



*“Where Faith and Life Connect”*

The Order of Worship

July 16, 2017  
10:00 A.M.

SIXTH 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 Psalm-Prelude Herbert Howells

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Micah 6:6-8

Leader: With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before the God on high?

People: **The LORD has told us what is good, and what the LORD requires of us ...**

ALL: **To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 267 (blue hymnal) All Things Bright and Beautiful *Royal Oak*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, we confess that the seeds of your all-embracing love do not always take root and grow in our lives. Sometimes we simply do not understand the depths of your love for us, so we find it difficult to love others. Sometimes we give up easily when our faith is stretched and our trust is weak. At other times we find ourselves lost, pulled in so many directions that we lose sight of your path. Open us once again to your forgiveness, your kindness, your vision of peace and justice for our world, that we might find new life in us and around us. 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 Isaiah 55:10-13; Genesis 25:19-34

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Barbara Adamcik

*Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship.*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*“Why my Granny would have a problem with this parable”*

\*HYMN NO. 298 (blue hymnal) There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy *In Babilone*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) adapted, Romans 12:9-21

**Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

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 A City Called Heaven Arranged by Hall Johnson

I am a po’ pilgrim of sorrow  
I’m tossed in dis wide worl’ alone  
No hope have I for tomorrow  
I’ve started to make Heav’n my home.

Sometimes I am toss-ted an’ driven, Lord,  
Sometimes I don’ know where to roam  
I heard of a city called Heaven  
I’ve started to make it my home.

My mother has reached that pure glory  
My father still walkin’ in sin  
My brothers an’ sisters won’t own me  
Because I am try’n to get in.

John Hankins, Baritone

\*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

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

\*HYMN NO. 435 (blue hymnal) We All Are One in Mission

*Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

POSTLUDE Lobet den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren Paul Manz

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

\*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDER FOR THE WEEK:** Clara Oakes and JP Mackay.  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS – JULY 16-22:** Susan McKeegan and Lana Daverman.

**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:** Tom and Georgann Byerley

**LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP:** Shawn and David Owens

**SENIOR USHER:** Jerry Carley

**USHERS:** David Owens, Shawn Owens, Mark Potocik, Ashley Porter, Scott Porter

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Rachel and Bryan Powell with thanksgiving to God and in honor of Bobby's 9<sup>th</sup> and Lucy's 7<sup>th</sup> birthdays.

**OUR THANKS** to John Hankins for his enrichment of our worship this morning and to Eileen Rudd for serving as organist while Peter Van Eenam is on sabbatical.

**COMPOSER AND ARRANGER** Francis Hall Johnson (1888 - 1970) was one of a number of American musicians who elevated the African-American spiritual to an art form, comparable in its musical sophistication to the composers of European Classical composers.

**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 placed accordingly.

**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. Westminster's Superheroes have started a new project. Thanks to those of you who gave so generously on Sunday to help us with this effort! We are collecting school supplies for children in need for the next few weeks. You can donate backpacks, #2 pencils, wide-ruled composition books (not spiral-bound), glue sticks, children's scissors, and 24 count boxes of crayons to help us help others. Ask Mary Boyd if you have questions.

**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.

**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.

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!!!**



Westminster Night at the Smokies is August 18<sup>th</sup>. Purchase tickets by sending in \$9 for each ticket to the church office. After the game, we can stick around for a huge fireworks display. How fun!!! Deadline to purchase the tickets is August 13.

**THERE IS A CALLED SESSION MEETING** today immediately following the worship service in the McKinnon Room. The purpose of the meeting is to receive an updated staffing report.

**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.

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**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

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Cindy Pearman

Jay Schmid

**Class of 2020**

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James Everett

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeegan

Shawn Owens

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