



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

April 2, 2023
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

PALM 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

- (9:00) Herzliebster Jesu Johannes Brahms
Ah, Dearest Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended
- Valet will ich dir geben Max Reger
All Glory, Laud, and Honor
(from 30 kleine Choralvorspiele für Orgel, Op. 135a)
- (11:00) Prayer John Gouwens
Handbell Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Kathy Parsons, Liturgist

- Leader: Humble and riding on a donkey,
- People: We greet you;**
- Leader: Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,
- People: We cheer you;**
- Leader: moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,
- People: We salute you: Christ our Lord.**
- Leader: You are giving the beast of burden
- People: A new dignity;**
- Leader: you are giving majesty
- People: A new face;**
- Leader: You are giving those who long for redemption
- People: A new song to sing.**

Leader: With them, with heart and voice, we shout:
People: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 197 (Glory to God hymnal) Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Ellacombe

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you: we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own.

*KYRIE ELEISON John L. Bell

Choir: ALL:

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Choir: ALL:

Chri - ste e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

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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 Of the Father's Love Begotten Divinum mysterium

Christ, to Thee with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho-ly Ghost, to Thee,

Hymn and chant and high thanks-giv - ing And un-wea-ried prais - es be:

Hon-or, glo-ry, and do-min - ion, And e - ter-nal vic-to - ry,

Ev - er-more and ev - er - more!—

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:1-11

*CANTICLE (11:00) To My Humble Supplication Mon Dieu, prête-moi l'oreille

To my hum-ble sup-pli - ca - tion, Lord, give ear and ac-cep - ta - tion;

Save thy serv-ant that hath none Help nor hope but thee a - lone.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Linda Judge McRae

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:12-17

SERMON “The Authorized Bullies”

Rev. Gradye Parsons

*HYMN NO. 769 (Glory to God hymnal) For Everyone Born For Everyone Born

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**

We believe in the God who is the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud. We trust in our Holy Parent who judges and shows mercy. We hope in our Creator who is faithful to all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in the Jesus who rode in triumph into Jerusalem. We trust in the Messiah who was crucified, died, and was buried. We hope in the living Christ who walked out of the tomb.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of faith and formation. We trust in the Breath of Life who stirs, sustains, and sanctifies. We hope in our Advocate who brings to us, and through us the gift of God's peace.

THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

- (9:00) Prayer John Gouwens
- (11:00) Sanctus (from Requiem, Op. 48) Gabriel Fauré
Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Isaiah 6:3

Jennifer Van Eenam Yarbrough, Violin
Blake Yarbrough, Horn

*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. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Come. Come and find your place at this table. Come without answers. Come without knowing peace. Come without preparation.

Come. Come to find a place here. This is the table Christ prepares for us.
This is the feast God imagines - here peace can be found in a simple meal.

COMMUNION PRAYER (responsive)

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks for the peace of God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: In the streets, in our homes, here beside this table, we give you thanks,
O Holy One. We give you thanks for giving us a story....
We remember that your story did not begin with this parade,
but began when you came to move over the waters of creation.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: We remember the tragedies that came to your people. And we know that you were not silent.

People: You gave your people a story. You gave your people a rainbow. You gave your people a song. You gave your people peace.

Leader: Gather here with us now, O Holy One, speak to us through this bread and this cup. Remind us of all the stories we've ever heard about you. Imbue these symbols with your peace so that we might find your peace within ourselves.

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

The Elders will pass the trays through the pews.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

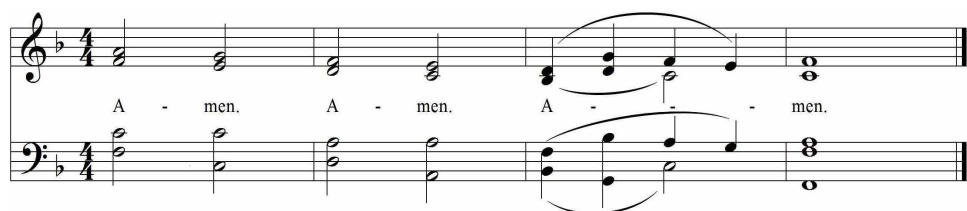
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (9:00) Amen Danish melody



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (11:00) The Lord Bless You and Keep You Peter C. Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

***POSTLUDE** Gott sei gelobet und gebenedeiet Heinrich Scheidemann
God Be Praised and Glorified

Chorale text: O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee, In thanksgiving bow before Thee. Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!

Anonymous

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Jaclyn Beeler and Josh Birdwell
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR APRIL: Susan McKeehan and Lana Daverman
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.
PLEASE place your bulletin into a blue recycling bins located at the Narthex door if you do not wish to take it home.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE: Sarah Salsbery

GREETERS: Charlie and Alice Mercer

LITURGIST: Kathy Parsons

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Handbell Choir

(11:00) Chancel and Handbell Choirs

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: John Salsbery

SENIOR USHER: Linda Van Beke

USHERS:

(9:00) Jeff Bendy, Scott Brunger

(11:00) Nancy Lowe, Tom Byerly, Shirley Wittman, Rob McKeehan,
Susan McKeehan

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Kathryn and Rick Oakes in loving memory of Barbara Schilling, in celebration of Clara Oakes, and in gratitude for our Westminster family.

OUR THANKS to Jennifer and Blake Yarbrough, older daughter and son-in-law of Peter and Anne Van Eenam, for their enrichment of our worship at the 11:00 service this morning. Jennifer grew up in this church, studying violin with Helen Bryenton and Sean K. Claire, before continuing her study at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, where she met Blake, a graduate horn student there. They currently live in Bremerton, Washington. Home for a visit, they graciously offered to bring their instruments.

