



The Order of Worship

March 26, 2023
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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. 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) Es spricht der Unweisen Mund wohl Johann Michael Bach
The Fool Says in His Heart, "There Is No God." (Psalm 14)

(11:00) Divertimento W. A. Mozart
 arr. Andrew Homzy

Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP: based on Psalms 130 Chris Van Beke, Liturgist

ONE: In the wilderness we cry out to our God.

ALL: In the wilderness our souls wait.

ONE: In the wilderness we hope in God's word.

ALL: In the wilderness we know God's steadfast love.

ONE: And so, in the wilderness

ALL: We worship together.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 664** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Morning Has Broken Bunessan

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

God of creation, when our world is a valley of dry bones, we can't imagine that the blowing wind is your breath of life. When our efforts are lifeless, wrapped

up in the tomb, we ignore your voice, calling us out. We trust what we see, far more than what you envision. Forgive us, Holy One. Unwrap the shroud that binds us. Knit us together, bone, muscle, sinew, joint, that in you we may live and breathe and find new life.

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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

***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)

Allie Brewington

Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs for Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:1-53

MEDITATION

"In the Shadow of Death"

Rev. Dr. Anne McKee

***HYMN NO. 209** (*Glory to God* hymnal) My Song Is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God kept his promises. All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ. But the work of God in Christ is not over. God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen. The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us. In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death. This hope gives us courage for the present struggle. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end.

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.

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. 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) Divertimento

W. A. Mozart

(11:00) Hear Me, Lord (from *Stabat Mater*)

Franz Schubert

arr. Maynard Klein

Hear me, Lord, my God and Savior, as I look to Thee for refuge. Thou who hears a sinner's plea!

Maynard Klein

***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**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 800** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Sometimes a Light Surprises

Salley Gardens

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (9:00) Amen

Danish melody

A - men. A - men. A - men.

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) Sevenfold Amen
Chancel Choir

John Stainer

***POSTLUDE** Canzona
Domenico Zipoli

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

MAYNARD KLEIN, the arranger of this morning's anthem by Franz Schubert, was the legendary director of choral activities at the University of Michigan for many years during the middle of the last century. He was much loved and revered for his warmth and wit, as well as for his many gifts as a choral conductor, teacher, and editor/arranger.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Melanie Lewis, Stephen Fortney
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH: Janet Tortorelli
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) McKenzie Damron-Beeler, Sirah Smith-Beeler

GREETERS: (11:00) Robert and Susan McKeenan

LITURGIST: Chris Van Beke

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Melissa Everett

USHERS: (9:00) Connie Graham and Jeff Bendy

(11:00) Janet Drumm, Buz Johnson, Barbara Froula, Judy Jorden,
Wanda Barber

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Vernon and Gail Bruner in celebration of their 42nd wedding anniversary.

THE BIRTH CANDLE is lit today in celebration of Emme Mae Crais, adopted on March 9th by Matthew and Danielle Crais. The grandparents are Tim and Anne Crais.

A VERY SPECIAL CHORAL CONCERT will be this afternoon at 5:00, in our sanctuary. The Parish Choir of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension will join our Chancel Choir in the singing of Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Mass in G Minor*, along with two other glorious English works. It is a most rewarding and fulfilling undertaking by the choirs and we hope you will join us!

OUR LENTEN SERIES continues Wednesday, March 29, with a soup supper at 5:45. Melissa Everett will be offering thoughts about fabric art and mending broken things.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING will be collected during Lent. Through this long standing, ecumenical effort, Presbyterians share God's love through ministries that provide relief to those affected by disasters, food for the hungry and support toward the self-development of poor and oppressed communities.

BAREFOOT IN THE PARK - MARCH 31-APRIL 2!! Our Westminster Players were deep into rehearsals for our spring play when the pandemic put the world on hold. Three years later, the Westminster Players spring productions are back! That same (mostly) crew of talented (and hilarious) adult actors will finally present Neil Simon's *Barefoot in the Park*!! Shows will be in the Lisa Kaufman Hall on March 31 (7 p.m.), April 1 (7 p.m.) and April 2 (3 p.m.). This 60's era play about young newlyweds, a meddling mother, and a very eccentric neighbor is recommended for ages 11 to 111. You will be astounded by the comedic talent of our Westminster Players. We hope you will support us, and make it to a show.

