotti

Mighty Lord, Thy faithfulness abideth ever, for evermore, to eternity; God of love, have mercy on us Thy children, who put their trust in Thee. O be merciful, mighty Lord, to us who know Thy great love.

Henry Wilder Foote

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (9:00)** Amen Danish melody

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE (11:00)** As It Was in the Beginning
Peter Van Eenam
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.
from the *Lesser Doxology*

***POSTLUDE**
(9:00) Transports de joie d'une âme devant Olivier Messiaen
la gloire du Christ qui est la sienne
Outbursts of joy from a soul before the glory of Christ which is its own glory
"Giving thanks unto The Father which hath made us meet to be partakers of
the inheritance of the Saints in light... has raised us up together and made us
sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."
from The Epistles of Paul the Apostle to the Colossians
and to the Ephesians

(from *L'Ascension*)
(11:00) Prélude (from *Suite Médiévale*) Jean Langlais

*Indicates standing.
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NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Barbara Cline in honor of Lisa and Dan, Gabrielle and Jeff and to the Glory of God.

THE BIRTH CANDLE is lit in honor of two new babies within our congregation. Rory Jane Gosselin born on April 28 to Zach and Sarah Beth Gosselin. Janet Drumm's daughter, Rachel, gave birth to Eric Jake Widener in Atlanta, May 5.

OUR THANKS to Ruth Ann Bendy, Lisa Ellis, and John Harrison for their enrichment of our 11:00 service this morning. They form the first choral group to sing for worship at Westminster as we transition back inside the sanctuary. *Each of the three is fully vaccinated* and kept at a distance between themselves and the organ. We are awaiting the arrival of "singer's masks" to enable *all* members of the Chancel Choir to participate in a myriad of small groups in future weeks. We have found that these special masks will be needed to sing in the manner required for anthems and service music, and to balance with the organ. This morning we are placed at the maximum possible distance from the congregation and clergy and next to a filtered air return on the HVAC unit dedicated to the chancel, but we nonetheless ask your forgiveness for singing unmasked.

Peter Van Eenam

SERVING TODAY
SENIOR USHER: Buz Johnson
USHERS:
(9:00) Cile Mathews and Stephanie Lynch-Wright
(11:00) Robert and Susan McKeehan, Tim and Joyce Ryan, Penny Tschantz
GREETER:
(11:00) Lucy Johnson
MINISTRY OF MUSIC:
(9:00) Chancel Choir (recorded)
(11:00) Members of the Chancel Choir

SHOW AND WAMS: Parents vs. Youth Kickball will start at 2:00pm at West Hills Park (. We'll be on field #3 and should finish up around 3:30, and there will be snacks and water! Parents/adults... this is our year. We can be victorious over the youth! After the game, the Manrods have invited us to swim at Gulf Park Pool (528) until 6:00pm! Thanks to Colleen and Jennifer for opening this up to us! Weather promises to be beautiful this Sunday, so we should be in great shape for a fun-filled afternoon!

UTK UKIRK is fund-raising until 5:00 pm today with a silent auction. You can bid here : <https://www.32auctions.com/UKirkUTK>

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

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING is being collected through May 23. This offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start, a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood thorough young adulthood. Forty percent of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

FRIENDS OF FISH: Volunteers are needed for the morning of May 25 to stock the food delivery, and June 8, June 17 and June 27 at 5:30 pm for bagging groceries. Please see Linda Van Beke for more information.

A STATED SESSION MEETING is scheduled for May 23 at 12:00 via Zoom.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be June 21-24. Sign up now with Allie.

MEDIA UPDATE! The 11:00 sanctuary service will be recorded and posted to our YouTube channel Sunday afternoons. You can find a link to our YouTube channel on the front of our website, www.wpcknox.org. Please be patient with us as we learn the new video system installed in the sanctuary. In the somewhat near future, we will have the service live-streamed to you, wherever you may be.

NOTE FROM SESSION: The CDC has lifted many restrictions on people who are fully vaccinated. Therefore, the Session has agreed to lift the singing restrictions for those fully vaccinated. Out of respect for those in our community who are not vaccinated, we will still practice social distancing, mask wearing and other precautions. We encourage those who are not vaccinated to attend the 9:00 am outdoor service and prayerfully consider vaccination.

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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 pavilion.

Bible Study

The Adult Bible Study class is studying Galatians each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the McKinnon Room.

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

Will meet May 17, 7:00 pm, the link can be found in E-news.

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