



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

August 6, 2017

10:00 A.M.

NINTH 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.

Children are welcome in worship here. A nursery is available during the entire service. Any who are baptized are invited to receive the elements of the Lord's Supper.

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

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 130

Leader: God of grace, you have given us minds to know you,

Women: Hearts to love you,

Men: And voices to sing your praise.

Leader: Fill us with your Spirit.

Women: That we may celebrate your glory

Men: And truly worship you;

Leader: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 458 (blue hymnal) Earth and Stars

Dexter

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,

By what we have done and what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

Help us amend what we are and direct what we shall be,

So that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,

To the glory of your holy name.

*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 ...

PSALTER Psalm 90

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Allie Brewington

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in

Children's Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON "Keeping Life Sharp" John Linton Muntz

If the iron is blunt, and one does not whet the edge,

then more strength must be exerted.

Ecclesiastes 10:10

*HYMN NO. 517 (blue hymnal) We Come as Guests Invited

Wie lieblich ist der Maien

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS Connect Ministry Team

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 As We Gather At Your Table K. Lee Scott

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your Word,
Help us know, O God, your presence: let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story 'till we claim it for our own.
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life.
Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave.
May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There, no more, will envy blind us, nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

Carl P. Daw Jr.

*AT THE PRESENTATION

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Ruling elders will serve us in the pews. We may partake as we are served.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER THE TABLE

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: And forget not all his benefits.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 514 (blue hymnal) Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ Linstead

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

POSTLUDE Dialogue Danish melody Peter Hurford

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Susan McKeehan and Michael Yates
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR AUGUST 1-15: Lana Daverman and Susan McKeehan

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: Bill and Renee Wiesehuegel

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Summer Choir

SENIOR USHER: Don Byerly

USHERS: Bill Rudd, Scott Rutherford, Tim Ryan, John Salsbery, Jay Schmid

Children are always welcome in our worship services! A nursery for newborns up to 5 years of age is provided in the Children's education wing by trained, caring staff each week as a part of our ministry to children and their families. Please ask a greeter or usher for assistance.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given with joy by Ginger Elting with gratitude for the loving care of her daughter Lisa Elting Ellis and son in law, Reed Ellis.

THE BIRTH CANDLE today celebrates the birth of Matilda Battle Barnette, daughter of Paul and Evelyn Barnette and granddaughter to Phil and Judy Barnette. She was born on August 3, 2017.

OUR THANKS to Ibbie Muntz for leading the Summer Choir this morning and to John Brock for serving as organist while Peter Van Eenam is on sabbatical. We also would like to thank Bob Adamcik for his accompaniment.

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

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION: We are recognizing the members joining the congregation in 2017. Please join us after the service for cookies and lemonade to welcome these members.

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!

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. Ask Allie Brewington if you have questions

FAMILY PROMISE OF KNOXVILLE is a non profit organization whose mission is "to help homeless and low income families achieve sustainable independence". The Pasta and Bluegrass Festival is their biggest fundraiser of the year. It is a great night of fun for the whole family. There will be live music from two bluegrass bands "The Y'uns" and the "Trinity Boys". The evening includes an Italian Market with artisan wares for sale as well as homemade cakes and cookies. There will also be a Children's Festival. The night begins at 5:00 on Aug. 26th at Central Baptist Church of Bearden with fifteen tastings of competition level pasta . The doors close at 7:00 . The word is that you better be there by 6:00 because this event is well attended. Tickets are \$ 10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Please join us for a worthy cause and terrific food!! Tickets will be available before and after the service on Sun, Aug. 6, 13 and 20.

THE NEXT ABBEY DEADLINE is today. Please email articles to Debbie Bendy at unitedprinters@comcast.net.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT If you serve on one of the eleven ministry teams at Westminster, remember that we start back up next Tuesday on August 8. Refreshments are from 7:00 to 7:30 and the meetings begin at 7:30 pm. The only team that I know that is NOT meeting is Worship, Music, and the Arts. If you would like to serve on one of the committees, please email Barbara Adamcik. wpcyouth.barbara@gmail.com

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

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.

FISH DELIVERY is Thursday, August 10. 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 Sue McSween.

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Mary Boyd, Education Coordinator
Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper
Melissa Everett, Administrative Assistant
Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!!! Westminster Night at the Smokies is August 18th. 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.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE for Bruce Tschantz will be held at Westminster on Saturday, August 12 at 11:00 am. Receiving of friends will take place after the service in the Schilling Gallery.

There are several ways in which you can help:

Reception: Please call the church office if you would like to bring a finger food (sandwiches, cheese/crackers, fruit, veggies, cookies, brownies) for the reception.

Reception Clean Up Help Needed. Please call the church office if you can stay after the reception and help clean up.

TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP Will meet next on August 15 at 10:30 am in the church library. The book that will be reviewed is *The Little Locksmith* by Katharine Butler Hathaway and Alix Kates Shulman. For more information call Linda Rutherford.

THE SESSION

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