



**The Order of Worship**

March 5, 2023  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**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** Von Gott will ich nicht lassen Johann Michael Bach  
*From God I Shall Not Turn*

Chorale text: I will never forsake God, for he does not forsake me. He leads me on the right path, for otherwise I would badly stray. He stretches out his hand to me. He takes good care of me in the evening as well as in the morning, wherever I am in the land.

Ludwig Helmbold  
literal trans. Mark Bighley

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Ann Brunger

One: Welcome, friends, to this holy day.

**All: We come to offer thanks; we come to sing and pray.**

One: Welcome, friends, to this time set apart.

**All: A time to remember those we love, and time to remember the holy promises of God.**

One: Welcome, friends, to this table of remembrance and joy,

**All: The table where we are fed, the feast we share with many.**

One: Welcome, friends, as now we worship God.

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 839** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

*Assurance*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

God, we confess that we are an impatient and selfish people.

When you offer us the promise of a new future,  
we complain that you don't get there fast enough.

When you provide for our needs,  
we complain that it isn't enough.

And when our bad attitudes and negative outlooks cause us to stumble,  
we blame you, or each other.

Holy God, forgive our sinful ways.

Teach us to be patient.

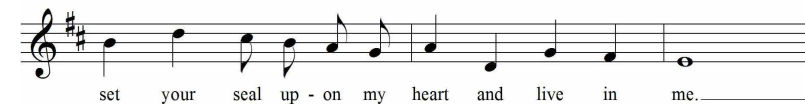
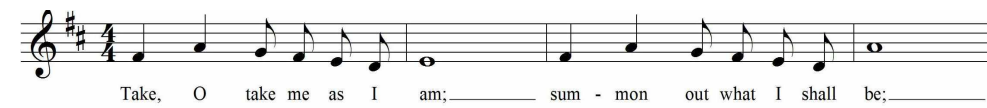
Instruct us to be grateful.

Guide us to be responsible and humble.

As we turn ourselves around and look to the cross,  
let us experience your grace and your gift of new life.

In the name of Christ our Savior, we pray. Amen.

**\*RESPONSE** Take, O Take Me as I Am John L. Bell

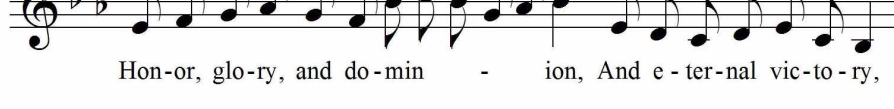
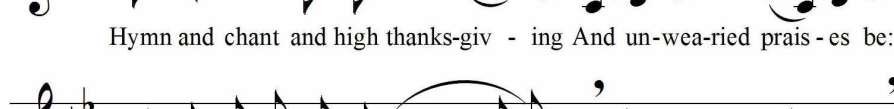


**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*RESPONSE** Of the Father's Love Begotten *Divinum mysterium*

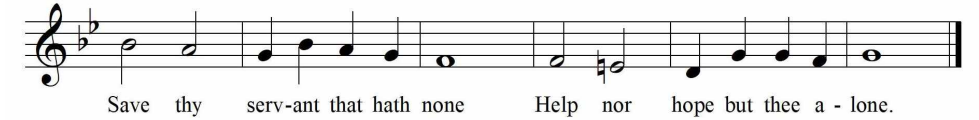


**TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Genesis 12:1-4a

**\*CANTICLE** (11:00) To My Humble Supplication *Mon Dieu, prête-moi l'oreille*



**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00) Melanie Lewis

*Children age 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs for Sunday School.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 3:1-17

**MEDITATION** "Guide Our Feet" Barbara Adamcik

**\*HYMN NO. 693** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Though I May Speak *Gift of Love*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs. We believe that Christ is the divine Son of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted. We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child. We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times can be loving gifts. We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path, Your path, leads to glory we cannot yet imagine. We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us. This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ. Amen.

