



The Order of Worship

May 29, 2022
10:00 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, worshipping 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 Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son Père Olivier Messiaen
(from *L'Ascension*)
Majesty of Christ Praying That His Father Should Glorify Him
"Father, the hour is come: glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee."
Prayer from Christ, The Gospel according to St. John

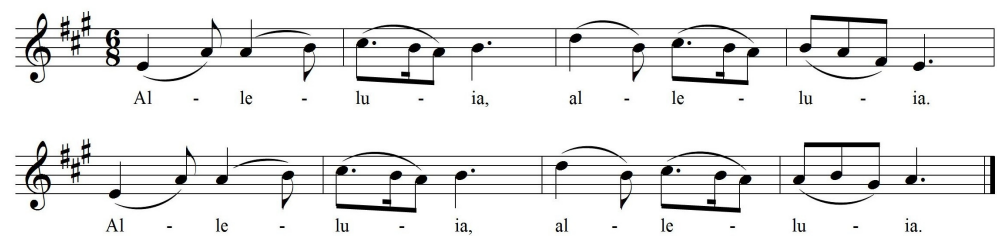
OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Chris Van Beke
Leader: We come to this place of prayer,
People: for here we can bring our hopes and dreams, our hidden fears and the doubts we dare wear on our sleeves.
Leader: We come to this place of grace,
People: for here we learn compassion and joy, and discover how deeply we are loved.
Leader: We come with these people called the church,
People: to be blessed by the variety of gifts, To live as one for our God.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 450** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Be Thou My Vision Slane
***CALL TO CONFESSION**
***UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS** (Unison)
Enslaved to brokenness, we cannot see the lives we lead, God of Glory. Each day, and every day, there are those times when we ignore you and your dreams for us. Each week, and every week, we find the time to ridicule others, when we could have affirmed them. Each moment, and every moment, though we do not want to admit it, we seek our own way rather than skipping down your path of joy and obedience.
We come asking forgiveness for our foolish lives, Eternal Blessing. Deliver us, and break the chains of sin and death which hold us captive. Open us to that grace you offer, and give us the gift of the Spirit so we may live as people of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.
***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 Philippians 1:12-14, 18-26
***CANTICLE NO. 565** (red hymnal) Jubilate Deo Anglican chant
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Allie Brewington
Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Sunday School.
SCRIPTURE READING Acts 16:16-34
SERMON "Where Is Their Memorial Day?" Rev. Gradye Parsons
***HYMN NO. 301** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Let Us Build a House *Two Oaks*
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)
adapted from the *Basis of Union of the Uniting Church in Australia*

We are a pilgrim people, always on the way towards the promised goal; on the way, Christ feeds us with word and sacrament, and we have the gift of the Spirit in order that we may not lose the way. We will live and work within the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, bearing witness to that unity which is both Christ's gift and his will. We affirm that every member of the church is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified. Together with all the people of God, we will serve the world for which Christ died, and we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.

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 ANTHEM Above All Praise and All Majesty Felix Mendelssohn
(from *Six Motets*, Op. 79, No. 3)
Above all praise and all majesty, Lord, Thou reignest evermore, Hallelujah.
Agenda for the Evangelical Church in the Royal Prussian Lands
***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology *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. 339** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Lift Every Voice and Sing *Lift Every Voice*
***CHARGE AND BLESSING**
***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** Old Celtic Blessing Thomas McCracken
May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at ewer back, may the sun shine warm upon ewer face, may the rain fall soft upon ewer field, and until we meet again may he hold you in his hand, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.
Traditional
Chancel Choir
***POSTLUDE** Prélude (from *Suite Médiévale*) Jean Langlais

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Penny Tschantz and Jack Carley
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR MAY: Susan McKeehan and Lana Daverman
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: Berta Bergia and Alice Magee
LITURGIST: Chris Van Beke
SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Bill Oros
MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir
SENIOR USHER: Buz Johnson
USHERS: Don Graham, Connie Graham, Dan Berry, Betty McKeehan

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Norman McRae and Linda Judge-McRae in celebration of their daughter Caroline's 21st birthday on May 27.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY will be offered Sundays, May 29 through September 4 at 9:00 am in the McKinnon Room.

OUR THANKS to Bettie Mason for graciously providing notes on this morning's anthem: "This morning's offertory anthem, by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847), is a short, joyful motet celebrating the Ascension of our Lord. During the 1840s, Mendelssohn held an appointment as composer for the Berlin court of Friedrich Wilhelm IV. As part of his duties, he provided some compositions for the choir of Berlin Cathedral. These include six motets for various days or seasons of the liturgical year, one of which is the piece our choir is singing today."

THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS the Chancel Choir has shared this morning's benediction response by Thomas McCracken, our own Terrance McCracken's late father. Terrance shared this lovely work with the choir shortly before he relocated to Poltava, Ukraine in November 2016 to pursue a career teaching English and pronunciation refinement. Please join the choir and his many friends in our prayers for his continued safety amidst the Russian invasion and aggression.

SUMMER CHOIR will return in mid-June and sing through the latter part of August. I invite you to come sit in with the choir and enjoy the music, fellowship, and camaraderie! Please contact the church office at your earliest convenience if you'd like to participate, so that a choir folder can be made up for you. If you prefer to sing a certain part, please let us know that as well. It was wonderful to have new faces with us the last time we were able to offer this—I hope *you* will be one of them *this* summer!

Peter Van Eenam

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 CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Monday for Memorial Day.

LIBRARY HELPER: Would anyone be interested in volunteering to maintain our library in the education wing? See Renee or Mary for more information.

CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS TODAY:

- 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.

JUSTICE KNOX: Please Save the Date: Celebration Supper and Investment Drive Monday, June 13th 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Everyone Invited!!

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Allie Brewington, Director of Children's Ministries

Renee Wieseuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Melissa Everett, Administrative Assistant

Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP GATHERINGS

Westminster NG in the Pavilion: June 4, 5:00 pm

The Sequoyah/Westmoreland NG will be meeting from 5:00-7:00 on June 5th at the home of Debbie and Jay Schmid, 4218 Hiawatha Drive. Please RSVP dkschmid@yahoo.com or lesliebversen@gmail.com by June 1st

North Cedar Bluff NG in the Pavilion: June 12, 5:00 pm



WESTMINSTER NIGHT AT SMOKIES STADIUM:

Join us for baseball on August 12, 2022. RSVP deadline is July 31st. This will allow us to have enough tickets blocked off so that we can sit together in one section! Send in \$11 per ticket to the church office and note on the check that it is for the Smokies Baseball game. The Fellowship Team is sponsoring this event. How fun!!!



FRIENDS OF FISH: Come help bag groceries at the food pantry on June 1 at 5:30 pm. Address: 934 Weisgarber Road, Church of the Savior. We hope you can join us. YOU are needed! Please contact Linda Van Beke for any further information.

THE SESSION

Class of 2022

Bob Albiston

Janet Drumm

Colleen Manrod

Charlie Mercer

Leslie Versen

Youth Elder: Sophia Manrod

Class of 2023

Jaclyn Beeler

Jack Carley

William Milam

Penny Tschantz

Bill Wieseuegel

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Class of 2024

Josh Birdwell

Gloria Borum

Melanie Lewis

Lisa Oros

Chris Van Beke

TRUSTEES

Cile Mathews

Robert McKeehan

Ron Alexander

Pastor Nominating Committee Nominees



PNC NOMINATING: The next step in the process of calling a pastor is to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) the group of people who will do the heavy lifting on the search process. They will lead the congregation through thinking about its priorities, write the Ministry Information Form (MIF), review Personal Information Forms (PIF's) from ministers who are interested in learning more about us, conduct interviews, and ultimately select someone for the congregation to vote on as the next pastor. All this will be done in partnership with the presbytery. Members of the PNC must be spiritually mature and faithful, have a deep understanding of Westminster's mission and needs, keep confidentiality, and be willing and able to give a substantial amount of time over the next year or so, however long the process will take. The PNC must reflect the broad range of ages, length of membership, interests, and life-situations of the congregation. Folks who have served on PNCs invariably talk about how much they learn, what fun they have, and how honored they are to serve in this important role. The congregation's nominating committee will propose a strong and balanced PNC for the congregation to elect, and, to start out, they want your input on whom you believe would be a good member of this group. If you feel called to serve, or if you know someone you would like to suggest, either use the tear-off portion of the bulletin next Sunday, or reach out to the Nominating Committee chair, Colleen Manrod, wemanrod@msn.com, with a name and a sentence about what gifts they bring. Other members of the nominating committee are George Barber, Dan Berry, William Milam, and Elizabeth Salsbery, so feel free to reach out to any of them, as well. **Deadline to submit is June 1, 2022.**

I would like to nominate _____

For PNC because _____
