



The Order of Worship

April 28, 2019
9:00 and 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, 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 Liebestraum No. 3 in A-flat Franz Liszt
Chloe Smith, Piano

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) God Moves in a Mysterious Way John Wall Callcott
God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform; He plants His footsteps in the sea, And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines, With never failing skill, He treasures up His bright designs, And works His sov' reign will.

William Cowper
Shea Bell

CALL TO WORSHIP

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. 319 (blue hymnal) Spirit Spirit

*CALL TO CONFESSION Ellie Yates

*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 Rhys Whipple

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Lucy Gordon
Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Sunday School.

MUSIC FOR HANDBELLS Sarabande (from *Pour le Piano*) Claude Debussy
trans. Wallace Hornbrook
Handbell Choir

SCRIPTURE I John 4:7-12 Griffin Oros

REFLECTIONS Kay Harmon, Mac Whipple, Caroline McRae, Maggie Gordon

*HYMN My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout *Canticle of the Turning*
(See insert)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) Chloe Smith (9:00); Liam Hagan (11:00)
2019 Confirmation Class

I believe that God has created us and the world around us. I believe that God loves everyone regardless of a person's sexuality, race, gender or religion. God wants us to love and care for others and to try to live in peace. I look to God when I am grateful and when I am in times of despair. As God is forgiving and accepting and wants the best for everyone, I think we should be less critical, less judgmental, more flexible, and nicer to people. I imagine my relationship with God will grow and change as I seek to be all that God wants me to be.

I believe that Jesus Christ is our Savior who died for our sins and would die for me one thousand times over. I shall strive to live life by the teachings of Jesus Christ and to be the best human being possible. The Holy Spirit is how God works through people, but is also like an invisible companion who offers a gentle guidance and surrounds us day to day.

I think that the Church is a place for people to feel safe worshiping God and a place that is open to anyone. Even though we may disagree at times, everyone has a purpose and we need to respect each other's ideas. While there are many things I do not understand, I believe we make God happy by communication, openness, understanding, prayer, and living to help others.

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING Katie Rogers

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

(9:00) Teach Me Your Ways, Lord Harald Rohlig
Teach me Your ways, Lord, make them known to me. Teach me to live according to Your truth, because You are my Savior. All day long I trust in You because You are my Savior.

Psalm 25:4-5

(11:00) I Give You a New Commandment Peter Aston
I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you, so you are to love one another. If there is this love among you, then all will know that you are my disciples.

John 13:34-35

***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** Meghan Oros

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 434** (blue hymnal) Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Kingsfold

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (11:00)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Senior Class of 2019

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

(9:00) Go Now in Peace Natalie Sleeth
arr. Peter Van Eenam

Go now in peace; may the love of God surround you ev'rywhere you may go.

(11:00) God Be in My Head Natalie Sleeth
Andrea Ramsey

God be in my head and in my understanding, God be in my eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart. God be at my end and my beginning, and all days in between.

from the *Sarum Primer*

***POSTLUDE** Ricercare Floriano Arresti

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Vicki Mayfield and Buz Johnson
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: Bobby Powell

GREETERS: Gary and Sandra Rowcliffe

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Boys', Girls', and Handbell Choirs

(11:00) Handbell Choir and Westminster Choristers

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Reed Ellis

SENIOR USHER: Larry Ridley

USHERS:

(9:00) David Woodall and Jeff Bendy

(11:00) Westminster Youth

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Norman McRae and Linda Judge-McRae in honor of their daughter, Caroline Winson Park McRae, who arrived from South Korea to be a part of their family 17 years ago on April 24. Caroline will celebrate her 18th birthday on May 27.

OUR THANKS to Chloe Smith for her enrichment of our worship this morning. Many thanks also to John Harrison and Paul McGavic for assisting the Westminster Choristers.

WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE and thank our graduating Choristers, Maggie Gordon and Kay Harmon, for their service to the music program and this church. It has been such a privilege and pleasure to work together.

Peter Van Eenam

ABBAY DEADLINE is today. Please send articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.
VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER: Currently, the VMC needs size 32" men's pants and and men's shoes. You can drop off your donations in the VMC donation area at the base of the stairs leading to the Children's education wing.

