



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

July 9, 2017  
10:00 A.M.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

“Lord, catch us off guard today. Surprise us with some moment of beauty or pain so that for at least a moment we may be startled into seeing that you are here in all your splendor, always and everywhere, barely hidden, beneath, beyond, within this life we breathe.”

Frederick Buechner, The Hungering Dark

Children are welcome in worship here. A nursery is available during the entire service.

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.

PRELUDE Prelude (from Suite No. 3 in C for Solo Cello) J. S. Bach  
Andy Bryenton, Cello

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 145

Leader: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**People: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised.**

Leader: The LORD upholds all who are falling; the LORD is faithful ... just ...kind ...and near to all.

**People: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 473 (blue hymnal) For the Beauty of the Earth Dix

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

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racious God, we come before you in humility to confess our sin. The light that shines through the Christ illuminates the many ways that we fail to live as your people. Forgive us for being more quarrelsome than compassionate, more self-protective than giving, more close-minded than open-hearted. Forgive us for letting differences blind us to our essential unity. Forgive us for neglecting our planet, the welfare of all your people, and our own spiritual health; and for failing to see the life-giving connection between all three. May your Spirit lead us to a place of wholeness. 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 Romans 7:15-25

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Julia Whipple  
Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“I’m just talkin’ bout my g-g-g-generation”

“My Generation” – The Who

\*HYMN NO. 403 (blue hymnal) What a Friend We Have in Jesus Converse

\*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.**

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.

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 Allemande (from Suite No. 6 in D for Solo Cello) J. S. Bach  
Andy Bryenton

\*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  
COMMISSIONING YOUTH FOR OPERATION BACKYARD  
God of compassion, you charged us to go to offer a cup of cold water to thirsty strangers, and promised that you would be with us on our way. Look graciously upon these friends who give up the comfort of home to witness and minister in your name among our neighbors in the city. Strengthen them for the tasks that are ahead and bless them with joy in the doing. Let your light show through them so that your name may be glorified and your good will be accomplished. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

\*HYMN NO. 276 (blue hymnal) Great Is Thy Faithfulness Faithfulness

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody  
Vincent Lübeck

POSTLUDE Fugue

\*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDER FOR THE WEEK: Cindy Pearman and Wes Williams.

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS – JUNE 27-JULY 15: Leslie Versen, Brenda Seip, and Susan Baughman

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

PLEASE place your bulletin into a blue recycling bin located at the Narthex door if you do not care to take it home.

SERVING TODAY

**GREETERS:** Sue Caradine and Marty Pryor

**LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP:** Linda VanBeke

**SENIOR USHER:** Jerry Carley

**USHERS:** Alice and Charlie Mercer, Bonny and Doug Naugher, Lalla Phillips

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in loving memory of Ruthie Carey by Tim and Joyce Ryan.

OUR THANKS to Andy Bryenton for his enrichment of our worship this morning and to John Brock for serving as organist while Peter Van Eenam is on sabbatical.

**SUMMER CHOIR** will return July 23, with a rehearsal following worship for the music to be sung subsequent Sundays (there will be no Wednesday evening rehearsals this year). Come sit in with the choir this summer and enjoy the music and camaraderie! Please contact the church office at your earliest convenience if you'd like to participate, so that additional choir folders can be made up. If you prefer to sing a certain part, please let us know that as well, so that you can be placed accordingly.

**THE COLOR OF PARAMENTS** changes with the Liturgical Seasons. The Liturgical Season is now Ordinary Time and remains so until the beginning of Advent. Green is the color of the paraments during this season, with the exception of the first Sunday of each month for Communion. Green symbolizes the renewal of vegetation, of living things and the promise of new life.

### HELP US BE SUPERHEROES



Our kids ages kindergarten through fifth grade are spending the summer being Super Mission Heroes. We're doing lots of activities to help people in need. We'll start each week in the 10:00 worship service, then head for the Fellowship Hall following the Time With Children. Our superheroes are starting a new summer mission adventure! We are collecting school supplies and backpacks for children in need in the Knoxville area. We will be serving cookies again today to help raise money to buy supplies but we also welcome donations of backpacks, #2 pencils, 24-count boxes of Crayola crayons, Elmer's glue sticks, children's scissors, wide-ruled composition books — not spiral-bound, and wide-ruled notebook paper. Thanks for your help with this project!

**THE BIBLE STUDY** class is meeting this summer at 11:00 a.m. in the Library, following the worship service. We are studying the book of Mark.

**THE LADIES BOOK CLUB** will meet on July 18 in the Library to discuss *What Comes Next and How to Like It* by Abigail Thomas. Please contact Linda Rutherford for further information. Welcome!



**MOTHER'S MORNING OUT** for infants through rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders is available each Wednesday from June 14 through August 2 from 9:00 to 11:30 am. Please call the church office to sign up.

**FISHING--GREAT EXPERIENCE:** Thursday the 13th is FISH delivery day for Westminster. If you are interested in doing some good and it only takes a couple hours, call or E-Mail Nancy Cundall, delivery team coordinator.

This is NOT just a Westminster program, it is a COMMUNITY program. If you have a friend, who doesn't attend Westminster, ask them to be your DELIVERY BUDDY, PLEASE. HELP is NEEDED!!

### PRAY FOR OUR WORLD CHANGERS!

It's OBY (Operation Back Yard) time again!!! All of our Westminster youth are going to be working hard to renovate Ms. Virginia Artip's south Knoxville home from July 9-14. Bob Adamcik, Bart Carey, Eric and Janet Drumm, Tim & Joyce Ryan, and William Milam (our crew chief Dream Team) will be helping us roof, repair + install siding, and completely paint Ms. Artip's home during that week. You're welcome to come see the amazing transformation work this week!



We are also staying at Maryville College during that week, where the MC staff will be leading us in evening activities that include ropes course and worship.

Thanks to those of you who will be bringing lunches to our large crew each day! Please keep our youth and adults in your prayers this week; as they grew closer, learn new skills, and meet God in new ways every day ... here in our own Back Yard!



### DON'T MISS A CLASSIC NIGHT AT THE DRIVE-IN!!!

The youth hope you can join them this Wednesday evening for a FREE movie at the Parkway Drive-In. The concession stand will be open - you can check out their menu on their website: <http://www.parkwaydrivein.com/concessions>. The parking lot holds 400 cars, so invite a friend! Make sure and pick up your free car pass in the narthex. We'll see you Wednesday!

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**THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** meets Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the SHOW room. For over ten years, this group of loving, dedicated and talented ladies have been sharing God's love and comfort in many ways. They have made numerous prayer shawls, blankets, hats, and lap robes that have gone to members of our congregation as well as to others here in Knoxville and to people in other states. This ministry is an active, vibrant, social group that is dedicated to spreading God's love and comfort to those in need. They knit and crochet to create items representing tangible evidence of prayer. Join them the second Thursday of each month!

**SHARE THE BOUNTY:** Our Share the Bounty table is back in the Schilling Gallery. 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.

### THE SESSION

**Class of 2018**  
Leigh Dunlap  
JP Mackay  
Linda Van Beke  
Wes Williams  
Michael Yates  
Youth Elder: Clara Oakes  
Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

**Class of 2019**  
Debbie Babelay  
Daniel Collins  
Terry Crow  
Cindy Pearman  
Jay Schmid

**Class of 2020**  
Scott Brunger  
James Everett  
Andrew Gordon  
Susan McKeehan  
Shawn Owens

### TRUSTEES

Paul Jorden

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