

"Where Faith and Life Connect"

The Order of Worship

July 22, 2018 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.

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

**PRELUDE** Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (from *Cantata No. 147*)

J. S. Bach

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION **CALL TO WORSHIP** 

from Psalm 24

Leader: God of grace, who leads us into the challenges of everyday,

People: Refresh us with your mercy.

Leader: God of love, who calls us out of torment into peace,

People: Refresh us with your mercy.

Leader: God of the lost, the hurt, the oppressed,

People: Refresh us with your mercy.

Leader: God of our successes and struggles,

People: Refresh us with your mercy.

Leader: God of mystery, who calls us into the unknown,

People: Refresh us with your mercy. Leader: Come. Let us worship God!

#### TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 473 (blue hymnal) For the Beauty of the Earth

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (the people uniting)

Lord, we confess that your justice is too seldom seen in us. Our resolve to build a just society and a just world weakens in the face of controversy and personal sacrifice.

Lord, we confess your mercy is too seldom seen in us. Fear, anger, pride and prejudice all lead us to judge others harshly.

Lord, we confess your compassion is too seldom seen in us. It is difficult to see with another's eyes, to feel another's pain.

Lord, judge us and forgive us. Free us from whom we have been and how we have lived, so that we might become the persons you mean us to be, and to live as your justice, mercy and compassion require.

\*KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574 (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon

### \*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 ...

# **HEBREW HISTORY**

**SERMON** 

II Samuel 18, excerpts

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Kathleen Farnham

Dix

Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship. Children are welcome in worship here or a nursery is available.

"The Ultimate Power of Love" Rev. John Linton Muntz

**EPISTLE** Ephesians 2:1-10

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not of your own doing; it is the gift of God." Ephesians 1:8

\*HYMN NO. 272 (blue hymnal) God of the Sparrow

Roeder

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

from A Declaration of Faith

We believe that God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of his dealing with us. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. God has created us and endowed us with capacities to make the world serve his needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. We are free to seek life within the purpose of God, to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use our creative powers for the fulfillment of all life.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** ... The Lord's Prayer

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center

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 Mighty Lord, Thy Faithfulness Abideth Ever

Antonio Lotti

Mighty Lord, Thy faithfulness abideth ever, for evermore, to eternity; God of love, have mercy on us Thy children, who put their trust in Thee. O be merciful, mighty Lord, to us who know Thy great love.

Henry Wilder Foote

\*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal) Old Hundredth \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

\*HYMN NO. 538 (blue hymnal) Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing Sicilian Mariners \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Danish melody Alfred V. Fedak

\*POSTLUDE Postlude on "Sicilian Mariners"

(Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing)

\*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Anne Crais and Andrew Gordon **CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JULY:** Cindy Spangler 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:** Bob and Ada Pfohl

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Rick Rawe MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Summer Choir

**SENIOR USHER:** Jerry Carley

USHERS: Scott Rutherford, John Salsbery, Brenda Seip, Leslie Verson, Bill

**LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP: Scott Carley** 

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Tim and Joyce Ryan in honor of Joyce's birthday and the SHOW kids who worked so hard on our ASP project in Hazard, KY.

THE BIRTH CANDLE is lit today in celebration of James Richards Ingram who was born on July 14<sup>th</sup> to Thomas and Meg Ingram. Big brother Everett and grandparents Lee and Bitsy Ingram are happy that he is here as well! Congratulations!!

<u>OUR THANKS</u> to Eileen Rudd for leading the Summer Choir and serving as organist this morning while Peter Van Eenam is away.

**FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING SUMMER CHOIR,** music for the next several Sundays will be rehearsed immediately after worship today.

<u>THE BIBLE STUDY CLASS</u> meets after worship in the Library to study Maccabees. The Maccabees' struggle is the source of the story of Hannukah. Scott Brunger and Phil Barnette will lead the class.



MOTHER'S MORNING OUT: Drop your kids off Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:30 AM. We'll have crafts, stories, snacks, and more. Email Allie at allie\_wpc@comcast.net if you're interested!

<u>VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER</u> is desperately in need of men's shorts and pants sizes 30 to 34 inches, men's socks and underwear. You can place your donations in the collection area at the base of the stairs leading to the children's ministry area.

SHARE THE BOUNTY: You may have noticed that our Share the Bounty table is back in the Schilling Gallery for the summer and is starting to provide produce, mainly gorgeous greens at this point. Later, you will be seeing beets, tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant. You are more than welcome to help yourself to what is provided on the table. If you have a bit too much of something from your garden, bring it in to share. You may find here flowers and herbs, as well as vegetables. It changes every week, so take a look and take some home. There is also a donation basket with any contributions this year going to our Presbytery's Carbon Footprint Fund. Also, take a walk around our organic veggie garden located behind the sanctuary – it's amazing what good things can come from a small space.

The Environmental Ministry Team

# BIG SUMMER



"BIG SUMMER" activities are today after Time with Children. All school aged kids are welcome to join us for larger than life activities in the Fellowship Hall. We're keeping the events a surprise to build some suspense, but think of some traditional fun- upsized!



# WESTMINSTER NIGHT AT THE SMOKIES

is August 11, 2018. It is UT Theme Night and fireworks will take place immediately after the game. UT Cheerleaders will be in attendance. RSVP deadline is July 31. Send in \$9 per ticket to the church office. The

Fellowship Team is sponsoring this event.

<u>A CELEBRATION RECEPTION</u> will be held during the Lemonade Fellowship time next Sunday for Aaron Phipps and his family. Please stop by and introduce yourself to the family. This is sponsored by our TakeOne team.

<u>THE ABBEY DEADLINE</u> is today. Please submit your articles to Debbie Bendy <u>unitedprinters@comcast.net.</u> All events through August 12<sup>th</sup> should be included in this next edition.

#### THE RUTHIE CAREY MEMORIAL PAVILION

The construction is underway! It is exciting to see it come alive right before our eyes. Take a moment to visit the construction site - it is going to be a beautiful setting! Many thanks to all of you who are making this pavilion possible.

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# THE SESSION

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