



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

May 7, 2017  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

*Be still and know that I am God  
Be still and know  
Be still  
Be*

PRELUDE Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654 J. S. Bach

*Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness  
(from the Leipzig Chorales)*

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) Witness African-American spiritual  
arr. Mark Patterson

Who'll be a witness for my Lord?

Now Daniel was a Hebrew child, he went to pray to his God awhile. The king at once for Daniel did send, he put him right down in the lions' den. God sent angels, the lions to keep, so Daniel laid down and went to sleep. Daniel was a witness for my Lord.

There was a man of the Pharisees, his name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe. Christ told Nicodemus as a friend, "Man, you must be born again. Marvel not, man, if you want to be wise, repent, believe, and be baptized."

Who'll be a witness for my Lord? I'll be a witness for my Lord.  
African-American spiritual  
Jacob Phillips, Treble (9:00)  
Lucy Gordon, Treble (9:00 and 11:00)  
Boys' and Girls' Choirs  
Mary Lou Holt, Piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 23 (King James Version)

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
People: **He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.**  
Leader: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
People: **Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**  
Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
People: **and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 473 (blue hymnal) For the Beauty of the Earth Dix  
\*CALL TO CONFESSION  
\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We confess that we panic easily, make decisions based on whims, and often listen to the wrong voices. We forget that you promise to supply our needs rather than satisfy our wants. We confess that we have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Forgive us, gracious God, and in the name of Christ our Savior, restore our souls. Amen.

\*KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574 (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson  
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.  
\*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 Acts 2:42-47; I Peter 2:19-25  
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Kathleen Farnham  
*Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship.*

SCRIPTURE READING John 10:1-10  
SERMON "Hearing Voices" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips  
\*HYMN NO. 172 (blue hymnal) My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Resignation  
\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)  
Creed of the United Church of Canada (Reformed)

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim**

**Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

THE OFFERING

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.  
Though many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, 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) Witness African-American spiritual  
(The text is found at the Introit.)  
(11:00) O How Sweet, O Lord Healey Willan  
O how sweet, O Lord, is Thy Spirit; for Thou hast shown Thy sweetness unto Thy children: Thou hast given them most wondrous Bread from Heav'n: Thou fillest the hungry with good things, and the rich Thou sendest empty away.  
based on Luke 1:50,53

\*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal) 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

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
(Prayer continues)...to the glory of your name.

SANCTUS NO. 553 (red hymnal) (11:00) John Merbecke  
**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.**  
(Prayer continues)...Great is the mystery of faith.

AGNUS DEI NO. 555 (red hymnal) (11:00) John Merbecke  
**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

*Seated and partaking of elements as instructed.*

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION Christus, der uns selig macht Hans Kammeier  
*Christ, Who Makes Us Blessed*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

**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 ...**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (9:00)** Go Now in Peace  
Natalie Sleeth  
arr. Peter Van Eenam  
Go now in peace; may the love of God surround you ev'rywhere you may go.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (11:00)**  
Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen  
Danish melody  
**\*POSTLUDE** Christ lag in Todesbanden  
Heinrich Bach  
*Christ Lay in Death's Strong Bonds*

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Bitsy Ingram and Wes Williams  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS – MAY 1-15:** Susan Baughman and Brenda Seip  
**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES** are available from the ushers.

**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTES (11:00):** Chloe Smith and Sammy McCartha  
**GREETERS (11:00):** Joyce Ryan and Debbie Schmid

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:**

(9:00) Childcare through age 5  
(11:00) Tim and Katie Gawne, Alice Gawne and Sophia Manrod

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs  
(11:00) Boys’, Chancel, and Girls’ Choirs

**SENIOR USHER:** Buz Johnson

**USHERS:**  
(9:00) Stephanie Lynch-Wright and Rob McKeehan  
(11:00) Elizabeth Ridley, Larry Ridley, Bill Rudd, Tim and Joyce Ryan

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Rob and Susan McKeehan in memory of Mary McKeehan and in appreciation of her Westminster caregivers.

**THE BIRTH CANDLE** is lit today to celebrate the birth of Jan Barber’s grandson, Emmett Dean Preston. Emmett is the son of Hilary and Josh Preston.

**THE COLOR OF PARAMENTS** changes with the Liturgical Seasons. White will be the color until Pentecost, June 4. White symbolizes purity, holiness, and virtue, as well as respect and reverence. White is used for all High Holy Days and festival days of the church year, especially the seasons of Christmas and Easter, and the first Sunday of each month for Communion.

**TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL** collection is today. We bring this offering each “First Sunday,” as our share in maintaining the Volunteer Ministry Center of Knoxville. The average monthly cost to serve breakfast and lunch is \$275. Your support is greatly appreciated!

**NAME TAG SUNDAY** is today. Please fill out a name tag in the Narthex.

**THIS MORNING** the Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs return to a spiritual which is undoubtedly their most favorite piece ever. We are thrilled to share it again in worship! Its syncopations, dynamics, and two-part sections have made our work on it enjoyable and challenging. As a teacher, I’m pleased that it has taught the choirs so much while being something they’ve looked forward to each week. I am indebted to my older daughter, Jennifer, for suggesting this spiritual many years ago. My thanks also to Mary Lou Holt for her enrichment of our worship this morning as she accompanies the choirs.

Peter Van Eenam

**KIDS’ CLUB:** We’ll gather in the Schilling Gallery today following the 11:00 worship service, then go for lunch on the way to Family Bowl (213 Hayfield Road). Bring socks and a change of clothes. There is no cost for bowling.

**SHOW AND WAMS:** Tonight, we are going to be cooking a special Mother's Day dinner for Moms, Grandmas, and Just-like Moms. (This way Mom can be pampered for an entire week!) We will impress and "wine & dine" (no whining...) our Moms with a “gourmet dinner.” Youth arrive at 5:00. Dinner will be served at 6:30. All this will be done with the assistance of our chef Betty McKeehan! We love you, Moms!!

**MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT** is Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. The Human Resources ministry team will bring our refreshments.

**MEN’S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP** meets Thursday, May 11 at 7:30 a.m. in the McKinnon Room. Roger Kiefer will present our lesson, and breakfast will be provided by Bill McNabb. No reservation is necessary and all men are welcome.

**FISH DELIVERY** is Thursday, May 11. The number of families we can help is limited by the number of delivery volunteers we have, and you are needed! If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Nancy Cundall.

**THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** meets Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the SHOW room.

**LADIES’ LUNCH BUNCH** will meet May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at the Cheesecake Factory at West Town Mall. Come join in the GOOD food, fellowship and fun. Contact Kathy Shilling if you plan to attend.

**Rise Against Hunger All-Church Project**

**Save the date for our super service project, Sunday, May 21** during Sunday School and after the 11:00 worship service. We will be packaging meals to feed 35,000 school children. If we have 150 people, we will complete the task in about 2 hours. This project is appropriate for all ages and we need your help! These meals will go to high-impact areas (usually schools). This allows children to attend school and helps families to insure their children have access to regular meals. We’ll begin the event by having a tasting of the food as it might be served around the world. After we sample the meal, we will get to work! **Please sign up at this link before May 21: <http://events.stophungernow.org/WestminsterPresKnoxville2017>**

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Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips, Pastor  
Rev. John Linton Muntz, Parish Associate  
Rev. Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

**Share the Bounty Table**

Our Share the Bounty table is back in the Shilling Gallery and is starting to provide produce. 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. And if you have a bit too much of something from your garden, bring it in to share. There is a donation basket with any contributions going to Family Promise of Knoxville.

**Adult Sunday School**

Bible Study Library  
Join us as we continue a study of the Gospel of Mark.  
The Wired Word Prayer Room  
This class discusses the spiritual and religious implications of stories in the news.  
Love An Other McKinnon Room  
Join Mary Boyd in the McKinnon Room today for a video study from PC(USA)  
Co-Moderator Denise Anderson, which explores the sociological practice of “othering,” and the Christian’s responsibility to eradicate it.  
Welcome to Westminster Fellowship Hall  
This three-week series led by Dr. Buran Phillips, Barbara Adamcik, and Mary Boyd is for anyone who wants to learn more about Westminster. There is no obligation to join the church if you participate in the class.  
Leadership  
**Beginning May 14**, Gradye Parsons will reprise a program on Leadership he presented the Presbytery of East Tennessee.

**VBS 2017**  
**Passport to Peru: Discovering God’s Good Gifts**  
**June 5 - 8, 9:00 am - Noon**  
**Ages 3 - 5th Grade**

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for Passport to Peru. We’ll have a new cultural experience each day through stories about the daily lives of children in Peru. We’ll enjoy games, music, foods, etc. that are built around the Bible story of the day. *Please place your sign-up sheet in the offering plate.*

**Child’s Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age/Current Grade** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**VBS Volunteers**  
**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Please circle area of volunteer interest:** Shepherd / Snacks / Crafts / Decorating  
If you are volunteering and need childcare for your child/children under age 3, please note names and ages: \_\_\_\_\_.