



The Order of Worship

October 1, 2023
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.
World Communion Sunday

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER 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

(9:00) Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather
Why Has God Forsaken Me?
Sound a Mystic Bamboo Song
(11:00) Chant de Paix

Isao Koizumi
Taihei Sato
Ho Loh
Jean Langlais

Song of Peace

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Grady Parsons

One: People will come from east and west,
All: from north and south,
One: and will eat in the kingdom of God.
All: Thanks be to God for welcoming us to the table.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 404** (*Glory to God* hymnal) What is This Place

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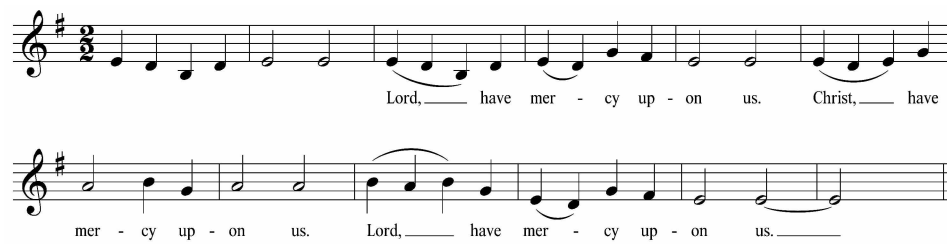
***CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Gracious Lord, creator of this universe,
in your generosity you have given us
a world of abundance and diversity,
yet we live guided by greed and selfishness.
We confess that we have defaced your creation
and poisoned our environment
through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain.
In Christ, you made us siblings
and intended for us to be united,
and yet we have built walls to separate us
from those who are different from us.
You gave us wisdom and creativity
and we have used those to trick each other
and to develop weapons of destruction and death.
You gave us laws to order our lives
and we have abused them
to take revenge and punish our enemies.
We love war rather than strive for peace.
We ignore the poor and the weak
and honor the rich and powerful.
In all this we have not lived according to your will.
Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements
and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise.
In your mercy, forgive us our sins.

***KYRIE ELEISON** (9:00)

arr. David N. Johnson



(11:00) Lord, Have Mercy

Swee Hong Lim

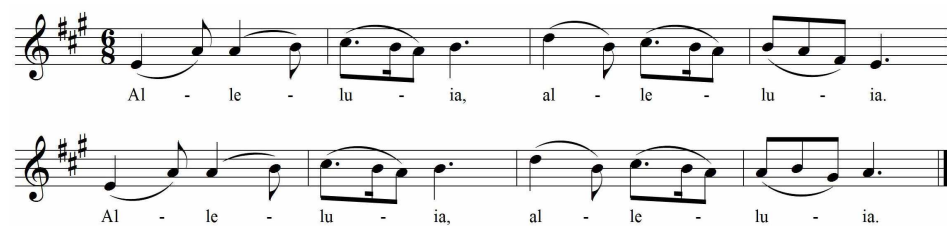
Chancel Choir

***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 ...

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:23-32

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Barbara Adamcik

Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:1-13

SERMON

"Humility and Hegemony"

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

***HYMN NO. 340** (*Glory to God* hymnal) This Is My Song

Finlandia

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH/APOSTLES' CREED** (Unison)

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.

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) Aequale No. 2

Anton Bruckner

Members of the Brass Choir

(11:00) Pange lingua

Peter Van Eenam

Now, my tongue, the myst'ry telling of the glorious Body sing, And the Blood, all price excelling, Which the Gentiles' Lord and King, Once on earth among us dwelling, Shed for this world's ransoming.

Giv'n for us, and condescending To be born for us below He with men in converse blending Dwelt the seed of truth to sow, Till he closed with wondrous ending His most patient life of woe. Amen.

St. Thomas Aquinas

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

Old Hundredth

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

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.

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION (11:00)

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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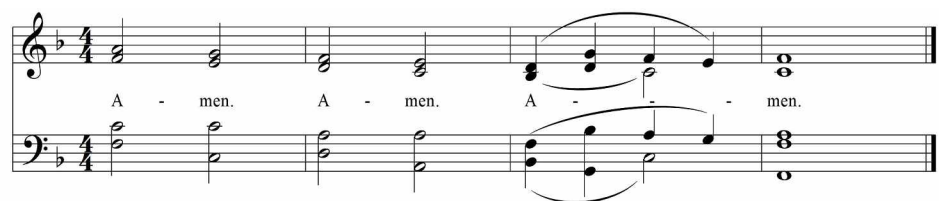
****HYMN NO. 853** (*Glory to God* hymnal) We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (9:00) Amen

Danish melody



***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) Shalom, chaverim!

Israeli melody

Shalom, chaverim! Shalom, chaverot! Shalom! Lehitraot, shalom.

Farewell, good friends! Shalom! Till we meet again, shalom.

Hebrew blessing

Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE**

(9:00) Praise God, All You Nations

Ghanian melody

arr. Alfred V. Fedak

(11:00) Tiento accidental

Diego Xarava

*Indicates standing.

**Prayer of Confession from the Presbyterian Mission Agency

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Arthur Collins and Lee Ingram

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR OCTOBER: Kathy and John Shilling

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Katie Manrod and Elinor Collins

GREETERS: (11:00) Chip and Pat Herzog

LITURGIST: Rev. Gradye Parsons

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY PRAYER LEADERS:

(9:00) Berta Bergia, Daniel Berry, Scott Brunger

(11:00) Eric Adamcik, Salma Al Alami, Emily Gustafson

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Members of the Brass Choir; (11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: William Milam

SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan

USHERS: (9:00) Donnie and Connie Graham

(11:00) David Owens, Shawn Owens, LoAnn Price, Rick and Janice Rawe

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Andrew and Kristi Gordon in honor of their wonderful daughters Maggie and Lucy.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am

Adult Bible Study: The Bible Study class is reading and discussing every part of the Gospel of John. We compare many different translations to learn what the words meant to the followers of Jesus and to us now. (McKinnon Hall)

Feasting on the Word: Studies scriptures used in Worship (LKH)

The Wired Word: Discusses current events with a theological eye (Library)

CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER

During 9:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-5 years old

During 10:00 Hour - Nursery available for children ages 0-3 years old

Sunday School for kindergarten through 5th grade

During 11:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-3 years old

Children's Church for children preschool thru 3rd grade

Children will be walked to Children's Church classes following the Time with Children during the 11:00 worship service.

