



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship
May 2, 2021
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God. Please remember to only hum along with the music.

PRELUDE Prelude in A Minor, BWV 543, 1 J. S. Bach
OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When we are joyful, when we are filled with sadness,
People: God welcomes us with love.
Leader: When we are bewildered, when we are full of questions,
People: God welcomes us with love.
Leader: Wise and mysterious, just and merciful,
People: God is on the side of truth.
Leader: In the raising of Christ,
People: God is on the side of hope.
Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

HYMN NO. 229 (blue hymnal) From All That Dwell Below the Skies
Lasst uns erfreuen
From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator’s praise arise: Alleluia!
Alleluia! Let the Redeemer’s name be sung Through every land, in every tongue. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy word: Alleluia!
Alleluia! Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)
Gracious God, we come before you, distracted and unfocused, too full of ourselves and too empty of your spirit. Help us this morning to clear our minds of worries and plans. Help us to let go of unkindness and any grudges we hold. Move us to look beyond our lives and to center ourselves in your goodness and grace. Like a loving parent, O Lord, guide us to make choices that honor you. Forgive our sins, strengthen our resolve to do good, encourage our hearts, that we might be the people you have called us to be. In Christ’s name, we pray. 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 I John 4:7-21
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Allie Brewington
Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go to the playground after the lesson.

SCRIPTURE Acts 8:26-40
SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips
HYMN NO. 295 (Glory to God hymnal) Go to the World! Sine Nomine

Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life’s worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go into every place. Go live the word of God’s redeeming grace. Go seek His presence in each time and space. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day. As servant Church, you follow Christ’s own way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry, “Amen!” Alleluia! Alleluia!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) I Corinthians 13:1-7
If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to

remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

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.

ARIA Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth (from Elijah) Felix Mendelssohn
Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heavenly Father’s realm. Joy on their head shall be for everlasting, and all sorrow and mourning shall flee away forever.

Matthew 13:43 and Isaiah 35:10
John Harrison, Tenor
Margaret Harrison, Piano

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen
Danish melody
*POSTLUDE Fugue in A Minor, BWV 543, 2 J. S. Bach

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

OUR THANKS to John and Margaret Harrison for their enrichment of our worship this morning.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for a FANTASTIC Youth Sunday!!

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in memory of Joe Ben Turner.

THE WEEKLY ZOOM WITH JOHN AND IBBIE MUNTZ will not meet this Monday, May 3.

JUSTICE KNOX ANNUAL NEHEMIAN ACTION MEETING

Monday, May 3, 7:00-8:30pm (via zoom)

*This is our chance to stand up for real change in
housing, education, mental health and transportation
for all people in Knoxville!*

Mayor Kincannon, Council Members and other politicians
will be with us. Let's show them how many people are
working for justice in Knoxville.

Questions? Jean Bonnyman: jwbonnyman@comcast.net
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MEN’S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: We will resume the Men's Breakfast on Thursday, May 6, at 8am in the Pavilion. Charlie Van Beke will be the speaker and his lesson will be entitled *Does the Supreme Court Need Restructuring?* Charlie is a retired lawyer and will certainly bring an interesting viewpoint to this timely topic. We will set up chairs in the Pavilion, so there is no need to bring your own chair. We will also once again provide sausage biscuits if you so desire. Just send Tim Crais an email if you would like a biscuit. We will rely on you to bring your own coffee, tea, water or another beverage of your own choosing. So, we are all set for May 6. We hope you will attend and bring a friend or new member with you.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY will meet Thursday, May 6 at 10:00 am in the pavilion.

FARRAGUT NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP will gather on Wednesday, May 5th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Each family will bring a picnic and drink for your family.

ABBEY DEADLINE is today! Send your article to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

YOUTH THIS SUNDAY

Thanks to everyone who led Youth Sunday! It was a beautiful and special day!! This week, each of our youth groups (WAMS-Middle School and SHOW-High School) will have their own activities.

2:00-3:30 - WAMS (5th-8th grade) will have their Middle School-only Hunger Games tag match. We'll meet at church, and hold the games outside.

4:00-5:30 - SHOW (8th-12th grade) Is going to enjoy a hang-out/study break fellowship time at Lakeshore Park. We're bringing Frisbees, Bocce Ball, and other outdoor games. We'll also bring a snack. You may want to bring a lawn chair or blanket. We'll meet in the upper parking lot (Off of Lyon's View.)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

will continue to meet through Memorial Day

Feasting on the Word

This lectionary-based class meets each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Courtyard near the columbarium.

Bible Study

The Adult Bible Study class is studying the book of II Samuel each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the breezeway near the door into the education wing.

Women’s Bible Study Groups

There are two opportunities for Women’s Bible study. Both groups are using the same curriculum, which is entitled *Into the Light*. We are taking a look at lament in scripture and our lives. The evening group meets on the fourth Monday of each month (April 26) at 7:00 pm (via Zoom). The morning group meets on the first Thursday of each month (May 6) at 10:00 a.m. in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion.

Congregational Chat Zoom with John & Ibbie Muntz

Will not be meeting May 3

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