



The Order of Worship **May 14, 2023**
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

SIXTH 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
 (9:00) Song without Words (Confidence) Felix Mendelssohn
 (11:00) Rhosymedre (Lovely) Ralph Vaughan Williams
 (from *Three Preludes Founded on Welsh Hymn Tunes*)

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
CALL TO WORSHIP Ann Brunger

Leader: God of grace, be with us.
All: Spirit of truth, be within us.
 Leader: Spirit of love, we are searching for you, reaching for you.
All: Christ, who loves us, come to us, and do not leave us orphaned.
 Leader: We are in you, as you are in God.
All: Be with us and within us. Even in the mystery, be with us.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 643** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Now Thank We All Our God
Nun danket alle Gott

***CALL TO CONFESSION**
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**
 God of love, we are grateful for the love you bless us with in our homes and families. In family life, you strive to teach us to love one another. Yet you know family life is not always easy. Our love for each other strains and breaks. Too often, we are the worst versions of ourselves with those we love the most. Forgive us when we take our families for granted. Forgive us the sharp temper, the impatience, the patterns of hurt that creep into our life together. Give us grace to repair relationships where strain is showing. Teach us to show your grace to one another, that in all our relationships we might reflect the love you offer us. We pray in your holy name. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON** arr. David N. Johnson

***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 John 14:15-21
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Melanie Lewis
Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 17:22-31
SERMON "Searching and Fumbling for God" Rev. Dr. Anne McKee
***HYMN NO. 408** (*Glory to God* hymnal) There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit
Sweet, Sweet Spirit

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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.

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.

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
 (9:00) Praise Ye the Lord, Ye Children Richard Proulx
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Praise ye the Lord, ye children, Praise ye the name of the Lord, Bless ye the name of the Lord, our God, Now and forevermore.
 (Refrain)

Praise ye the Lord, ye children, Praise him from east to west, Bless ye the name of the Lord, our God, Praise him from north to south. (Refrain)

Praise ye the Lord, ye children, Praise ye the Father and Son, Bless ye the name of the Lord, our God, Praise ye the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

paraphrase of Psalm 113
 Ed Babelay and Cindy Pearman, Handbells
 (11:00) Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One Healey Willan
 Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away; for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear upon the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come.

Song of Solomon 2:10-12

***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. 366** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *Hyfrydol*
***BENEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (9:00) Amen Danish melody

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter C. Lutkin
 The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. Amen.
Numbers 6:24-26

***POSTLUDE**

(9:00) The Glory of God in Nature

Ludwig van Beethoven

(11:00) Fugue in D

Johann Pachelbel

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Lisa Oros and Stephen Fortney

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MAY: Brenda Seip and Bonny Naugher

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from ushers.

BLUE RECYCLING BINS are located in the Narthex if you do not wish to take your bulletins home.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Anna Van Beke and Charlotte Van Beke

GREETERS (11:00): Carlene and Max Robinson

LITURGIST: Ann Brunger

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Michael Betz

SENIOR USHER: Buz Johnson

USHERS: (9:00) Doug and Bonny Naugher

(11:00) Nancy Lowe, Melissa Everett, Barbara Froula, Judy Jordan, Mike

Kaufman

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given Virginia and Jordan Knight in celebration of their daughter Hollis Knight's birthday.

OUR THANKS to Cindy Pearman and Ed Babelay for enriching our worship at the 9:00 service as they accompany the Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs on their anthem. We continue to give thanks to Mary Lou Holt for leading the music of worship at this service as the pianist.

MUSIC OF RICHARD PROULX (1937-2010) is sung by our Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs this morning. One of this country’s leading proponents of fine sacred choral music, his was first shared at Westminster in May 1983. From 1980 to 1994, he served as Organist and Music Director of the historic Cathedral of the Holy Name in Chicago, where he established an extensive and innovative music program. A widely published composer of hundreds of works, including congregational music in every form, sacred and secular choral works, song cycles, two operas, and instrumental and organ music, he served as a consultant for the *The Hymnal 1982*, *New Yale Hymnal*, the *Methodist Hymnal*, *Worship II & III*, and has contributed to the *Mennonite Hymnal* and the *Presbyterian Hymnal*.