SUPPORT PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. This year's Path of Peace reflections celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Commitment to Peacemaking.

WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP MEETING TODAY all members and friends who live in West Hills to join us and meet Richard Coble from 5-7 pm at the Ruthie Carey Pavilion. We are asking the attendees to bring a finger-food type appetizer to share and drinks will be provided. We will get to meet and talk with Richard in a small group setting. Please come and join in!

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP MEETINGS WITH RICHARD COBLE

West Hills Neighborhood Group (RCP) TODAY at 5pm

Bearden Neighborhood Group Saturday, October 21 from 4-6pm

at Cindy Spangler's house, 4175 Ridgeway Lane. Contact Cindy for more information at spangler2@gmail.com.

Farragut and Rocky Hill Neighborhood Group (RCP) October 22 at 5pm

READING RACE & FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS is starting this Tuesday, October 3 and will continue each Tuesday through November 7th; 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. in the McKinnon Room led by Richard Coble, Pastor/Head of Staff. For our first meeting we will be covering the first section of *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. The books, along with a number of other tools, will be utilized as starting points for us to examine how we — as individuals, as a community, and as Christians — are impacted by, complicit in, and faithfully resisting the forces of structural racism that we have inherited.

WE WILL START OUR FOUNDERS, FAITH AND FRIENDS series this Wednesday, October 4 in the Lisa Kaufman Hall.. There will be a fellowship time beginning at 6:00. You are asked to bring finger food to share. At 6:30 we will have a program about last summer's Pilgrimage Ghost Ranch, New Mexico.

YOUTH CORN MAZE ADVENTURE TODAY!! The youth (age 5th-12th grade) are visiting the Oakes Farm Corn Maze today. We're meeting at 2:00pm (after play rehearsal), and driving over to the corn maze. It's truly aMAZing, with 2 levels of difficulty, games, flowers, and pumpkins. Cost for the maze is \$15. Bring additional spending money if you want to buy snacks, pumpkins, flowers, or souvenirs. We will need parent drivers WHO WILL HAVE THEIR WAY PAID!!

We have purchased only 20 tickets, but this is a "non busy" weekend so we can always bring more friends and purchase more tix there!!

2023 PILGRIM PARTICIPANTS There will be Program for the church this Wednesday, Oct. 4 6-7:30 pm. WPC youth has been asked to show pictures and tell stories about our New Mexico adventures this coming Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. From 6-6:30, they serve appetizers, which you are welcome to enjoy! You do not have to prepare anything... Barbara will have a photo/video montage made, and we will tell a few stories together describing what we see in the photos. This means so much to the people and family that supported our trip. Please let Barbara know if you can come.

PLAY PRACTICE TODAY!! 12:15-2 in the Lisa Kaufman hall. Lunch provided!!

TRUNK OR TREAT is happening October 29 at 5pm. Everyone is welcome!!

THE NEXT WPC HIKE will be to Mt. Cammerer on Monday, October 30. This hike is 11.1 miles long, 3149' elevation gain, and is rated DIFFICULT. We'll meet at the Strawberry plains Cracker barrel parking lot (side closest to the Weigel's) at 8am. For more information please contact Cindy Spangler at spangler2@gmail.com

BREAKFAST IN THE SMOKIES is once again on our church calendar and just around the corner. We weren't able to secure our favorite pavilion at Metcalf Bottoms this year, but have secured a lovely spot at Norris Dam State Park for this year's early morning feast. Originated by the late and beloved Don Byerly, this event has brought together members of our congregation to celebrate the memory of Matt Mathews, while enjoying good food, fellowship, and the beautiful outdoors. Please

mark your calendars for Saturday, November 11, and look for more detailed information in future weekly newsletters and the Westminster Abbey, as we get closer to the date.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY PICNIC! Our friends at Emmanuel Presbyterian have invited us for a Friends and Family Picnic on Saturday, October 7 starting at 11:30! They are preparing a feast for us, and say we can bring desserts if we would like. There will be games and lots of great stories and conversation. Emmanuel's address is 3023 Selma Ave, 37914.

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Linda Judge McRae, Parish Nurse

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

ABBEY DEADLINE is this afternoon at 5pm.

Please email your articles to Debbie Bendy at unitedprinters@comcast.net.

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 1

9:00am - Pavilion Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Sanctuary Worship

12:10pm - Play Practice

2:00pm - Youth Corn Maze

5:00pm - West Hills Neighborhood Group Meeting

5:00pm - *Abbey* deadline

Tuesday, October 3

10:00am - Staff Meeting and time with HR

12:00pm - Reading Race & Faithful Conversations Class

5:00pm - Boys' and Girls' Choir

Wednesday, October 4

4:30pm - Companions (Prayer Room)

4:45pm - Boys' and Girls' Choirs

6:30pm - Faith, Founders, Friends

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 5

10:30am - Women's Bible study

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:00pm - Recorder Ensemble

7:00pm - Handbells

8:00pm - Four-in-Hand Ringers

Friday, October 6

4:00pm - Boys' and Girls' Choir

Saturday, October 7

11:30am - Emmanuel Presbyterian Picnic