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HARALD ROHLIG was born in Germany and raised there during the years leading up to and including World War II. The son of a United Methodist preacher, he was forced to fight for Germany as an anti-aircraft gunner, while his father was imprisoned at the Bergen Belsen concentration camp for preaching a sermon on obeying God before man. Captured and imprisoned by the Allies, he was released in 1948, at which time he resumed his musical education at Osnabrück Conservatory in Germany and as an exchange student at the Royal Conservatory of Music in London. In 1953 he and his wife emigrated to the United States, where he assumed the post of Minister of Music and Organist at the First United Methodist Church of Linden, Alabama. Two years later he joined the faculty of Huntingdon College in Montgomery, where he remained until his retirement in 2006.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS

All Sunday school classes begin at 10:00 a.m. each week.

Bible Study - Adult Bible study meets in the library and they are studying the Gospel of John.

The Wired Word - Led by a rotating group of teachers, this class takes a look at how scripture addresses current topics. All you need is a smart phone or tablet. The class meets in the Prayer Room.

Feasting on the Word - This lectionary-based study provides some background for the scriptures read during worship each week. Also led by a teaching team, this class meets in the McKinnon Room

THE SESSION

Class of 2019

Debbie Babelay

Daniel Collins

Vicki Mayfield

Cindy Pearman

Jay Schmid

Youth Elder: Maggie Gordon

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Class of 2020

Scott Brunger

James Everett

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeehan

Shawn Owens

Class of 2021

Brian Bonnyman

Anne Crais

Amy Gilbert

Buz Johnson

Rachel Powell

TRUSTEES

Alice Mercer

Reed Ellis

Jeff Browning

FISH DELIVERY is Thursday, May 9th. 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 the church as well as non food items. Please note the time for teams to pick up their food recipient sheets for delivery is now 1 PM. Please contact Georgann Byerley, if you are able to make deliveries. Thanks for your help!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING held today after the 11:00 am worship service for the purpose of electing five Elders for the Class of 2022, a Youth Elder for the Class of 2020, and a Trustee for the Class of 2022. The nominees for Elders are Robert Albiston, Janet Drumm, Colleen Manrod, Charlie Mercer and Leslie Versen. Youth elder nominee is Katie Rogers. The Trustee nomination is Cile Mathews. Learn more about these members through their bios and pictures hanging on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER TREE: There are still lots of names left on the tree in the Schilling Gallery. Please choose a name off the tree and spend the next year connecting with the child. Send a birthday card, congratulations on the completion of the school year, and other assorted things. Most of all, keep the child in prayer. We love all Westminster's youth and children!



SHOW UP FOR JUSTICE!! Monday, May 6th at 6 PM car-pools will leave WPC for the 2019 Annual Nehemiah Action Assembly for Justice Knox at Central United Methodist Church, 201 Third Street. If you are committed to letting our local leaders know that we support specific actions to improve education, affordable housing and mental health treatment, please bring at least three friends to this annual

Assembly to show, that we are serious about doing justice. If you are active in other efforts already, please consider coming out this one night a year to support the work that our research teams have done all year. The Nehemiah Action impact depends on "a great assembly" of support as we address our elected and appointed leaders in Knoxville and Knox County! Please let Judy or Jackie know that you will SHOW UP FOR JUSTICE!

THE MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet this Thursday, May 2 at 10:00 AM in the SHOW room. This is our final meeting before summer.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC: Join us May 5th at noon as we celebrate our confirmands and graduating seniors! We will have chicken tenders, chips, fruit, veggies, and ice cream with fresh strawberries. Please RSVP by 4/29 to attend so that Fellowship can plan accordingly. The cost is \$7/person with a cap at \$25/family. Money is payable at the time of the picnic. Sign up today at the bulletin boards in the Schilling Gallery and by the kitchen door.



A SESSION MEETING is scheduled for today at 12:15 in the McKinnon Room.

SHOW AND WAMS will not be meeting this evening! But will resume next Sunday for a parent and youth Summer sign-up event. Important dates to check:

- High School Montreat (8-12th graders) June 9-15
- Pilgrimage to New Mexico June 26-July 7
- Win Our World Urban Ministry (5-8th graders) June 16-21