

CONFIRMATION, YOUTH, AND SENIOR SUNDAY

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.

PRELUDE

- (9:00) Here Comes the Sun Harrison  
James Taylor, Guitar and Vocal  
YoYo Ma, Cello
- (11:00) Gavotte (from *Mignon*) Ambroise Thomas  
Cooper Kringen, Violin

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Griffen Oros (9:00), Rhys Whipple (11:00)

*Inspired by 2022 Confirmands Bobby Powell and Elena Bell*

One: We are the church - a place that is understanding and accepting,  
**Many: A place where we fight through adversity and help others through their journey of faith.**

One: From the moment we walk through the door,  
**Many: We are surrounded by people who care and love us.**

One: God is with us in the hymns we sing  
**Many: God is with us in worship,**

One: God is with us when we are gathered at Montreat,  
**Many: When we are doing service on a worksite, and when we love and care for each other.**

One: When we make wrong decisions God forgives us.  
**All: God is love!**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 69 (*Glory to God* hymnal) I, the Lord of Sea and Sky  
*Here I Am (Schutte)*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION Meghan Oros

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)  
*Inspired by 2022 Confirmands Ella Pfohl, Lyla Hagan, and Elizabeth Morrison*

Gracious God, you care for us even when we commit the same sins over and over, You provide and care for us forever. You care for us and treat us the way we should treat others. God, you always remind us we are here for a reason, for your reason. Your love for us is endless and wholesome, making our joy and faith stronger: the hand you let us hold to make sure we are safe. All the world and all the creatures are in your hands. Help us use our mistakes as an opportunity to change and grow. We look in the mirror and only see all the things that are wrong with us, but instead we should look in the mirror and see the gifts God gives us and be thankful. Generous God, you give us unlimited chances, unlimited love, and unlimited forgiveness. Lead us to do the same for each other. Amen

\*KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574 (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson

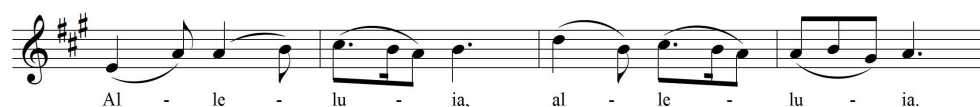
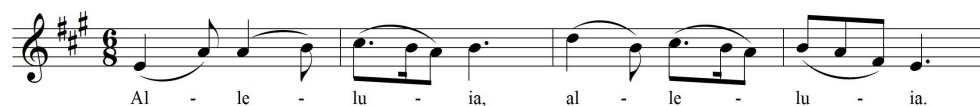
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

\*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 Matthew 5:13-16 Lucy Gordon

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Gracie Kringen and Ella Chattin  
*Children age 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship.*

SCRIPTURE 1 John 4:7-12 Anna Grace Gilbert

REFLECTIONS Sophie Manrod, Griffen Oros

\*HYMN NO. 535 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Bless the Lord, O My Soul *Bless the Lord*

INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMANDS (11:00)  
Elena Bell, Lucy Gilbert, Lyla Hagan, Elizabeth Morrison,  
Ella Pfohl, and Bobby Powell

CONFIRMATION LITURGY AND PRAYER (11:00) Barbara Adamcik

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) Arthur Collins (9:00), Liam Hagan (11:00)  
*Written by the 2022 Confirmation Class*

We believe Jesus Christ died for and saved us from sin because we are all loved. We believe the Holy Spirit guides us, helps us make hard decisions, and leads us to be forgiving, compassionate, and loving. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." We share that dream. Our hearts should be the place that knows God loves us. God's love shows us how to love all people-including those who are hard to love. Whenever we do something kind or compliment someone we are reflecting the love of God. While science can explain how the earth was created it can't explain the concept of God himself. It can't explain how God loves us unconditionally or why God forgives us for our sins, or even why God sent Jesus down to earth. From Bibles that sit on our bookshelves or at our bedside tables, we are reminded Jesus died for all of us and our sins. God didn't promise us days without pain, laughter without sorrow, or sun without rain. But God did promise us strength for the day, comfort for the pain and light for the way. We believe in second chances. In fact, we believe in as many chances as we need to change. Society often expects us to be perfect. We never will be perfect because we are all God's changing

artwork. So please be patient with each other because God isn't finished with us yet.

THE OFFERING

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Register, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service *Beach Spring*  
arr. Melinda Ramseth

Lord, whose love in humble service Bore the weight of human need, Who upon the cross, forsaken, Worked your mercy's perfect deed: We, your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart; Consecrating to your purpose Ev'ry gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread; Still the captives long for freedom; Still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul, By your Spirit send your power To our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, Till your love's revealing light In its height and depth and greatness Dawns upon our quickened sight, Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear, Stirring us to ardent service, Your abundant life to share.

