



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

August 13, 2017
10:00 A.M.

TENTH 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 Sonata VI Felix Mendelssohn
Chorale and 3 Variations

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 145

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, call on His name, make known His deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wonderful works.

Leader: Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually.

People: Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 464 (blue hymnal) Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee *Hymn to Joy*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, hear our confession as a community of faith. Forgive our lack of gratitude in times of calm and our lack of faithfulness in stormy times. Heal the brokenness that separates us one from another and from our own best selves. Rescue us from the fears that cause us to be less than you have created us to be. Turn us from quarrels that hurt and destroy. Grant us new depths of caring for others. Lead us to be more faithful stewards of your creation. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Genesis 37:1-4; 12-28, Romans 10:5-15

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Kathleen Farnham

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go in the McKinnon Room and participate in Children’s Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“The Miracle is not that I finished ...
the miracle is that I had the courage to start.”

John Bingham - *Runners World* magazine

*HYMN NO. 286 (blue hymnal) Give to the Winds Thy Fears *St. Bride*

*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 My Eyes for Beauty Pine Herbert Howells

My eyes for beauty pine, My soul for Goddes grace, No other care nor hope is mine, To heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above: ‘Tis named when God’s name is said, ‘Tis Love, ‘tis heavenly love.

And every gentle heart that burns with true desire, Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

Robert Bridges

*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. 422 (blue hymnal) God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Beach Spring

*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

POSTLUDE Sonata VI

Felix Mendelssohn

Variation 4

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDER FOR WEEK ARE: Debbie Babelay and Daniel Collins
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS 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 Lisa Oros

LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP: Wiley and Emily Wright

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Summer Choir

SENIOR USHER: Don Byerly

USHERS: Doug and Bonny Naugher, Linda VanBeke, Leslie Versen, Genet Weber

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Anne Davidson in honor of all healers of mind, spirit, and body and to the Glory of God.

OUR THANKS to John Brock for leading the Summer Choir this morning and serving as organist while Peter Van Eenam is on sabbatical.

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 start each week in the 10:00 worship service, then head for the McKinnon Room following the Time With Children. Ask Allie Brewington if you have questions (allie_wpc@comcast.net or 584-3957 ext 103).

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.

TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP will meet 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 at 690-3499.

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.

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.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT If you serve on one of the eleven ministry teams at Westminster, remember that we start back up on Tuesday (August 15). The staff will be providing refreshments this month from 7:00 to 7:30 and the meetings begin at 7:30 pm (Worship, Music, and the Arts Ministry, as well as Environmental Concerns Ministry will not be meeting on August 15). Please contact Barbara Adamcik wpcyouth.barbara@gmail.com if you would like to serve on one of the committees.

Ministry Teams

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| Christian Formation | Human Resources |
| Congregational Care | Mission Services |
| Connection | Property |
| Environmental Concerns | Stewardship |
| Fellowship | Worship, Music, and the Arts |
| Finance | |

Serving on a Ministry Team is a great way to get involved in the life of Westminster!

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 TODAY!

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THE SESSION

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