



The Order of Worship

May 23, 2021
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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) Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist, BuxWV 208 Dieterich Buxtehude
We Now Petition the Holy Ghost
(11:00) Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott, BuxWV 200 Dieterich Buxtehude
Come, Holy Spirit, Lord God

Chorale text: Come, Holy Spirit, Lord God, fill the hearts, minds and spirits of your faithful with the goodness of your mercy. Ignite your ardent love in them. O Lord, through the brilliancy of your light you have gathered the peoples of all the world's tongues into the faith. Let this be sung to your praise. Alleluia.

Anonymous, 15th century

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) Veni Creator Spiritus Gregorian chant
Veni, Creator Spiritus, Mentis tuorum visita: Imple superna gratia Quae tu creasti, pectora.

Come, Holy Spirit, Creator, come from thy bright heavenly throne; come, take possession of our souls, and make them all thine own.

Rabanus Maurus

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

People: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN** Come Down, O Love Divine *Down Ampney*
Come down, O Love divine, Seek Thou this soul of mine And visit it with
Thine own ardour glowing; O Comforter, draw near, Within my heart
appear, And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, Till earthly passions turn To dust and ashes in its heat
consuming; And let Thy glorious light Shine ever on my sight, And clothe me
round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong, With which the soul will long, Shall far outpass
the power of human telling; For none can guess its grace, Till he become the
place Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

descant by W. H. Belyea

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Merciful God, whose care never ceases, we come to you as we are. We are
tired from trying to do more than we can manage. We are anxious about
problems which go unresolved. We are worried about events beyond our
control. We do not easily let go and trust the guidance of your Spirit. For
mistakes we cannot redeem, for sins we cannot undo, forgive us. Lead us
to a place of wholeness and fullness of life, that we might be witnesses to
your life-giving Spirit, and that we might ever become the people of Christ
to which you call 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 Ezekiel 37:1-14, Romans 8:22-27
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Kathleen Farnham
Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go to the playground after the lesson.

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-21
SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN** Every Time I Feel the Spirit *Pentecost*
Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray. Yes, every time I
feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke, Out of God's mouth came fire and
smoke. Looked all around me, it looked so fine, Till I asked my Lord if all
was mine. (Refrain)

Jordan river, chilly and cold, It chills the body but not the soul. There is but
one train upon this track; It runs to heaven and then right back. (Refrain)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, PC(USA)
**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The
Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to
love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one
body of Christ, the church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and
life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup
of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without
ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask
idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

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) Spirit James K. Manley
Spirit of gentleness, Blow through the wilderness, calling and free, Spirit of
restlessness, Stir me from placidness, Wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, You called to the deep, Then You coaxed up the
mountains From the valleys of sleep, And over the eons You called to each
thing, "Awake from your slumbers And rise on your wings." (Refrain)

You swept through the desert, You stung with the sand, And You gifted your
people With a law and a land, And when they were blinded With their idols
and lies, Then You spoke through Your prophets To open their eyes.
(Refrain)

You sang in a stable, You cried from a hill, Then You whispered in silence
When the whole world was still, And down in the city You called once again
When You blew through Your people On the rush of the wind. (Refrain)

You call from tomorrow, You break ancient schemes, From the bondage of
sorrow The captives dream dreams; Our women see visions, Our men clear
their eyes. With bold new decisions Your people arise. (Refrain)
James K. Manley

Jan Barber, Lisa Ellis, Cindy Serbin, and Laura Stockdale

Ruth Ann Bendy, Flute

Jennifer Van Eenam Yarbrough, Violin

(11:00) Quid retribuam Domino Guy de Lioncourt
Quid retribuam Domino, pro omnibus quae retribuit mihi? Calicem salutaris
accipiam, Et nomen Domini invocabo. Dirupisti vincula mea, tibi sacrificabo
hostiam laudis, et nomen Domini invocabo.

*What should I give back to the Lord for all the good I have received from him? I will
accept the Chalice of Salvation and I will call upon the name of the Lord. You broke
my bonds, I will offer a sacrifice in praise to you and call upon the name of the Lord.*

trans. Judy Webster

Meredith Mackay, Soprano
Ruth Ann Bendy, Soprano

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Amen

Danish melody

*POSTLUDE

(9:00) Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist, BWV 667 J. S. Bach
Come, God, Creator, Holy Ghost
(from the *Leipzig Chorales*)

(11:00) Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist, BWV 631 J. S. Bach
(from the *Orgelbüchlein*)

Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist (III) Johann Gottfried Walther
Chorale text: Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost, and visit the hearts of your
people. Fill them with grace, for you know that your creation
should be yours.

Martin Luther
trans. John David Peterson

*Indicates standing.

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NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Alice Magee in memory of her
mother, Laura Magee.

SERVING TODAY

SENIOR USHER: Buz Johnson

USHERS:

(9:00) Doug and Bonny Naugher

(11:00) Barbara Froula, Kristi and Andrew Gordon, Rob and Susan McKeegan

GREETERS:

(11:00) Gary and Sandra Rowcliffe

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Members of the Chancel Choir

OUR THANKS to Jan Barber, Ruth Ann Bendy, Lisa Ellis, Meredith Mackay, Cindy
Serbin, and Laura Stockdale for their enrichment of our worship this morning. Many
thanks also to Ruth Ann and Jennifer Van Eenam Yarbrough for their contributions
to the instrumental accompaniment for the anthem at the 9:00 service.

NOTES ON THIS MORNING’S MUSIC: In the chorale preludes of Dieterich
Buxtehude we often find ascending scalar passages in the ornamented melody that
end abruptly with a sixteenth rest before continuing on. It is curious writing. Robert
Clark, several former students, and I visited Buxtehude’s church in Lübeck, the
Marienkirche, and I vividly remember his remark that we organists learn the most
about the performance of Buxtehude’s music by standing in this sacred space and
experiencing the wonderfully reverberant acoustic of this sanctuary. At that moment
these flourishes made total sense—what imaginative composer wouldn’t incorporate
these opportunities for the sound to travel and mingle with the air?! With the
Buxtehude chorale prelude at the 11:00 service we hear what we think is its
conclusion, but this is unexpectedly followed by a coda I view as a musical descent of
Pentecost tongues of fire. The Bach chorale preludes for the postlude are identical
settings initially, but the 9:00 version has a second verse (with the melody heard as a
cantus firmus in the pedal) added. Finally, in our efforts to bring a “live” anthem to
the 9:00, we find that we’re limited in several ways, including the lack of a keyboard
suitable for accompanying, but even more importantly, very little room for the
musicians. This morning our quartet of women will sing to a recorded instrumental
accompaniment that has been assembled from Westminster’s own acoustic resources.
One silver lining to all this is that I get to “play” with my daughter, Jennifer, for the
first time in many years!

Peter Van Eenam

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 at 10:00 am on Tuesday, May 25 to help
unload the Second Harvest Food Bank truck, 934 Weisgarber Rd., Church of the
Savior. As well as, June 8, June 17 and June 27 at 5:30 pm for bagging groceries.
Please see Linda Van Beke or Ginger Williams for more information.

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.

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.

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

will meet through Summer.

Feasting on the Word

This lectionary-based class meets each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the pavilion.
Will not meet Memorial Day weekend.

Bible Study

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

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 Mondays at 7:00 pm, the link can be found in E-news.

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

Class of 2021

Brian Bonnyman

Anne Crais

Amy Gilbert

Buz Johnson

Rachel Powell

Youth Elder: Shea Bell

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Jeff Browning

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