



The Order of Worship **April 24, 2022**
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

SECOND 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. Please let us have your contact information so we may be in touch.

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

PRELUDE Trio No. 1 (from *Ten Trios for the Organ*, Op. 49) Josef Rheinberger
Präludium in B-flat, RhWV deest No. 8

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: We have not seen the risen Christ,

People: But we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.

Leader: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

People: But we have seen him in the faces of everyone whose love encourages us.

Leader: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

People: But we have been called to bring healing to the scarred of the world.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 249** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Because You Live, O Christ Vruechten

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

**God of empty tombs and emptier people:
when we hesitate to speak of your hope,
forgive us, and give us a voice.**

**When we find it difficult to love one another,
forgive us, and give us fresh compassion.**

**When we want to stand with the high and mighty,
forgive us, and seat us next to the poor and oppressed.**

**When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts,
forgive us, and send us out to share you grace.**

**When we cannot believe your Word of new life,
forgive us, and fill us with your joy.**

***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 Revelation 1:4-8

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Kathy Parsons

Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31

SERMON "Hands, Feet, and Scars" Rev. Dr. Anne McKee

***HYMN NO. 817** (*Glory to God* hymnal) We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight Dunlap's Creek

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) From *Planet Earth Sunday, Australia*

We believe that God creates all things, renews all things and celebrates all things.

We believe Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God's presence, a home for us to share with our kin.

We believe that God became flesh and blood, became a piece of Earth, a human being called Jesus Christ, who lived and breathed and spoke among us, suffered and died on a cross, for all human beings and for all creation.

We believe that the risen Jesus is the Christ at the core of creation reconciling all things to God, renewing all creation and filling the cosmos.

We believe the Spirit renews life in creation, groans in empathy with a suffering creation, and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.

We believe that with Christ we will rise and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.

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.

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.

OFFERTORY

(9:00) 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.

(11:00) Les Langueurs-Tendres Robert Bridges
François Couperin

The Tender Languishings

Harpichord

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal) Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 14** (*Glory to God* hymnal) For the Beauty of the Earth Dix

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** Christ lag in Todesbanden Heinrich Bach

Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death

Chorale text: Christ lay in the bonds of death, sacrificed for our sins. He is risen again and has brought us life. For this we should be glad, praise God and be thankful, and sing Alleluia. Alleluia.

Martin Luther
literal trans. Mark Bighley

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Janet Drumm and Charlie Mercer
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR APRIL: Kathy Shilling
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from ushers.
PLEASE place your bulletin into a blue recycling bin located at the Narthex door if you do not care to take it home.

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS (11:00): John and Kathy Shilling
SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Jay Schmid
MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (9:00) Chancel Choir
SENIOR USHER: Linda VanBeke
USHERS:

(9:00) Cile Mathews and Bill Wiesehuegel
(11:00) LoAnn Price, Janice and Rick Rawe, Gary Rowcliffe, John Salsbery

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in loving memory of Etta Borum by her daughter, Gloria Borum.

THE BIRTH CANDLE is lit today in celebration of Jackson Robert Piel. Born April 9 to parents Jenn and Natty Piel, and big sister Claire.

GERALD NEAR, one of this country’s finest composers of sacred music, received much of his musical education at the University of Michigan, where he studied theory and composition with Leslie Bassett, organ with Robert Glasgow, and conducting with Elizabeth Green and Gustav Meier. This morning’s anthem sets the beautiful melody familiar to us as a hymn with gracefully flowing counterpoint in the accompaniment. The third verse, rich with warm harmonies, is sung without accompaniment, leading to the final verse, accompanied by the serene string celeste and solo flute. We hear a recording of our Chancel Choir singing this lovely work for a meeting (program) of the Knoxville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists in October 1991 at First Baptist Church, Knoxville.

SHARE THE BOUNTY table is back in the Schilling Gallery for the summer and is starting to provide produce. If you are not familiar with this, our table provides a space to share the bounty from our personal gardens and our very own Westminster organic garden. You are more than welcome to help yourself to what is provided on the table. If you have a bit too much of something from your garden, bring it in to share. You may find here flowers and herbs, as well as vegetables. It changes every week, so take a look and take some home. There is also a donation basket with any contributions this year going to our Presbytery’s Carbon Footprint Fund. Also, take a walk around our organic veggie garden located behind the sanctuary – it’s amazing what good things can come from a small space.

