



The Order of Worship

**April 14, 2024
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

THIRD 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) Morning Has Broken arr. Livingston
 (11:00) Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag (II) Johann Gottfried Walther

The Glorious Day Has Appeared

Chorale text: The glorious day has appeared in which no one can rejoice enough. Christ, our Lord, triumphs today. He leads forth all his enemies captive. Alleluia!

Nikolaus Herman, 1559
literal trans. Mark Bighley

Erstanden ist der heilige Christ

The Holy Christ Is Arisen

Chorale text: The Holy Christ is arisen, who is a comforter to all the world. Alleluia.

Johann Horn?, 1544
literal trans. Mark Bighley

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

Mary Sophia Hawks

One: Blessed Savior, you keep showing up for us in unexpected places.

All: When we face uncertainty, you are there.

One: When we worry about our tomorrows, you are there.

All: And even in the doubt-filled lonely hours, you are there.

One: Hear our prayer of thanks for your constant love, which convinces us to sing aloud,

All: “Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine.”

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

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

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)*

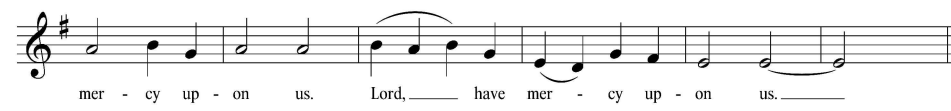
Caring God, we confess that we have not loved this world well. We have not loved ourselves. We have dismissed concepts of love as frivolous and naïve, failing to recognize the wisdom in choosing tenderness and attachment in a society that trains us to exploit one another. We have lost our passions, allowing our days to be consumed with the practical and the tedious. Our delight has been drained as we try to survive exhaustion. We confess we are afraid, lacking the courage to risk ourselves on love for fear of losing it. Forgive us. And have mercy on all our charades of heartlessness, that we would claim a life of more than mere survival. That we would love and be loved in return, all our days, in love’s many forms. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON**

arr. David N. Johnson



Lord, ___ have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, ___ have



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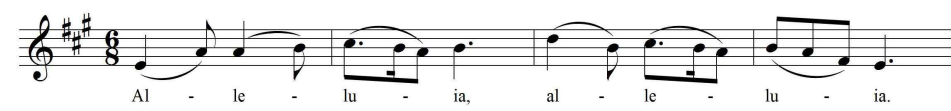
***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

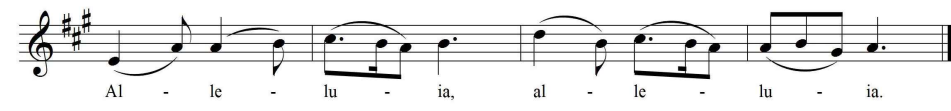
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***RESPONSE** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*)

Fintan O’Carroll



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:36b-48

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Julia Whipple

Children age 4 through 5th grade are invited to go downstairs for Children’s Church.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 3:1-7

SERMON

“Love in deed”

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

***HYMN NO. 840** (*Glory to God* hymnal) When Peace like a River

Ville du Havre

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)*

**We are Children of God,
woven together in moments momentary and lingering
to worship God,
to know what it is to belong,
to celebrate the jubilation of life,
to grieve when life is loss,
to lament and to confess,
to forgive and to be forgiven,
to worship, to pray, to march, to nap,
to argue, to ponder, to weep, to laugh,**

**to discern the mind of Christ and the will of God,
to love the other, one another, and ourselves,
to affirm and proclaim that we belong to one another,
and in turn we belong to God.**

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) Muy Linda (from *Three Pieces*) Anthony Holborne

Brass Choir

(11:00) Sing, Joyous Christians Antonio Lotti

Sing, joyous Christians! Sing forth your alleluias! Christ, our Redeemer, from death is risen, Alleluia! Death and hell are conquered, Alleluia! Christ, have mercy! Alleluia!

Walter E. Buszin

Old Hundredth

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

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**

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.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

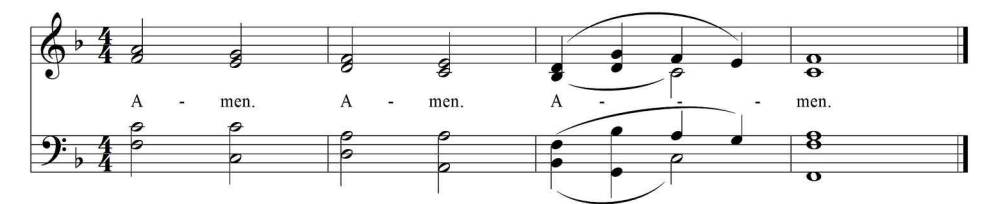
***HYMN NO. 268** (*Glory to God* hymnal) (11:00) Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen

Danish melody



A - men. A - men. A - men.

***POSTLUDE**

(9:00) Hosanna, Loud Hosanna! arr. Smith

(11:00) Christ lag in Todesbanden Heinrich Bach

Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death

Chorale text: Christ lay in the bonds of death, sacrificed for our sins. He is risen again and has brought us life. For this we should be glad, praise God and be thankful, and sing Alleluia. Alleluia.

Martin Luther

literal trans. Mark Bighley

*Please stand in Body or Spirit

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

**Call to Worship from *Call to Worship*, Office of Theology and Worship PC(USA), 57.1

Prayer of Confession adapted from Cole Arthur Riley, *Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human*.

