



“Where Faith and Life Connect”
The Order of Worship

Artwork by Clara Oakes
April 29, 2018
11:00 A.M.

YOUTH AND SENIOR SUNDAY

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshipping 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.

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

PRELUDE Moonlight Sonata, Adagio Ludwig van Beethoven
Spencer Williams, Piano

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Gray Davis
Written by the 2013 WAMS (5th-8th Graders)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord, from earth and heaven, all creatures and lands, all people young and old together.

Leader: Let us praise everything on the earth. Let us praise the sun and the moon, the waters and the skies.

People: Thank you for the ground, the trees, the animals, even the mosquitoes, the ticks, the ladybugs. God has created them for a reason and so we are thankful.

Leader: Praise the name of the Lord, for the Lord commanded and they were created.

People: Praise great sea creatures and all ocean depths, all mountains and valleys, every seed and growing tree.

Leader: Praise the Lord for all blessings.

All: Let us praise the name of the Lord, for the name of the Lord alone is exalted above the earth and the heavens. Welcome to this amazing day!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 302 (blue hymnal) I Danced in the Morning

Simple Gifts

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Maggie Gordon

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Written by the 2017 WAMS (5th-8th Graders)

O God, please forgive us for all our sins and what we've done wrong.

Help us to understand what we can do better,

And what we can accomplish in the upcoming week and in all the days and weeks we have before us.

Help us to overcome the obstacles we face

And rise up like eagles on the unseen winds.

Make us realize we could do better.

We ask you to forgive every bad thing, and every mistake.

Thank you for guiding us on the right paths and for all you have given us.

Thank you for cleansing us from our sins this spring and in all seasons of our lives. 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 Proverbs 3:1-8

Katie Rogers

REFLECTIONS

Ellie Tidwell, James Hutzenbiler, Noah Burgin

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

WAMS

Children age 3 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship.

SCRIPTURE I John 4:7-12

Ellie Yates

REFLECTIONS

Ruth Ann Bendy, Emma Adamcik, Garrett Rowcliffe

*HYMN NO. 333 (blue hymnal) Seek Ye First

Lafferty

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

Eric Partelow

Confirmation Class 2018

I believe God is our light and helps us to find goodness in our world. I believe God is always there for us in times of need and will be with us and help us through hard times. I experience the presence of God in the Appalachian Mountains, but I also see God in people; people who help others in need, and always try to love and care for others despite their racial or religious differences.

I believe Jesus is the son of God and represents the extent of God's love for all people. He helped the needy, spread love and kindness, and died to save us.

I believe the Holy Spirit is God's presence in the world and is the place where I can be myself and accept others as they are so that we all can live better lives.

I believe God looks over us, but who looks out for "the Onlooker?" I pray to God, but who prays "for" God? From the creation of the universe God has

seen death, life, love, hate, tragedy and sorrow. God feels our pain, but who feels God's pain? The world will never be perfect, but we can try to inspire one another, and to make God proud.

REFLECTIONS

Spencer Williams, Clara Oakes

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Kieran Harmon, Finn Burgin

Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

God's love is everlasting.

Come, let us praise God joyfully.

Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors;

Thank you, God.

For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;

Thank you, God.

For work to do and strength to work; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;

Thank you, God.

For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies;

Thank you, God.

For the young; for their high hopes; for their irreverence toward worn-out values; for their search for freedom; for their solemn vows;

Thank you, God.

For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; and for time made precious by its passing;

Moment of silent prayer...

Gracious God, we give thanks this morning for the gift of life, the wonder of creation, the bonds of friendship, the challenge of faith, the comfort of your presence.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Help us, we pray, to be responsible citizens of the Earth, to value it as a living work of art, to take care of it as good stewards, and to enjoy its gifts of beauty and recreation.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We give thanks, O God, for this community of faith, for its ministry to those with individual needs, for its outreach to the community, for its seeking to be a place where faith and life connect.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant us the compassion to care about and work to relieve human suffering, to stand with victims of tragedy and disaster, and to be a Christ-like neighbor to all who share this planet with us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

O God of our greatest dreams and highest aspirations, as we now go forth to make our mark on the road of life, we thank you that you walk with us through the seasons of our lives; from childhood to adolescence, from adolescence to young adult. Be with us in the transition from the familiar to the new, be with us in times of sorrow and times of joy, grant us the courage to accept setbacks and failures, and the faith to trust that nothing can separate us from your love; a love which we have experienced from our family and friends, from this church family, but which we see most clearly through Jesus Christ, who taught us all to pray together, saying...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy

will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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 Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One Healey Willan
Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away; for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear upon the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come.