**THE OFFERING**

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle. 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) Wade in the Water African-American spiritual  
arr. Max V. Exner

Wade in the water, children, God's goin' to trouble the water.

See that band all dressed in white! The leader looks like the Israelite.  
(Refrain)

See that band all dressed in red! It must be the band that Moses led.  
(Refrain)

African-American spiritual  
(11:00) O How Sweet, O Lord Healey Willan  
O how sweet, O Lord, is Thy Spirit; for Thou hast shown Thy sweetness unto Thy children: Thou hast given them most wondrous Bread from Heav'n: Thou fillest the hungry with good things, and the rich Thou sendest empty away.

based on Luke 1:50,53

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 608 (*Glory to God* hymnal) *Tallis' Canon*  
(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 748 (*Glory to God* hymnal))

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**MARYVILLE COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR CONCERT AND FELLOWSHIP**

**DINNER** The Maryville College Concert Choir, under the direction of Stacey Wilner, will provide a concert for Westminster on Sunday March 12, 2023, as part of their "Homeward Bound" spring tour. The 5:00 concert will be followed by a dinner provided by Abundant Life Catering, a job-training program of Knox Area Rescue Ministries. There will be opportunities both to support the choir's fund-raising for their trip and also cover the cost of the meal, but mainly, this is a time to enjoy lovely music, in keeping with our Lenten theme of how the arts enrich our lives of faith. For more information, check with Kathleen Farnham, Ibbie Muntz, or Anne McKee.

**YOUTH TODAY!**

4-5 Middle School Game Night!

5-6 PARENTS and youth meeting!!! \*\*\*

\*\*\*Parents, we need your help planning and working the Pilgrimage Fund Raiser. Our big fundraiser is the Auction and CookOff on Sunday, April 23. It is a huge undertaking, and we need your help! Also, WAMS middle school families will hear about an exciting summer opportunity-- MONTREAT for middle schoolers! Please plan to attend!

**EARTHQUAKE RELIEF THROUGH** the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA): PDA has direct relationships with church partners in Turkey and Syria, and particularly in Northern Syria, where the war and subsequent sanctions have led to much distress, compounded by the recent earthquake. These relationships make it possible to get aid to communities that are often cut off from other resources. If you would like to contribute to WPC for this relief via check, please note that the gift is for "Earthquake Relief," and we will forward any gifts to the PDA.

**CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER**

9:00 to Noon - Nursery available for children 0-5 years old

10:00 - Fellowship time for kids 1st-4th grade

During 11:00 Hour: Sunday school following Time with the Children

**SERVING TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Meghan Oros and William Milam

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH:** Janet Tortorelli

**ACOLYTE:** (11:00) Monroe and Mason Carley

**GREETERS:** (11:00) Judy Jordan and Jan Gross

**LITURGIST:** Ann Brunger

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Boys' and Girls' Choirs

(11:00) Chancel Choir

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Bryan Powell

**SENIOR USHER:** Melissa Everett

**USHERS:** (9:00) Suzanne Graham and Connie Graham

(11:00) Casey Page and Ken Hughes, Gary Rowcliffe, Jay Schimd, and Brenda Seip

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given in memory of Bill Rutherford from his family, Scott and Linda Rutherford.

**HEALEY WILLAN (1880-1968)** was an Anglo-Canadian organist and composer, writing more than 800 works in nearly every genre, though he is perhaps best known for his sacred music. Born in London, England, he received his training at the Royal College of Organists before emigrating to Canada in 1913. In 1920 he assumed the position of Head of the Theory Department of the Toronto Conservatory of Music. In addition to his duties at the school, Willan became organist and choirmaster at St. Paul's, Bloor Street. In 1921 he was named Precentor of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene in Toronto, a position he would hold until his death. From 1937 to 1950 he was also Professor of Music and University Organist at the University of Toronto.