The Environmental Ministry Team

MEN’S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP will meet this Thursday at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be Susan Huskisson, who is a Professional Public Speaker Trainer. Susan has years of experience in both this country and abroad. She also worked on the advanced team for both President Ford and President Carter. We will again provide coffee and sausage biscuits. Please place your order with Tim Crais at by noon Wednesday. We hope you will join us and bring a friend.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

All classes meet at 10:00 am

Feasting on the Word, a lectionary-based study, meets in person in the Fellowship Hall. The class looks at scriptures that are from the lectionary readings for each week.

Adult Bible Study class chooses books of the Bible for in-depth study each Sunday. The class meets in person in the McKinnon Room AND on Zoom.

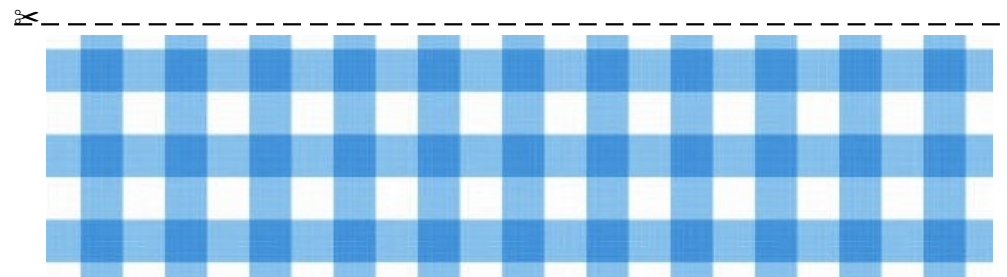
The Wired Word class receives an email with the week’s current events topic that is discussed with an eye and ear toward scripture. The discussion is always lively. Jump in! The class is meeting in the library to allow for more distancing. If you don’t already receive emails and would like to, let Mary know.

CHILDREN’S OFFERINGS ON SUNDAYS: There are so many ways for children to be involved on Sunday mornings!

- **9:00 Worship:** Children 0-5 are welcome in the Nursery. Children 6+ remain in Worship
- **10:00 Hour:** Children 0-3 are welcome in the Nursery. Children 4-10 are invited to Fellowship Time downstairs.
- **11:00 Worship:** Children 0-3 are welcome in the Nursery. Children age 3-4th grade remain in Worship until Time with the Children, then are walked downstairs for Primary and Intermediate Sunday school.

WOMEN’S EVENING BIBLE STUDY meets at 7:00 pm, April 25 in the McKinnon Room.

ARTWORK IN SCHILLING GALLERY: It’s the last Sunday to enjoy Charlotte Rollman’s brightly colored plain-air (outside and on-site) paintings and Debbie Whelan’s pottery. Mother’s Day is not far off so perhaps something from either exhibit would make a delightful gift.



**FESTIVAL ON THE LAWN
CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC SIGN-UP!**

Use this tear-off to RSVP for the Westminster picnic to be held on Sunday, May 1 at noon immediately after worship. We will be honoring our 2022 graduating high school seniors as well as our Confirmation Class of 2022. The cost is \$7 per person or \$25 per family - payable at the picnic. Drop this in the offering plate!

Name: _____ # in party: _____

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Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

9:00 AM PAVILION WORSHIP returns TODAY through May 22, leading up to our Summer Worship schedule. Summer worship schedule begins May 29 with a single service at 10:00 am.



SAVE THE DATE! Monday, May 2nd at 7:00- 8:30 PM for the Justice Knox Annual Nehemiah Action Assembly at World’s Fair Park Amphitheater. See our poster near the narthex entrance for more information! Carpools will leave WPC at 6:00.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called for Sunday, April 24 after the 11:00 a.m. worship service to elect Class of 2025 Elders; Ed Babelay, Wendy Collins, Janet Drumm, Stephen Fortney, and Barbara Froula, 1 youth elder, Meghan Oros (class of 2023), and trustee, Alice Mercer (class of 2025). Learn more about them by reading their bios on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR UKRAINE: As we pray for an end to this violence, we ask the U.S. Government and our European allies to make a commitment to the Ukrainian people for a peaceful solution. We don't know how long it will take, but we know that they will need help with the rebuilding of their country so that those who are fleeing now may one day return home safely. To support our response, designate gifts to DR000156 or text PDAUKR to 41444.

THE SESSION

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Bob Albiston	Jaelyn Beeler	Josh Birdwell
Janet Drumm	Jack Carley	Gloria Borum
Colleen Manrod	William Milam	Melanie Lewis
Charlie Mercer	Penny Tschantz	Lisa Oros
Leslie Versen	Bill Wiesehuegel	Chris Van Beke
Youth Elder: Sophia Manrod	Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap	

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