KITCHEN CLEAN OUT: Many thanks to Betty McKeenan who spent a lot of time this week organizing the kitchen. Anything left in the give away pile on the kitchen counter will be donated on May 26. Take anything you want!

YOUTH TODAY are taking the afternoon off so we can be with our moms. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! Next week, youth and their families are invited to come to an end-of-school and beginning-of-summer SWIM PARTY!!! After the late service, we will head to Erin and Colleen Manrod's place on Broome Road and enjoy a cookout and swim. Barbara will have info and permission forms for all our summer adventures. Youth families, we hope you can come!!

OUR REFUGEE FAMILY NEEDS OUR HELP: An anonymous Lake Hills Presbyterian Church member has offered to match all donations to our refugee family up to \$5,000. These donations will be used to acquire a dependable vehicle and retire a \$6,500 debt for their plane fare here (yes, they had to get a loan for that escape!) Finding extra money in the budget for a family of 7 is difficult under any circumstances, so these gifts will be life changing for the Muradi's. If you want to donate, please make checks to Westminster with "Refugee Family" on the memo line.

THE PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE will hold its regular meeting at Westminster on Tuesday, May 16 at 10:00 a.m. We want to welcome people from all over the presbytery as they gather to worship and do business. There are many volunteer opportunities! We need folks to assist with parking, registration, greeters/information, providing a morning snack, serving box lunches, and childcare. If you can give a few hours that day, please contact Mary Boyd at: to volunteer!

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION: Please stay after the 11:00 worship service for a new member reception on Sunday May 21. We will gather in the Schilling Gallery to welcome all the wonderful people who have joined Westminster since May of 2019. This is an informal reception that will allow us to meet and greet our newest members. Many of these folks you already know because they are actively involved in the work of Westminster as members of session, ministry teams, pastor nominating committee, choirs, ushering, the flower guild, and more.

THE WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP will meet on Sunday, May 21 from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Ruthie Carey Pavilion for a time of fellowship. If you are living in our 37909 zip code, you are included. Please bring an appetizer to share. Paper goods and drinks will be provided. RSVP to Anne Crais or Gail Bruner
Thanks and we are looking forward to seeing you there.

FRIENDS of FISH: One day every month our loyal Westminster volunteers deliver groceries to families in need. In May, many more volunteers rally to stock the FISH Pantry and then come in June to help bag the groceries. Please join us Tuesday, May 23 to help unload the Second Harvest food truck. We form a fireman's line and pass the cases hand to hand to stock the shelves. Bet we can get it done in way less than an hour! Time & Place: 10:00 am / Church of the Savior (934 N Weisgarber Road).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023 is June 12-15 (M-Th) 9:00-12:00. The theme for the week will be *WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?* Allie will need adult and youth volunteers to help too! Email Allie to volunteer or get the registration link for your child. Allie_wpc@comcast.net

SAVE THE DATE: A Smoothie Truck will be available in the parking lot after worship on June 4 at 11am. Let's celebrate the start of summer and the transition to our 10:00 am summer worship schedule with some fellowship and a cool treat! We hope you will stay after worship to enjoy smoothies from the Drink Smooth truck.

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Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 14

9:00am -Worship, Ruthie Carey Pavilion

10:00am - Sunday School

10:00am - PNC - downstairs Fellowship Hall

11:00am - Worship

Monday, May 15

5pm - Elder Training - McKinnon Room

Tuesday, May 16

10:00am - Presbytery Meeting - Sanctuary

10:30am - Ladies Bookclub - Library

Wednesday, May 17

4:30pm - Companions in Christ, Prayer room

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 18

4:30pm - Brass Choir

Sunday, May 21

9:00am -Worship, Ruthie Carey Pavilion

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship

Noon - New Member Reception

12:15pm - Stated Session Meeting

5:00pm - West Hills Neighborhood Group Gathering - RCP

5:00pm - Abbey deadline

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 a.m.

•**Adult Bible Study:** McKinnon Room

•**Feasting on the Word:** Lisa Kaufman Hall

•**The Wired Word:** Library

•**SHOW (High School) and WAMS (Middle School 5th-8th):** Youth Rooms

9:00 AM PAVILION SERVICE continues through May 21st leading up to our summer worship schedule that begins on May 28 (10:00am).