



The Order of Worship

July 23, 2023  
10:00 A.M.

**EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

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** Prelude in A Major J. S. Bach

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Mary Boyd

One: Gracious God, you are present in this place, in this time.

All: **You are present in our lives, in every moment.**

One: Open our eyes to be present to you, to be mindful in this and every moment

All: **Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 2 (Glory to God hymnal) Come, Thou Almighty King

Italian Hymn

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of love, in our lives there is wheat, beautiful and blessed, and a gift from you.

We recall those moments when your grace was fruitful in our lives and we give thanks as we hold them before you.

In our lives there are also weeds, ugly and unfruitful, that choke out the goodness.

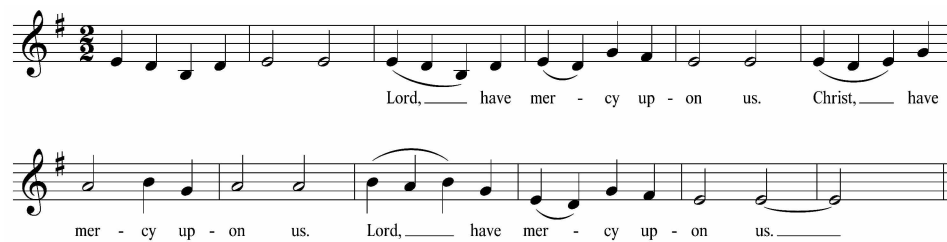
Trusting your grace, we recall those moments, and we hold them before you.

God of grace, gather in your harvest, separate out what is good in us and what is not, that our lives may bear fruit for you and for the world.

In the grace we know in Christ, receive us, forgive us, heal us, and renew your Spirit in us as your beloved children. Amen.

\*KYRIE ELEISON

arr. David N. Johnson



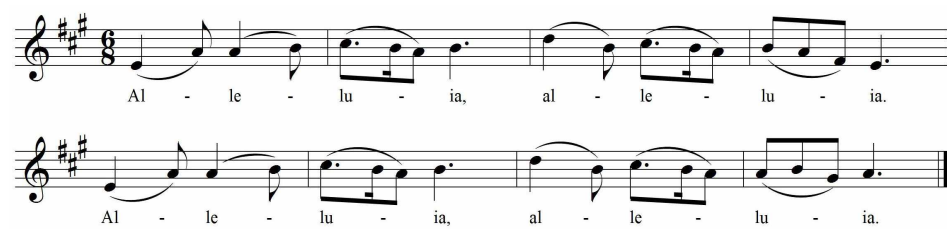
\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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**

Genesis 28:10-19a

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Kathy Parsons

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

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**SERMON**

"The Mixed Bag"

Rev. Dr. Anne McKee

\*HYMN NO. 28 (Glory to God hymnal) You Are Before Me, Lord Sursum corda (Smith)

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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. Your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Serve the Lord with Gladness

Antonio Caldara

Serve the Lord with gladness, And come before His presence with a song.

Serve Him with a song.

Psalm 100:2

\*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

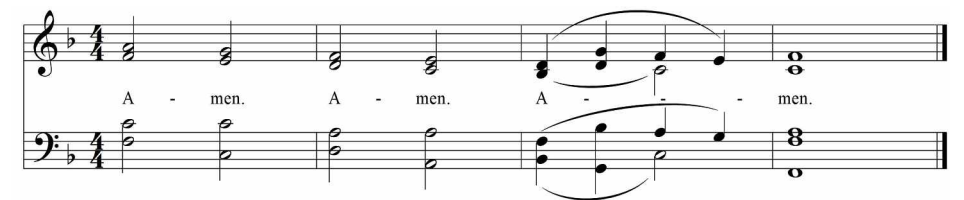
TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

\*HYMN NO. 729 (Glory to God hymnal) Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I Want to Be a Christian

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Amen

Danish melody



\*POSTLUDE Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

Georg Böhm

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Kathryn Oakes and Arthur Collins  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JULY:** Cindy Spangler  
**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES** are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

**GREETERS:** Alice Magee and Berta Bergia

**LITURGIST:** Mary Boyd

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Summer Choir

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Erik Kringen

**SENIOR USHER:** Bonny Naugher

**USHERS:** Tom Byerley, Scott Brunger, Suzanne Graham, Darlen Milam, Doug Naugher

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by the Sky and Kathy Huck in honor of Kathy's mother and grandmother who loved flowers.

