



**The Order of Worship** **April 16, 2023**  
**9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**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) Praise to the Risen King arr. Marilyn Ham  
(11:00) Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag (II) Johann Gottfried Walther

*The Glorious Day Has Appeared*

Chorale text: The glorious day has appeared in which no one can rejoice enough. Christ, our Lord, triumphs today. He leads forth all his enemies captive. Alleluia!  
Nikolaus Herman, 1559  
literal trans. Mark Bighley

Erstanden ist der heilige Christ  
*The Holy Christ Is Arisen*  
Chorale text: The Holy Christ is arisen, who is a comforter to all the world. Alleluia.  
Johann Horn?, 1544  
literal trans. Mark Bighley

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**  
**CALL TO WORSHIP** Michael Yates, Liturgist

One: If we are the disciples, locked in a room of fear,  
**All: Jesus appears to us.**  
One: If we are Thomas, full of doubt,  
**All: Jesus turns to us.**  
One: If we bear trials and suffering,  
**All: God comes to us in power.**  
One: If we rejoice,

**All: we do so in the presence of God.**  
One: So let us come, whoever we are,  
**All: to the God of hope and life.**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 233** (*Glory to God* hymnal) The Day of Resurrection! Lancashire

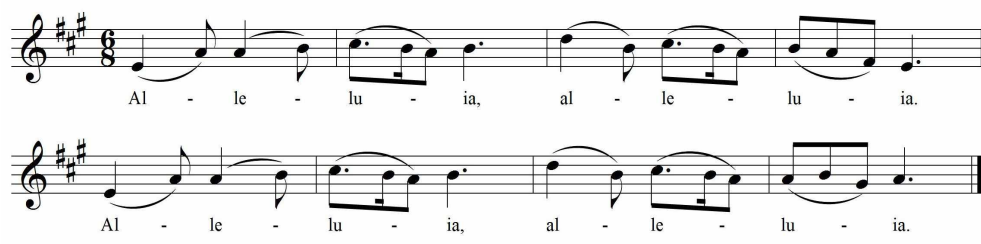
**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**  
**God of empty tombs and empty people: when we hesitate to speak of your hope, forgive us, and give us voice. When we find it difficult to love another, forgive us, and give us new compassion. When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us, and put us next to the poor and oppressed. When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, forgive us, and send us out to share your grace. When we cannot believe your Word of new life, forgive us, and fill us with your joy.**

**\*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 READING** I Peter 1: 3-9  
**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00) Rachel Powell  
*Children age 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Sunday School.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 20:19-31  
**MEDITATION** "The Gift of Peace" Rev. Dr. Anne McKee  
**\*HYMN NO. 242** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded  
*In dir ist Freude*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) The Apostles Creed  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**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.*

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

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**  
(9:00) How Can I Keep From Singing? Robert Lowry  
arr. Ginger B. Littleton

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I hear the real though far off song that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging; It sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest round me roars, I know the truth, It liveth. What though the darkness round me close, songs in the night It giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to the rock I'm clinging Since love is lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

(11:00) I Am the Resurrection Pauline T., alt.  
Thomas Morley  
I am the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

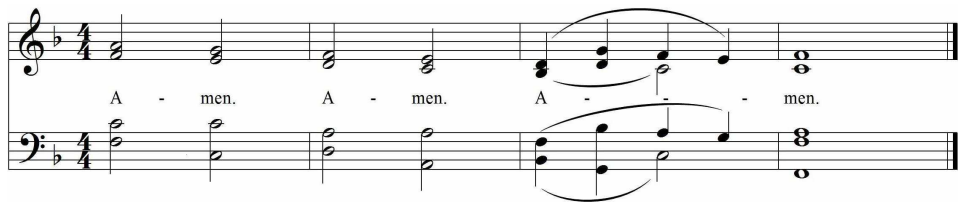
John 11:25-26

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology 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**

**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 245** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Christ the Lord Is Risen Today! Llanfair  
**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**  
**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen Danish melody



**\*POSTLUDE**  
(9:00) Come, Christians, Join to Sing arr. Robert Vandall  
(11:00) Christ lag in Todesbanden Heinrich Bach  
*Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death*

Chorale text: Christ lay in the bonds of death, sacrificed for our sins. He is risen again and has brought us life. For this we should be glad, praise God and be thankful, and sing Alleluia. Alleluia.  
Martin Luther  
literal trans. Mark Bighley

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Gloria Borum and Jack Carley

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR APRIL:** Susan McKeehan and Lana Daverman

**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**

**ACOLYTE:** Cooper Kringen

**GREETERS** (11:00): Darlen and William Milam

**LITURGIST:** Michael Yates

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Westminster Choristers

(11:00) Chancel Choir

**SHEPHERD’S TEAM:** William Milam

**SENIOR USHER:** Linda Van Beke

**USHERS:** (9:00) Suzanne Graham and Stephanie Lynch-Wright

(11:00) Mark Potocik, LoAnn Price, Gary Rowcliffe, Janice Rawe, and Rick Rawe

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Katherine, Gary, CJ, and Nathan Harmon in loving memory of Benjamin Harmon.