**WEDNESDAYS IN LENT:** Please join us Wednesday March 8 for a soup supper at 5:45, followed by a short prayer service at 6:30, with a conversation focusing on the arts as a channel of spiritual life. This week's artist will be poet Stellasue Lee. Stellasue and her husband Eric have been visiting Westminster, and Stellasue, who is both an accomplished poet and writing teacher, is looking forward to sharing her art with us.

**MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP:** The next meeting will be on Thursday March 9th at 8:30 in the McKinnon Room. The lesson is "We the People, Anger in America" presented by Larry Ridley. Topics will include 1) Why Are Americans so Angry, 2) The Trauma we are Experiencing Through Social Media,, 3) Strategies for Controlling Anger, and 4) The Danger of Anger. All men are welcome and feel free to invite a friend. Sausage biscuits are available on request. Please email Larry Ridley at larry2543@gmail.com by noon on Wednesday, if you want a biscuit.

**A VERY SPECIAL CHORAL CONCERT** will be given Sunday afternoon, March 26, at 5:00, in our sanctuary. The Parish Choir of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension will join our Chancel Choir in the singing of Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Mass in G Minor*, along with two other glorious English works. It is a most rewarding and fulfilling undertaking by the choirs and I hope you will join us!

**BIG, SCARY QUESTIONS** will take a break this week and will continue our discussions of Mental Health Issues on Tuesday March 14.

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Responsive)

One: The Lord be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

One: Therefore who... forever sing to the glory of your name.

**Many: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Jesus came as teacher... we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Many: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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. Amen.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**BREAKING OF BREAD**

*Congregation will come forward to receive the elements.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**MUSIC FOR COMMUNION** O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden Hans-Heinz Haase

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE**

**\*HYMN NO. 741** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Guide My Feet

*Guide My Feet*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

(9:00) Go Now in Peace

Natalie Sleeth

arr. Peter Van Eenam

Go now in peace; may the love of God surround you ev'rywhere you may go.

Natalie Sleeth

(11:00) Sevenfold Amen

John Stainer

Chancel Choir

**\*POSTLUDE** Fugue sur les jeux d'anches

François Couperin

(from *Mass for the Parishes*)

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2023**

Jaclyn Beeler  
Jack Carley  
William Milam  
Penny Tschantz  
Bill Wiesehuegel

**Class of 2024**

Josh Birdwell  
Gloria Borum  
Melanie Lewis  
Lisa Oros  
Chris Van Beke

**Class of 2025**

Ed Babelay  
Wendy Collins  
Janet Drumm  
Stephen Fortney  
Barbara Froula

**Youth Elder:** Meghan Oros

**Clerk of Session:** Leigh Dunlap

**TRUSTEES**

Robert McKeehan

Ron Alexander

Alice Mercer

**OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, March 5**

9:00 – Worship

10:00 – Sunday School

11:00 – Worship

2:00 – Play Practice - Lisa Kaufman Hall

4:00 Youth Fellowship

**Monday, March 6**

4:30 – Young Musicians - Lisa Kaufman Hall

5:00 – Family Dinner

5:30 – Rainbow Choir - Lisa Kaufman Hall

7:00 - Congregational Zoom with Barnettes

**Tuesday, March 7**

6:00 – Choristers

**Wednesday, March 8**

4:30 – Companions- Prayer Room

4:45 – Boys' and Girls' Choirs

5:45 – Lenten Soup and Service

7:45 – Chancel Choir

**Thursday, March 9**

8:30 – Men’s Breakfast Fellowship

1:00- FISH

4:30 – Brass Choir

6:00 – Play Practice - Lisa Kaufman Hall

7:00 – Handbell Choir

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**EASTER FLOWERS**

Please help the Flower Guild as they adorn the sanctuary in celebration of Easter. Donations of any amount are welcome and can be made payable to Westminster Flower Guild in honor or memory of loved ones. These names will be included in both the Easter Sunday bulletin and *Abbey* on April 5. The deadline to make the donation is March 30. Thank you for supporting this annual tradition.

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_