YOUTH SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION for pilgrimage to Ghost Ranch in New Mexico. The Schilling Gallery overflows with Westminster talent! Check out the beautiful and inspiring art created by Westminster artists. Beginning April 2, silent auction bids will be accepted for the displayed works. The culmination of the silent auction will be the "BIG EVENT" on Sunday, April 23rd, when we have our Crock-pot/Dessert cook off and final bidding for the auction. The youth will be offering their gifts and services in a live (and very entertaining) auction. Lawn services, babysitting, Princess Parties, technology lessons, sports lessons and more will be up for bidding. We hope ALL will join in the fun!! If anyone would like to donate a "big ticket" item for the silent auction (sporting or concert tix, cabin night, catered meal, etc), we would greatly appreciate it!! If you have a donation, please let Barbara know by April 2. Thank you for supporting Westminster's youth!!

SPRING WORKDAY AT WESTMINSTER is Saturday, April 1, anytime from 8 AM to 12. Come join us as we spruce up the church grounds. Numerous outside jobs for all. This time we need a special group willing to deep clean the pavilion, picnic tables, benches, storage room, and posts. Put on your old clothes and bring your favorite tools to help us clean, weed, plant, haul, saw, mulch, trim, cut, rake, paint, and various other tasks. Help us give WPC a Spring cleaning before Easter!!

BOOKS AND JAZZY JARS: It's school assignment time again! Please bring any books in good condition for Westview Elementary School. Chapter books are in great demand, and will go to classrooms. Children's books will go to homes, and adult books will go to McKay's in exchange for trade certificates which will be given to teachers. Clean house now, and help Westview and its students. Please bring books in by Sunday, April 2. A box has been placed in the Narthex. Please save any clear plastic, wide-mouthed jars with lids (mayonnaise, peanut butter, pretzel bites) to make jazzy jars for the spring carnival / fund raiser. More instructions in three or four weeks.

<p style="text-align:center">ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p style="text-align:center">10:00 am</p> <p>Adult Bible Study: Chooses a book of the Bible to unpack (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)</p>

<p style="text-align:center">CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER</p> <p style="text-align:center">9:00 to Noon - Nursery available, children 0-5 years old</p> <p style="text-align:center">10:00 - Fellowship time with kids 1st - 4th grade</p> <p>During the 11:00 hour: Sunday School following Time with Children in the Sanctuary</p>

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OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 26

9:00am -Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship

12:15pm - Session meeting, McKinnon Room

12:15pm - Youth Fellowship

2:00pm - Play practice, Lisa Kaufman Hall

5:00pm - Chancel Choir Concert

Monday, March 27

4:30pm - Rainbow Choir, Lisa Kaufman Hall

5:00pm - Family dinner

5:30pm - Young Musicians, Lisa Kaufman Hall

6:00pm - Play practice, Lisa Kaufman Hall

Tuesday, March 28

12:00pm - Big Scary Questions, McKinnon Room

6:30pm - Choristers

6:00pm - Play practice, Lisa Kaufman Hall

Wednesday, March 29

4:30pm - Companions, Prayer room

4:45pm - Boys and Girls Choirs

5:45pm - Lenten Soup and Service, Lisa Kaufman Hall

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 30

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:00pm - Play practice, Lisa Kaufman Hall

7:00pm - Handbell Choir

Friday, March 31

7:00pm - Drama, *Barefoot in the Park*

Saturday, April 1

8:00am - Spring work day

7:00pm - Drama, *Barefoot in the Park*

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

Class of 2025

Ed Babelay
Wendy Collins
Janet Drumm
Stephen Fortney
Barbara Froula

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

TRUSTEES

Robert McKeehan

Ron Alexander

Alice Mercer

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. Please submit your suggestions by April 2nd.

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 March 30. Thank you for supporting this annual tradition.

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

Given by: _____