Boys' and Girls' Choirs  
Renee Wieseuegel, Soprano Recorder  
(11:00) Sanctus Giovanni Battista Pergolesi  
Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

Isaiah 6:3  
\*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 Bobby Manrod

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(Prayer continues)...The Lord's Prayer (Unison)  
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.**

We ask you to bless this bread and this cup. Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, that we may join with you in promoting the well-being of all creation. Amen.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING THE SACRAMENT**

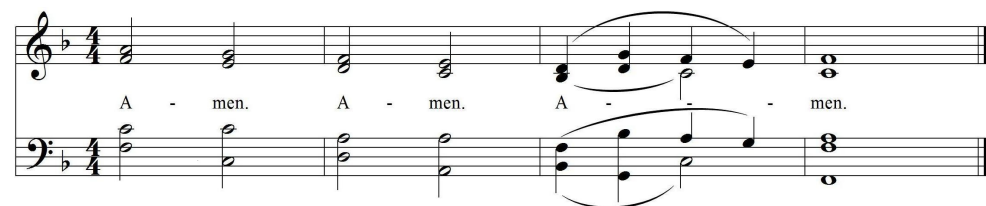
*Congregation will come forward to receive the elements.*

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

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** 2022 Seniors and Youth

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

Danish melody



**\*POSTLUDE**

(9:00) My Lighthouse

Rand Collective

(11:00) Gott sei gelobet und gebenedeiet

Heinrich Scheidemann

*God Be Praised and Glorified*

Chorale text: O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee, In thanksgiving bow before Thee. Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!

Anonymous

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Leslie Versen and William Milam  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MAY:** Susan McKeehan and Lana Daverman

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES** are available from the 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**

**ACOLYTES:** (11:00) James Gilbert and Nolan Oros

**GREETERS:** (11:00) Youth Members

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** (11:00) Chancel Choir

**SHEPHERD’S TEAM:** Lee Ingram

**SENIOR USHER:** Buz Johnson

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Ehren and Colleen Manrod

(11:00) Brenda Seip, Penny Tschantz and WAMS (Westminster Awesome Middle Schoolers)

**THE BULLETIN ART** was created by confirmand, Lucy Gilbert. She created this beautiful painting to be her Statement of Faith. Here is Lucy’s description of her Faith painting:

- o The lights represent the Holy Spirit.
- o The heart represents the love God has for us, and the love we should have for people- including our enemies.
- o The cross represents Jesus, God, and the Holy Trinity
- o All the lines and colors represent the "bumps in all the roads", all the choices we make in life, and the things we have to overcome.
- o All the Scripture quotes have the theme of love:
  - the love God and Jesus have for us
  - the love we have for people
  - and the love we try to have for those that are hard to love.

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Barbara Cline in memory of Jennings and in honor of the children, Lisa and Dan, Gabrielle and Jeff, Faith, Ed and Arianna.

**OUR THANKS** to Cooper Kringen for his enrichment of our worship this morning at the 11:00 service.

**NAME TAG SUNDAY** is every Sunday. Please fill out a name tag in the narthex.

**ALL CHURCH PICNIC IS TODAY!!**

Let us celebrate these amazing youth!! We hope that you will join us for lunch after worship. Extra food has been ordered to accommodate everyone. The meal is chicken, veggie and fruit trays, coleslaw, chips, and ice cream. The suggested donation is \$7 per person or \$25 for family. Donation jars can be found on the serving tables.

**CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!**

We are proud to recognize our graduating high school seniors of 2022: James Baker, Alice Gawne, Sophie Manrod, Griffen Oros, Eric Partelow, and Rhys Whipple. The world needs more people like you!!

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Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

**THIS MORNING’S POSTLUDE** at the 11:00 service is a broad and majestic setting of Johann Walter’s chorale melody based on a *Leise*, a German congregational refrain ending with “Kyrie eleison,” dating from around 1390. Martin Luther wrote and arranged the text to be a song of thanksgiving after communion by shortening an older first stanza and adding two of his own.

**THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL CONFIRMATION MENTORS!**

One of the best things that happens during the confirmation is the bond that forms between our confirmands and their mentors. We have an especially amazing group of mentors in 2022! Here are the confirmand/mentor teams:

Lucy Gilbert - Jackie Vanden Dorpel

Elizabeth Morrison - Linda Judge-McRae

Lyla Hagan - Kathy Parsons

Elena Bell - Kathryn Oakes

Ella Pfohl - Melanie Lewis

Bobby Powell - Max Reddick

*Contact Barbara if you are interested in becoming a mentor in the future!!*

**ABBEY DEADLINE** is today. Please send articles to *unitedprinters@comcast.net*.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** will meet Thursday, May 5 at 10:30 am for the final class of Spring.

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2022**

Bob Albiston

Janet Drumm

Colleen Manrod

Charlie Mercer

Leslie Versen

Youth Elder: Sophia Manrod

**Class of 2023**

Jaelyn Beeler

Jack Carley

William Milam

Penny Tschantz

Bill Wiesehuegel

**Class of 2024**

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Melanie Lewis

Lisa Oros

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