Affirmation of Faith adapted from Bruce Reyes-Chow, *Everything Good about God is True*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Arthur Collins and Richard Ward
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR APRIL: Susan McKeehan and Lana Daverman
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) James Gilbert and Sirah Smith

GREETERS: (11:00) Buz and Lucy Johnson

LITURGIST: Mary Sophia Hawks

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (9:00) Brass Choir; (11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Bill Wiesehuegel

SENIOR USHER: Ken Hughes

USHERS: (9:00) Colleen and Ehren Manrod

(11:00) Rob and Susan McKeehan, Charlie and Alice Mercer, Mark Potocik

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Marty Pryor and family, in memory of Jim and his 80th birthday.

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS to Mary Lou Holt for serving as the pianist this morning at the 9:00 service.

ANTONIO LOTTI (1667-1740) spent much of his career at St. Mark’s, Venice, where, after studying with Giovanni Legrenzi, he began as an alto, eventually ascending to the post of First Organist and finally to that of Maestro di Cappella, a position he held until his death. Among his students were Domenico Alberti, Benedetto Marcello, Baldassare Galuppi, and Johann Dismas Zelenka. Lotti’s output includes masses, cantatas, madrigals, motets, and nearly thirty operas, as well as instrumental music.

PRAYER LIST (Please keep the following names in your prayers this week)
Juanita Campbell, Shirley Draper, Sonja Jones, Dagmar Krall, Judy and Joseph Moon, Lalla Phillips, Kitty Rasa, Doris Solomon, Karen and her son Brian, Gwen Harrell.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is April 16 beginning with a fellowship time at 6:30pm in the Lisa Kaufman Hall. Environmental Concerns ministry team will be in charge of refreshments.

THE ABBEY DEADLINE is today at 5:00pm. Please email your articles to Debbie Bendy unitedprinters@comcast.net.

A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been set for April 21 during the 11:00am worship service to vote on list of Elders for the Class of 2027 and Trustee.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am

Adult Bible Study: The Sunday Bible Class is studying the gnostic Gospel of Thomas, comparing it to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in order to determine which of its teachings were recognized in the official gospels and which reflected gnostic beliefs that were eventually rejected by the Christian Church. (McKinnon Room)

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

Sunday School for Preschool through 5th grade

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

Children’s Church for children preschool through 5rd grade

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

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

WAMS (Westminsters Awesome Middle Schoolers) - 6th & 7th Grades in the WAMS room.

Confirmation Class - 8th & 9th Grades in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

SHOW (Senior Highs of Westminster) - 10th-12th Grades in the SHOW room.

YOUTH SEDER THIS SUNDAY!! This Sunday, April 14, from 4-6 p.m., our youth will be enjoying a very special Youth meeting. In honor of Passover, we will be celebrating a Seder meal and learning about the many ways it is meaningful to (and influences) our traditions. Temple Beth El's Rabbi Cantor has provided us with information and curriculum that will help us learn and understand the importance of this tradition. Thanks to Amy Gilbert, for setting this up. We hope all youth (5th-12th grade) will come to experience this special evening with us!

Thanks to Melanie Lewis for leading such a great Eclipse lesson last week! You literally helped us "see the light"!!

TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP: Our next meeting will be on April 16 when Linda Legge will lead a discussion of *I Never Thought of it That Way* by Monica Guzman. This book is particularly relevant in today's volatile political climate as it discusses ways to relate without so much anger as we listen to each other discuss the issues. There will also be a zoom visit by the author and by one of the women interviewed in the book so come prepared to ask questions. This meeting is open to all who have an interest in this important subject. We also will choose more books for this year.

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND CONFIRMANDS! Please mark your calendars for May 5th for our Annual Church Picnic, when we will celebrate the accomplishments of Westminster's graduating high school seniors and the latest class of confirmands. We will also enjoy some delicious fried chicken tenders, along with cole slaw, water melon, and chips. Contributions of \$7 per person, or \$25 per family, can be made to defray the cost of the meal. **Look for sign-up sheets in or near the Schilling Gallery to make your reservations. There will be one worship service at 11:00am.**

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Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Joanna Warren, Administrative Assistant

Linda Judge McRae, Parish Nurse

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 14

9:00am - Sanctuary Worship

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12:10am - Choristers

4:00pm - Youth group

5:00 pm - *Abbey* deadline

Tuesday, April 16

10:00am - Staff Meeting

10:30am - Ladies’ Book Club

6:30pm - Ministry Team Night

Wednesday, April 17

3:45pm - Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

4:30pm - Companions

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 18

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:00pm - Recorders

7:00pm -Handbells

Friday, April 19

4:00pm - Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

Saturday, April 20

Tahali Plant Sale at Westminster!

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: Bitsy Ingram

Class of 2026

Bill Farnham

Lee Ingram

Lucy Johnson

Kathryn Oakes

Richard Ward

TRUSTEES

Ron Alexander

Alice Mercer

John Smartt

THE 2024 NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR INPUT!

It is time to submit nominations for our next class of officers for the Class of 2027. We will be electing five (5) Elders for Session, one Trustee, and one Youth Elder. Please submit your suggestions to Gloria Borum (gborum@comcast.net), Chair, Janet Drumm (janet.drumm.tn@gmail.com), Vice Chair, or any one of our at-large members: Melissa Everett (melissajane0112@gmail.com), John Salsbery (John.Salsbery@southernrebar.com), or Carl Whipple (cwhipped@live.com).

A couple notes about making nominations...

- We suggest that you check with the person you would like to nominate before you do so, to make sure they are willing/available to serve.
- If YOU have the desire to serve on Session, please feel free to nominate yourself!

TODAY is the final day to submit your nominations!

The Congregational meeting to elect the officers will be held on April 21 immediately following the 11:00am service.

I would like to nominate

for Elder/Youth Elder/Trustee, because