**A VERY SPECIAL THANKS** to Mary Lou Holt for leading the music of worship at the 9:00 service as the pianist.

**HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING** was written and published by American Baptist minister Robert Lowry in the 1869 songbook, “Bright Jewels for the Sunday School.” The first known publication of the words was on August 7, 1868, in The New York Observer, titled “Always Rejoicing,” and attributed to “Pauline T.” The words we are singing today are very similar to the original but with some changes from more recent versions. During the twentieth-century, this hymn was not widely used in congregational worship but Pete Seeger revived the song for the 1960’s folk era. Then the song received new prominence in 1991 again with Irish musician Enya. Though it is not, in fact, a Quaker hymn as Pete Seeger claimed, twentieth-century Quakers adopted it as their own and use it widely today.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS** will be available in the Schilling Gallery today after both worship services.

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** has been called for Sunday, April 23, after the 11:00 a.m. worship service to elect 5 elders (class of 2026), 1 youth elder (class of 2025), and 1 trustee (class of 2026).

**YOUTH SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION** Bidding has opened for the youth silent auction! The spectacular art hanging in the Schilling Gallery has been donated by WPC artists to support the youth summer pilgrimage to Ghost Ranch, New Mexico. Stop by the church and place your bids. Bidding sheets are throughout the Schilling Gallery. Register for a Bidding number on the round table outside the church office. “Premium” auction items are available for bidding, which includes dinner parties, sunset cruises, meals-to-go, UT basketball tix and more! Final auction bidding will conclude on April 23<sup>rd</sup> with a live auction of services donated by the youth (yard work, baby sitting, swim and dance lessons), and a Crock Pot Cook Off. We hope everyone will join the fun!

**BIG SCARY QUESTIONS GROUP:** The Big Scary Questions group invites everyone to join on April 18<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup> as we continue to think about and discuss challenges at the end of life. On Tuesday, April 18, we will welcome Attorney Amelia Crotwell from East Tennessee Elder Law firm to discuss various and important end of life preparation documents. On Tuesday, April 25, Dr. Malcolm Spica, Ph.D. from the Brain and Spine Institute of the University of Tennessee Medical Center will discuss different types of dementia, including signs and symptoms to look for with each disease process.

**CROCK POT AND DESSERT COOK-OFF ON APRIL 23 AT NOON:** Sign up to bring a crock pot of chili, soup, or other crock pot creation. Prizes will be awarded for the Golden Ladle, (Best of Show), Best Chili, Best Soup, Best “Other”, and Best Dessert! It will be a yummy way to help the youth! Look for sign up sheets outside the office and/or bulletin boards.

**LADIES BOOK CLUB** will meet at 10:30 am, April 18, in the Library. The book to be discussed is *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver.

**JUSTICE KNOX ANNUAL NEHEMIAH ACTION MEETING** is Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 pm, at the Knoxville Civic Auditorium. Parking is FREE. We will carpool from the church parking lot at 6:15 pm.

**FESTIVAL ON THE LAWN CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC SIGN-UP!** Please RSVP in the Schilling Gallery for the Westminster picnic to be held on Sunday, April 30, at noon immediately following worship. We will be honoring our 2023 graduating high school seniors. The cost is \$7 per person or \$25 per family - payable at the picnic.

**ABBEY DEADLINE** is today. Email articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net

**THE PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE** will hold its regular meeting at Westminster on Tuesday, May 16 at 10:00 a.m. We want to be welcoming to people from all over the presbytery as they gather to worship and do business. There are volunteer opportunities! We need folks to assist with parking, registration, greeters/information, providing a morning snack, serving box lunches, and childcare. If you can give a few hours that day, please contact Mary Boyd at: maryboyd1@gmail.com to volunteer!

**9 AM PAVILION SERVICE** will continue through May 21<sup>st</sup> leading up to our summer worship schedule that begins on May 28.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> grade

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

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Deborah McGaugh, Administrative Assistant

Sarah Rackley, Youth Assistant

Linda Judge McRae, Parish Nurse

Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

**FAMILY PROMISE OF KNOXVILLE INFORMATIONAL MEETING** learn more about Family Promise and Westminster’s role in serving families experiencing homelessness in our community, on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:15-1:15 in the McKinnon Room. A light lunch will be provided.

## **OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE**

### **Sunday, April 16**

9:00am -Worship, Ruthie Carey Pavilion

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship

4:00pm - Youth Fellowship

5:30pm - Bluegrass Neighborhood Group Gathering, Ruthie Carey Pavillion

### **Tuesday, April 18**

10:30am - Ladies Book Group, Library

12:00pm - Big Scary Questions, McKinnon Room

6:00pm - Choristers

### **Wednesday, April 19**

4:30pm - Companions, Prayer room

4:45pm - Boys and Girls Choirs

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

### **Thursday, April 20**

4:30pm - Brass Choir

7:00pm - Handbell Choir

### **Saturday, April 22**

7:00pm - Knox Chamber Music Society-Sanctuary

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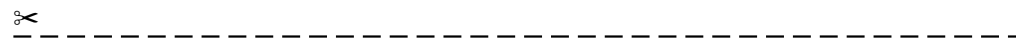
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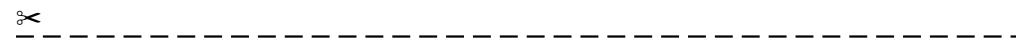


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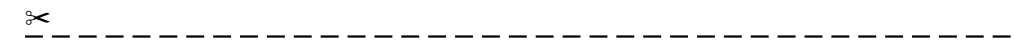


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