

The Order of Worship

July 4, 2021 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

William Billings

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

Please collect your individually wrapped communion elements from the Narthex.

PRELUDE

(9:00) Elms (from Views from the Oldest House) Ned Rorem
 (11:00) Let All Things Now Living Unite in Thanksgiving The Ash Grove arr. Dan Miller

Members of the Handbell Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) Chester William Billings

from The Singing Master's Assistant, Boston, c. 1770

- 1. Let tyrants shake their iron rod, And Slav'ry clank her galling chains, We fear them not, we trust in God, New-england's God for ever reigns.
- 5. What grateful Off'ring shall we bring? What shall we render to the Lord? Loud Halleluiahs let us Sing, And praise his name on ev'ry Chord.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: At God's table of justice, everyone has a place and none are turned

way.

People: Here strangers are welcomed as friends, the poor sit alongside the

rich, and the upside-down kin-dom of God is revealed.

Leader: At God's table of abundance, a banquet of righteousness and liberation

is set for all.

People: Here the powerless are heard; the outcast are showered with honor,

and the inside-out kin-dom of God is revealed.

Leader: At God's table of life, all peoples know peace and creation flourishes.

People: Here the hopeless are nourished with possibility, the complacent are transformed into advocates for change. Here in our very midst the

kin-dom of God is revealed.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 372 (Glory to God hymnal) O for a World

Azmon

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Eternal God, before you nations rise and fall. Help us to repent our country's wrong, and to choose your way of reunion and renewal.

Great God, renew this nation.

Give us a glimpse of the Kingdom you are bringing to earth, where death and violence and hunger will be no more, and where all nations gather in the light of your presence.

Great God, renew this nation.

Teach us peace, that we may plow up battlefields and pound weapons into building tools, and learn to talk across old boundaries as brothers and sisters in your love.

Great God, renew this nation.

Talk sense to us, so that we may wisely end all prejudices, and may put a stop to injustice and cruelty, which divides or wounds the human family. Great God, renew this nation.

Draw us together as one people who do your will, so that we may be a light to our nation, leading the way to your promised kingdom, which is even now coming among us.

Great God, renew this nation.

Great God, eternal Lord, show us there is no law or liberty apart from you; and let us serve you whole-heartedly, as your devoted followers, through Christ our Lord.

*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)

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Ellen Anderson

Fintan O'Carroll

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Children age 3 to 8 are invited to go to the playground after the lesson.

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 6:1-13
SERMON "Sufficient Grace" Barbara Adamcik

*HYMN NO. 507 (blue hymnal) I Come with Joy Dove of Peace

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

Pulpit Side: We are a cloth of diverse colors made from many gifts and graces.

Organ Side: We are the people of God, our Creator, surprising ourselves with

the things which can be done.

Pulpit Side: Our lives interweave, with constant possibility for rewarding

relationships.

Organ Side: We contribute one to the other, holding each other firm when we

are weak or breaking.

Pulpit Side: We are each worthy of being cared for and respected

Organ Side: essential to the woven pattern, skilled in our appointed tasks,

both sources of laughter and sharers of tears.

Pulpit Side: We are imperfect--yet faithful,

Organ Side: flawed-yet hopeful.

ALL: We commit ourselves to work together, that one day, this world

may be a place where all people live in justice, freedom and peace.

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) Let All Things Now Living Unite in Thanksgiving
(11:00) Wondrous Love

The Ash Grove
Southern folk hymn

arr. Marie Pooler

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, to God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity, I'll sing on.

American folk hymn, c. 1811

*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology No. 608 (Glory to God hymnal) Tallis' Canon (Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 748 (Glory to God hymnal))

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Prayer continues (11:00))...to the glory of your name.

People: Holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

(Prayer continues (11:00))...Great is the mystery of faith.

People: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Collected from the Narthex upon entry to the sanctuary.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 339 (Glory to God hymnal) (11:00) Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift Every Voice

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Amen

Danish melody

*POSTLUDE

(9:00) Prologue (excerpt)

Edward Rader

(from Mass for World Peace)

Edward Rader and Richard Trythall, Pianos Members of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra

(11:00) Wondrous Love, Variation V

Daniel Pinkham

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Penny Tschantz and Bob Albiston CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JULY: Lana Daverman and Susan McKeehan LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from 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

SENIOR USHER: Melissa Everett

USHERS:

(9:00) Daniel Berry and Scott Brunger

(11:00) Joyce and Tim Ryan, Scott Rutherford, Tom and Georgann Byerley

GREETER: (11:00) Kathryn Oakes **SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Peter Tortorelli

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Members of the Handbell Choir

(11:00) Chancel Choir and members of the Handbell Choir

<u>FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY</u> are given by Daniel and Melanie Lewis in honor of their children, Adelina and Owen.

LEMONADE TIME: Join us after the 11am worship service for a glass of lemonade while you fellowship with your Westminster family. The table will be set up in the Schilling Gallery.

THIS MORNING'S MUSIC is, to a great extent, from American composers, ranging from the pre-Revolutionary War period, through the 1800's shape note tradition, contemporary New England-based Ned Rorem and Daniel Pinkham, to Westminster's own Edward Rader. Thanks be to God for this rich tradition of sacred music!



MOTHER'S MORNING OUT: NO MMO on July 5 due to the observed holiday. This service will be available Mondays and Wednesdays 9:00-12:00, from June 28-August 4. Kids 0-10 years old are welcome, and older siblings are welcome to come as "volunteers" to help the nursery workers. The cost is \$10/child a day. You can attend as often or as little as you would like. Let Allie know if you are interested! allie_wpc@comcast.net.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Feasting on the Word

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

Bible Study

The Adult Bible Study class is studying Galatians each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the McKinnon Room with a Zoom option.

Congregational Chat Zoom with John & Ibbie Muntz

will resume July 12!

<u>SENIOR USHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:</u> We have two Senior Usher vacancies. If you are interested in serving the church in this way, please contact Melissa Everett for more details! Melissa_wpc@comcast.net

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

MEDIA UPDATE! The 11:00 sanctuary service will be recorded and posted to our YouTube channel Sunday afternoons. You can find a link to our YouTube channel on the front of our website, www.wpcknox.org. Please be patient with us as we learn the new video system installed in the sanctuary.

BULLETIN ARTWORK made by WPC children during 2021 Vacation Bible School!

<u>10:00 AM SUMMER WORSHIP RETURNS!</u> We will transition to a single service for all August Sundays and September 5. This will be one worship service in the sanctuary!

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed July 5, for the observed holiday! See you then!

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New Exhibit in Schilling Gallery

Take time to enjoy a beautiful new exhibit by professional artist, Jonathan Howe, now on display in the Schilling Gallery.

Jonathan graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Maryville College in 2007 and soon launched a professional career in painting oils and acrylics of portraits and landscapes. He has created works for private and corporate collectors across the southeast, including Clayton Homes, U.T. Medical Center, Kroger, Gaylord Texan Resort and many others as clients.

The show will be available for viewing through the end of August.