



TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

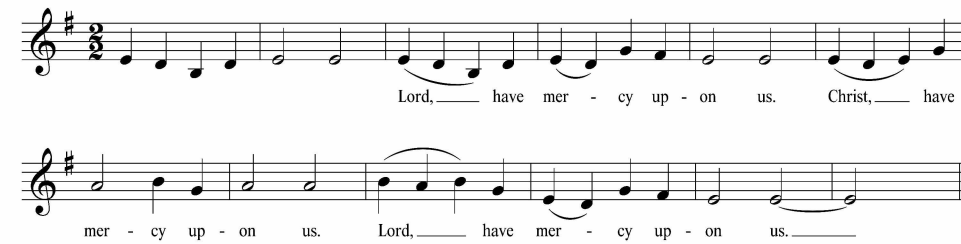
*HYMN NO. 280 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us
Ebenezer

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:
The fear that stifles us,
The prejudice that blinds us,
The ignorance that hobbles us,
The doubt that plagues us.
Send down your Spirit, that we may
Find courage in unlikely places,
Move to those places where love is needed,
Share the good news of your grace.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

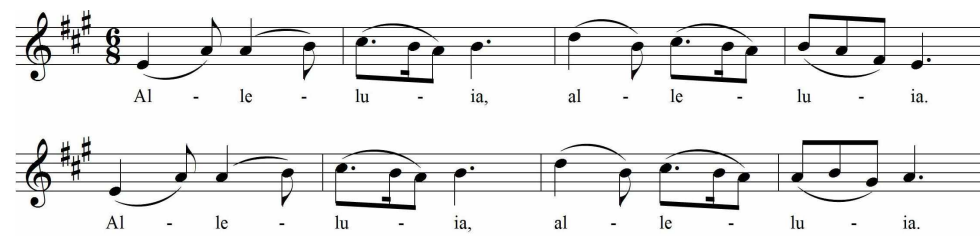
*KYRIE ELEISON arr. David N. Johnson



*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 Deuteronomy 4:9-14

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Cameron Sears

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

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-21

SERMON "The Persistent Spirit" Rev. Dr. Anne McKee

*HYMN NO. 287 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading
Njoo kwetu, Roho mwema

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*
The Spirit came with power to the followers of Jesus. Led by the apostles they began to proclaim with boldness the new thing God had done in Christ. They began to experience in their fellowship a new quality of common life. We believe that by the power of the same Spirit the church can be set on its way

again, even when it seems beyond hope of renewal. We are grateful heirs of reformations and awakenings. We are faithful to the reformers of the past when we hold ourselves open in the present to the reforming and renewing work of the Spirit.

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 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling Herbert Howells

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest realms of light; Holy Spirit, ever brooding O'er a world of gloom and night; Holy Spirit, ever raising Sons of earth to thrones on high; Living, life-imparting Spirit, Thee we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church's very life; Holy Spirit, ever striving Through her in a ceaseless strife; Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ; Thee we praise with endless worship For thy fruit and gifts unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working Through the Church's ministry; Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving, Setting captive sinners free; Holy Spirit, ever binding Age to age, and soul to soul, In a fellowship unending—Thee we worship and extol.

*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology

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.

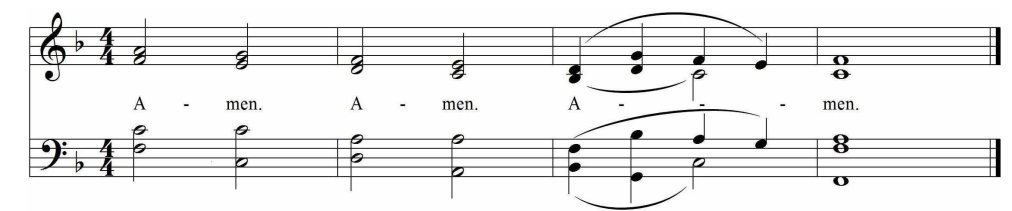
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 547 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Go, My Children, with My Blessing
Ar hyd y nos

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Amen Danish melody



The Order of Worship

May 28, 2023
10:00 A.M.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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 Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist, BuxWV 208 Dieterich Buxtehude

We Now Petition the Holy Spirit

Chorale text: We now petition the holy spirit for true belief above all, so that he may watch over us at our end when we travel home from this miserable world. Lord, have mercy.