**LEMONADE TIME:** Join us after worship service for a glass of lemonade while you fellowship with your Westminster family. Joyce Ryan will be hosting, the table will be set up outside in front of the Sanctuary (weather permitting).

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:00 am**  
**Adult Bible Study:** Currently studying the Gospel of John (Lisa Kaufman Hall)  
**The Wired Word:** Discusses current events with a theological eye (Library)

**CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER**  
Children 4-4th grade are invited to participate in worship until the Time With Children, then go downstairs for children's church.  
Nursery available for children 0-3 years old.

**FOYER ADULT DINNER GROUPS** At Westminster, we have enjoyed Foyer Groups as these groups helped to foster connectivity among our members. This time the Groups will consist of six people welcoming both Westminster members and non-members. It is a time to share a simple meal and relaxed conversation while getting to be with one another to grow friendships. The Foyer Group Coordinators are: Shirley Wittman (shirley.wittman@comcast.net); Ginger Williams (ginger2tn@gmail.com) and Janet Drumm (janet.drumm.tn@gmail.com). Please contact the Coordinators if you would like to be involved. This summer will be spent putting the groups together so that we may get started in September.

**THE MEN'S BOOK CLUB** will meet in the Library on August 10 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Zafon. Please contact Mike Kaufman for further information.

**SHARE THE BOUNTY** table is held in the Schilling Gallery for the summer. Our Dave Dungan organic garden at the church is growing heartily, The table is in the Schilling Gallery for you to bring in any vegetables, flowers, or plants from your home gardens that you would like to share with others. 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.

**A TIME TO GIVE THANKS!!** The Rev. Dr. Anne McKee, who has done an AMAZING job serving as our Transitional Minister these past 14 months, will be the guest of honor at a party on Saturday, July 29 in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion. We hope you make plans to drop by anytime between 5 and 8pm on 29th to thank her for all her hard work and dedication. We are asking for each of us to bring either a favorite appetizer and/or dessert to share with everyone. Beverages will be provided by our wonderful hosts - Ken, Casey, Berta and Alice. Thank you!

Anne's last day in the pulpit will be Sunday, July 30. What a journey it has been with you, Anne! Your leadership, pastoral care, compassion, can-do attitude, and all around beautiful character are gifts we will treasure for years to come. You will be greatly missed!

**RALLY DAY IS AUGUST 13!!** This is when the church schedule begins our regular schedule:

- 9am worship service in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion
- 10am Sunday School Hour \*
- 11am worship service in the Sanctuary

\*The Sunday School hour on August 13 will be a time for us to learn all about what each ministry team offers as well as a display of all the classes that will be offered beginning August 20.

**OUR THANKS** to John Brock for his enrichment of our worship this morning as he serves as organist and leads the Summer Choir while Peter Van Eenam is on vacation.

**ANTONIO CALDARA (c. 1670-1736)** was born in Venice, the son of a violinist. While a chorister at St. Mark's Cathedral there, it is believed he was a student of Giovanni Legrenzi. He went on to serve courts in Mantua, Barcelona, Rome, and finally Vienna, where he remained until his death. Though not a familiar name these days, he was highly regarded in his time and afterwards, and his music was studied and admired by composers including J. S. Bach, Telemann, Franz Joseph Haydn, W. A. Mozart, Beethoven, and Brahms. This morning's anthem is light and buoyant, energetic, and overtly Italianate in style.

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Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

## OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, July 23

9:00am - Sunday School

10:00am - Sanctuary Worship

11:00am - Lemonade Fellowship

11:00am - Stated Session Meeting

### Monday, July 24

11:00 Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, July 26

4:30pm - Companions (Prayer Room)

### Saturday, July 29

5pm-8pm - Party for Anne McKee (RCP)

## THE SESSION

### Class of 2024

Josh Birdwell

Gloria Borum

Melanie Lewis

Lisa Oros

Chris Van Beke

Youth Elder: Arthur Collins

### Class of 2025

Ed Babelay

Wendy Collins

Janet Drumm

Stephen Fortney

Barbara Froula

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

### Class of 2026

Bill Farnham

Lee Ingram

Lucy Johnson

Kathryn Oakes

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