



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

April 8, 2018

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

We have heard so much tragic news that when the news is good we cannot hear it. But the proclamation of Easter Day is that all is well. And as a Christian, I say this not with the easy optimism of one who has never known a time when all was not well but as one who has faced the Cross in all its obscenity as well as in all its glory, who has known one way or another what it is like to live separated from God. In the end, his will, not ours is done. Love is the victor. Death is not the end. The end is life. His life and our lives through him, in him. Existence has greater depths of beauty, mystery, and benediction than the wildest visionary has ever dared to dream. Christ our Lord has risen.

– Frederick Buechner in The Magnificent Defeat

PRELUDE Canzonet Thomas Morley

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) God of Our Life, All-Glorious Lord Herr Jesu Christ, meins
from As Hymnodus Sacer

God of our life, all-glorious Lord, Be now and evermore adored! Into the opening of this day, Bring grace and love and peace, We pray.

Paul Strodach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, people of God, bring the cares of your day and the concerns of your life. Come and be filled with the presence of God.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in God's presence.

Leader: Gather together, people of God, for God has set aside this moment for refreshment of your spirits.

People: We will rejoice and give thanks for God's care.

Leader: Give thanks, people of God, your Savior is doing a new thing; the power to receive it is in your hands.

People: We will rejoice and celebrate for the love of our God!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 455 (blue hymnal) All Creatures of Our God and King
Lasst uns erfreuen
(Verses 1, 2, 3, and 4)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God, we come before you bearing the brokenness of the human church, asking that you make us whole by the power of your Spirit.

O God, we come before you bearing the violence of our time, asking that you would lead us in the way of peace.

O God, we come before you bearing the poverty of our world, asking that you would bind us to those who suffer.

O God, we come before you bearing the wounds of creation, asking that you would teach us to be stewards of the earth.

O God, we come before you bearing the pain that we have caused, asking that you would free us to love more fully.

*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 ...

EPISTLE I John 1

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) J.P. Mackay

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

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

SERMON “Low Sunday” Rev. John Linton Muntz

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. John 20:29

*HYMN NO. 115 (blue hymnal) Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain St. Kevin

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) from the Belhar Confession

God is a God of infinite goodness, who does not will death but life in its fullness, who treasures the poor, the stray sheep, the prodigal, the forsaken. Captured at night, taken away by soldiers, stripped of his garments, interrogated, tortured, crowned with sharp thorns and finally condemned to death on a cross, Jesus entered into solidarity with all humanity. But three days after his death, Jesus emerged alive. Death has been swallowed

up in Christ's resurrection. Oppression has been transformed into a pathway of liberation through sacrifice. We are called by the Holy Spirit to live life to the full: joyous in our hope, confident in our love, and reconciled to the world, our fellow human beings and God. Alleluia. Amen.

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

(9:00) Nursery Slopes (from Alpine Suite) Benjamin Britten

Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Early Will I Seek Thee Thomas Weelkes

Early will I seek Thee, for my soul thirsteth for Thee, I will bless Thee while I live, And lift up my hands in Thy Name. Early will I seek Thee, O God, Thou art my God.

Psalm 63:1,4

*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. 118 (blue hymnal) (11:00) The Day of Resurrection! Lancashire

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Susan McKeehan and J.P. Mackay

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR APRIL 1-15: 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

ACOLYTES (11:00): Griffin and Meghan Oros

GREETERS (11:00): Joyce Ryan and Brenda Seip

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Larry Ridley

USHERS:

(9:00) Rob McKeehan and John Styron

(11:00) Andrew and Kristi Gordon, Buz Johnson, Leonard and Betty McKeehan

KIDS CORNER

Nursery: (9:00) 0-5 year olds during Worship Service

(10:00) 0-2 year olds during Sunday School

(11:00) 0-2 year olds during Worship Service

Sunday School: Pre-K (3-5 YO), K-1st grade, and 2nd-4th grades. Children meet at 10:00 in the downstairs Fellowship Hall before splitting into small groups.

Children’s Worship: Kids age 3 through 2nd grade are invited to join us for Time With The Children before heading downstairs for Children's Worship.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in memory of Billie Ingraham, Barbara Adamcik’s mother.

THOMAS WEELKES (1576-1623) served as organist at Chichester Cathedral. After receiving his bachelor’s degree from New College, Oxford, in 1602, he began his tenure at Chichester. He is best known for his four volumes of madrigals, but he also composed anthems and service music. This morning’s anthem demonstrates his contrapuntal skill and ability to set text in a most expressive manner. The Boys’ Choir here at Westminster has enjoyed singing it several times with the Men of the Chancel Choir in previous years, thereby presenting it with the forces with which it would traditionally have been heard in England.

CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC: Sign ups have begun for the Westminster picnic to be held on Sunday, April 29th at noon immediately after worship. We will be honoring our 2018 graduating high school seniors as well as our Confirmation Class of 2018. Menu will include chicken fingers, veggie and fruit trays, chips and cookies. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH will meet on Thursday, April 19th, at Lakeside Tavern at 11:15 AM. The restaurant is at 10911 Concord Park Drive. Invite a friend or new church member to join us. Please contact Joyce Ryan at by Monday, April 16th to reserve your spot.

SHOW AND WAMS: Well... we planned to have a Try-It (Youth Edition) this Sunday, April 8, from 5-7 p.m. We're going to have to reschedule that cool event, because Julia Whipple has arranged for a very special guest to come to youth. Julia's very good friend is a woman named Dale Dickey. Dale grew up in Knoxville and graduated from Bearden High and UT. Julia says she is the nicest person on the planet. She also happens to be an actress who has more than 100 credits on IMDB. Here are a few of the shows she has been in: The Middle, Grey's Anatomy, Breaking

Bad, Gilmore Girls, Frasier, Iron Man 3, Winter’s Bone, Funny or Die (w/Ben Stiller), Raising Hope, and Sordid Lives (movie and TV version). Dale is going to visit with us, and share some amazing stories. Julia is bringing some clips of Dale's awesome work for us to see. We may even have time for Dale to coach anyone who might want to do a monologue or short scene (less than 2 minutes.) We'll start with dinner at 5, and finish our usual time at 7 p.m. I hope you can come enjoy this special event! Thank you, Julia!!

TALES OF MEDICAL ADVENTURES: We are so glad to have Jean and Brian Bonnyman back in our midst after two years of work as a traveling doctor in other parts of the United States. From the enchanting lands of New Mexico to the rural hills of Piedmont North Carolina, from the cliffs of Baja California to the isolation of the bottom of the Grand Canyon, they experienced rich human cultures and awe-inspiring beauty in nature. They will tell their stories during Sunday School on May 6. Watch the Abbey for details.

WESTMINSTER MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: Our next meeting will be Thursday April 12th at 7:30 am in the McKinnon Room. The lesson will be on the topic 'Energy Water Nexus' and will be presented by Peter Tortorelli. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of Gordon Greeson. All men of the church are welcome. Come join us and bring a friend.



SIGN UP NOW!

Thanks to your generosity in January, the youth collected money to completely sponsor April's LaundryLove project. LaundryLove, an organization which is fairly new to Knoxville, is active in cities across the USA. They provide free laundry service (one Thursday each month) to low-income and homeless families in Knoxville. They also serve a light meal and provide activities for the kids who are there. Our day to provide laundry assistance and a meal will be Thursday, April 19 from 5:15-8:30 p.m. We need 15-20 volunteers to assist with laundry (handing out quarters, helping carry, fold, etc.). We need 4-6 volunteers to serve and plan the meal. We also need people who could play with and entertain the children who are there. This will be a fantastic opportunity to make a connection with and be a help to our neighbors! The event will be held at the Blue Water Laundry 3721 N. Broadway. Look for sign-up sheets on bulletin boards by the offices and kitchen.

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Wired Word: This current topics class is a chance to look at the news with scripture in hand. The class meets in the Prayer Room, and discussion is led by a rotating group of facilitators. All you need is a smartphone or tablet.

Bible Study: Scott Brunger leads a group in the church library that digs DEEP into scriptures each week. The current study is on Ezra.

Feasting on the Word: This is a lectionary-based Bible study that meets in the McKinnon Room. You hear and study the texts that will likely be read in worship that same day.

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER: Are you a new member at Westminster? We will offer a class for you on April 15, 22, and 29 at 10:00 a.m. so you can find out all you want to know about us! These classes take a look at who we Presbyterians are, how you can get involved here, how we govern ourselves, and a bit about our history.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been scheduled April 22nd for the purpose of electing five Elders for the Class of 2021, a Youth Elder for the Class of 2019, and a Trustee for the Class of 2021.

FISH DELIVERY is Thursday, April 12th. The number of families we can help is limited by the number of delivery volunteers we have. During our cold weather it is very important to help as many as we can. You are needed! We deliver in pairs and the names of the food recipients can be picked up at church any time after 10 AM. If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Sue McSween at. Thanks for your help!

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

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Daniel Collins

Vicki Mayfield

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Class of 2020

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