Martin Luther
trans. Francis Browne

INTROIT Come Down, O Love Divine

Down Ampney
Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come down, O Love divine, Seek out this soul of mine And visit it with Your own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near, Within my heart appear, And kindle it, Your holy flame bestowing.

Bianco da Siena

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Ann Owens-Brunger

Leader: Breath of Life, raise us up.

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Leader: Wind of Grace, carry us always.

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Leader: Light of God, show us the way.

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Leader: Spirit of God, make us one.

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Leader: Flame of Love, send us forth.

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, come. Alleluia!**

***POSTLUDE** Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist J. S. Bach
Come, God, Creator, Holy Ghost
 (from the *Leipzig Chorales*)
 Chorale text: Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost, and visit the hearts of your people. Fill them with grace, for you know that your creation should be yours.

Martin Luther

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Penny Tschantz and William Milam
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
GREETERS: Gary and Sandra Rowcliffe
LITURGIST: Ann Owens-Brunger
MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir
SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Jack Carley
SENIOR USHER: Buz Johnson
USHERS: Carol Beilharz, Jeff Bendy, Daniel Berry, Scott Brunger, Reed Ellis

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Lisa Ellis in honor and in memory of her lovely mom, Ginger Elting, on her birthday.

HERBERT HOWELLS is one of England’s finest twentieth-century composers. His varied output includes chamber, orchestral, organ, and choral works. In this morning’s offertory we hear his gift for vocal line and harmonies that pull at the heart.

SUMMER CHOIR will return in late June. 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. Come join us this summer! I will be in touch with details.

Peter Van Eenam

FRIENDS OF FISH: Many thanks to all of you who came to unload the Second Harvest Food truck on Tuesday. The scheduled days to bag all the groceries are: June 2 at 10:00am, June 14 at 5:30pm, and June 26 at 5:30pm. Address: 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

SUMMER CELEBRATION: All are invited to stay after worship for a smoothie next week, June 4 at 11:00am. 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 from the “Drink Smooth Truck”.

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.

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING is being collected today. This offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start, a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood thorough young adulthood. Forty percent of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

THE MEN’S BOOK CLUB will meet in the Library on June 15 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss *Snow Wolf*. It is a page turner. The discussion will be initiated by Gordon Greeson. *Snow Wolf* (1996) is Glenn Meade's second book. Please contact Mike Kaufman for further information.

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 28
 10:00am - Worship
Monday, May 29
 Memorial Day holiday for staff
Tuesday, May 30
 11:00am - Staff Meeting
Wednesday, May 31
 7:45pm - Chancel Choir
Thursday, June 1
 4:30pm - Brass Choir
Friday, June 2
 10:00am - Bagging groceries at the FISH Pantry
Sunday, June 4
 10:00am - Worship
 5:00pm - *Abbey* deadline

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 Allie Brewington, Director of Children’s Ministries
 Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper
 Linda Judge McRae, Parish Nurse
 Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

SCHILLING GALLERY EXHIBITS

Pat Herzog

Please take some time to enjoy the new art exhibits in the Schilling Gallery. Cathie Fitzjohn's beautiful glass work is in the cases. Her work focuses on fused glass or kiln-formed glass, and multiple firings and various glass materials are needed to achieve the desired result. Her art is full of whimsy and shows her appreciation and love of the natural world. Barbara Thomas’ acrylic paintings on the wall reflect all the colors and varied beauty Florida has to offer. She found inspiration in dilapidated, abandoned vehicles and the visual contrast of the rusted colors amidst the weeds and overgrown grass. She also spent many hours painting the springs and rivers as well as the diverse aquatic life of North Central Florida. The dominant colors of blues, greens and aquas in her work have a calming effect on the viewer, and one can almost sense a Florida of days gone by.

THE SESSION

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Jaclyn Beeler	Josh Birdwell	Ed Babelay
Jack Carley	Gloria Borum	Wendy Collins
William Milam	Melanie Lewis	Janet Drumm
Penny Tschantz	Lisa Oros	Stephen Fortney
Bill Wiesehuegel	Chris Van Beke	Barbara Froula
Youth Elder: Meghan Oros	Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap	

TRUSTEES

Robert McKeehan	Ron Alexander	Alice Mercer
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