THIS MORNING'S MUSIC FOR HANDBELLS was commissioned by the Westminster Handbell Choir in August of 1986. John Gouwens is recently retired from his position as Organist and Carillonneur at the Culver Military Academy in Culver, Indiana, and is a graduate of the music schools at the University of Michigan, the University of Kansas, and Indiana University. This work is his Opus 14.

THE ABBEY DEADLINE is TODAY. Please email your articles to Debbie Bendy. Her

email address is unitedprinters@comcast.net.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, April 11 beginning at 6:30 pm.

BAREFOOT IN THE PARK - FINAL PERFORMANCE TODAY at 3:00pm. Don't miss this chance to laugh, love, and marvel at the amazing talents of our Westminster Players. Recommended for ages 11-111. **CHILD CARE is available for today's performance!!

YOUTH SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION Bidding for the Youth's Silent Auction items will begin TODAY!! A table is set up in the Schilling Gallery where everyone can register and receive bidding ID numbers. Bidding will continue through the April 23 lunch event. Also available are amazing "big ticket" items like: Dinner for 8 hosted by Betty McKeehan, 4 tickets to a 2024 Lady Vols Basketball game (including parking!) donated by Laura Stockdale, a sunset wine and cheese cruise hosted by Kathy and Sky Huck, and more!!! Thank you for supporting our youth's pilgrimage to New Mexico!!!

BOOKS AND JAZZY JARS: Thank you to those who have already donated! Please bring any books in good condition for Westview Elementary School, and drop in the designated box in the Nartex. This is the last day to donate. Please save any clear plastic, wide-mouthed jars with lids to make jazzy jars for the spring carnival/fundraiser. More details in three or four weeks.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE, is Thursday, April 6 at 8:00 pm in the WPC Sanctuary. We hope to see you!

EASTER BREAKFAST Our annual Easter Breakfast will be next Sunday, April 9 at 10:00am (in place of Sunday school). This church-favorite event is volunteer based, so we need your help. Please contact at: Allie_wpc@comcast.net, to let her know what you will be bringing, or sign up on the sheets in the Narthex and Schilling Gallery today. Thank you to all the volunteers who help make this event a success!

9:00 AM SUNDAY SERVICES we will be held in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion beginning April 16th.

YOUTH ADVENTURE TRIP to Ijams Nature Center and the Navitat Treetop Zipline adventure is immediately following church today. If you just want to hike the trails, there will be a group doing that instead of the ziplines, and hiking is free. Meet in the Lisa Kaufman Hall for a quick pizza/salad lunch, then we leave for Ijams by 12:40. We will return to WPC by 4:00. Cost for the Zipline adventure is \$50. Hiking is free. (Kayak and paddleboard rentals are closed until late spring.)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:00 am

Adult Bible Study: Unpacks a book of the Bible (McKinnon Hall)

Feasting on the Word: Studies scriptures used in Worship (Lisa Kaufman Hall)

The Wired Word: Discusses current events with a theological eye (Library)

CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER

9:00 to Noon - Nursery available, children 0-5 years old

10:00 - Fellowship time with kids 1st - 4th grade

During the 11:00 hour: Sunday School following Time with Children in the Sanctuary

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Allie Brewington, Director of Children's Ministries

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Sarah Rackley, Youth Assistant

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Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 2

9:00am -Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship

12:00 pm - Youth Fellowship

3:00pm - Drama, *Barefoot in the Park*, Lisa Kaufman Hall

Tuesday, April 4

6:00pm - Choristers

6:30pm - Nominating Committee, McKinnon Room

Wednesday, April 5

4:30pm - Companions, Prayer room

4:45pm - Boys and Girls Choirs

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 6

10:30am - Women's Bible Study - Lisa Kaufman Hall

4:30pm - Brass Choir

8:00pm - Maundy Thursday Service

9:00pm - Youth Lock In

Saturday, April 8

9:00am - Flowerguild work in Sanctuary

Sunday, April 9 - EASTER SUNDAY!

9:00am -Worship

10:00am - Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

11:00am - Worship

THE SESSION

Class of 2023

Jaclyn Beeler

Jack Carley

William Milam

Penny Tschantz

Bill Wiesehuegel

Youth Elder: Meghan Oros

Class of 2024

Josh Birdwell

Gloria Borum

Melanie Lewis

Lisa Oros

Chris Van Beke

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Class of 2025

Ed Babelay

Wendy Collins

Janet Drumm

Stephen Fortney

Barbara Froula

TRUSTEES

Robert McKeehan

Ron Alexander

Alice Mercer

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2026 ELDER NOMINATIONS: It is now time to take the next step and make suggestions for our next class of officers for the Class of 2026. We will be nominating (5) Elders for Session, One Trustee, and one Youth Elder. Please submit names to William Milam (Chair), Gloria Borum (Vice Chair), or our at-large members: Debbie Schmid, William Gibbons, and Amy Reddick. TODAY is the last day to submit nominations.

I would like to nominate _____

for Elder/Youth Elder/Trustee, because _____

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EASTER FLOWERS

Please help the Flower Guild as they adorn the sanctuary in celebration of Easter. Donations of any amount are welcome and can be made payable to Westminster Flower Guild in honor or memory of loved ones. These names will be included in both the Easter Sunday bulletin and *Abbey* on April 5. The deadline to make the donation is TODAY! Thank you for supporting this annual tradition.

\$_____ In memory of / honor of (circle one):

Given by: _____

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