Song of Solomon 2:10-12

***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. 356** (blue hymnal) Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing *Nettleton*

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

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

Danish melody
John Mokrejs

***POSTLUDE** Valcik in D-flat

Ruth Ann Bendy, Piano

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

HEALEY WILLAN (1880-1968) was an Anglo-Canadian organist and composer, writing more than 800 works in nearly every genre, though he is perhaps best known for his sacred music. Born in London, England, he received his training at the Royal College of Organists before emigrating to Canada in 1913. In 1920 he assumed the position of Head of the Theory Department of the Toronto Conservatory of Music. In addition to his duties at the school, Willan became organist and choirmaster at St. Paul's, Bloor Street. In 1921 he was named Precentor of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene in Toronto, a position he would hold until his death. From 1937 to 1950 he was also Professor of Music and University Organist at the University of Toronto.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Vicki Mayfield and Jay Schmid
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MAY 1-15: Bill and Bonnie Rogers
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: Hannah Mathews and Anna Grace Gilbert

GREETERS: Shea Bell, Brooke Sudlow, Rhys Whipple

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Jack Carley

SENIOR USHER: Larry Ridley

USHERS: Ashley, Kara, Macy and Scott Porter and Gary Rowcliffe, Sophie Manrod, Will Manrod, Jake Phillips, Lucy Gordon, Chloe Smith, Fiona Collins, Gracie Kringen

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Gloria Borum in memory of her precious mother, Etta R. Borum, on the occasion of her 91st birthday.

OUR THANKS to Ruth Ann Bendy and Spencer Williams for their enrichment of our worship this morning.

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

ALL CHURCH PICNIC IS TODAY!!

We hope that you will join us for lunch after worship. Extra food has been ordered to accommodate everyone. The meal is chicken, veggie and fruit trays, coleslaw, chips, and ice cream sundaes. A suggested \$7 per person/ \$25 cap per family donation is suggested to help offset the cost of the food and can be placed in the donation jars at the beginning of the food line. The confirmation class and graduating seniors will be treated to a free lunch! ☺ We ask that everyone wear a name tag today - they are located in the Narthex. Tables are set up in the Fellowship Hall and McKinnon Room or you can eat in the courtyard if you brought a blanket or chairs to sit on.

ABBEY DEADLINE is today. Please send articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

JUSTICE KNOX REGISTRATION CARDS available in the Narthex for the 2018 Nehemiah Action Assembly being held Monday, April 30th from 7:00-8:30 PM at Central United Methodist Church. Elected officials will be at this meeting to pledge action on education, mental health and housing issues. Westminster has just joined this coalition of over 20 faith groups dedicated to work for social justice in our community. For more information, please contact: Judy Barnette: judybarnette1312@yahoo.com or Jackie Vanden Dorpel: peacefully35@gmail.com.

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.

FISH DELIVERY is Thursday, May 10th. The number of families we can help is limited by the number of delivery volunteers we have and 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 584-1958 or suemcsween@gmail.com. Thanks for your help.

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Melissa Everett, Administrative Assistant

Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICES

Westminster has experienced losses of two very vibrant members of our family of faith this week. We hope that you will make plans to attend their services.

Don Byerly's funeral will take place on Sunday, May 6 at 2:00 pm.

John Eaddy's funeral will take place on Saturday, May 19 at 2:00 pm.

Receiving of Friends for both families will be held immediately after the funeral services. Please contact the church office if you are able to bring a finger food for either or both of the receptions (584-3957 ext 100 or renee_wpc@comcast.net). We appreciate you!



**Musica
Organi**

DO YOU LIKE A HYMN SING? Master improviser Pamela Ruitter-Feenstra is back to play at Westminster Church Friday evening, May 11, at 8:00, as part of this season's *Musica Organi* recital series. She will lead an imaginative program of her design entitled *Gratitude: Psalms, hymns, and improvisations*, involving the audience as congregation. It is a holistic and spiritual festival of hymn singing, liturgy, and prayer. Dr. Ruitter-Feenstra is frequently heard at regional and national conventions of the American Guild of Organists and is rapidly gaining recognition as a hymn festival

designer and leader, an international concert and liturgical artist, composer, conductor, teacher, and author. Her newest hymn texts and compositions focus on social justice for marginalized populations. We are most privileged to again host her and I hope you'll join us on May 11 for a truly extraordinary musical and spiritual experience!

Peter Van Eenam

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

Vicki Mayfield

Cindy Pearman

Jay Schmid

Class of 2020

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James Everett

Andrew Gordon

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Shawn Owens

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