



Road to Emmaus, Ivanka Demchuk

The Order of Worship

April 23, 2023
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

THIRD 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) Alleluia arr. Mark Hayes
 (11:00) Choral cistercien "Pour une élévation" Jehan Alain

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Ibbie Muntz

One: In all our journeys
All: You walk with us.
 One: On paths of joy and of sorrow,
All: You walk with us.
 One: Though we do not recognize you,
All: You walk with us.
 One: You share our journeys; you stay close to us.
 You open our hearts, and they burn within us, for it is you.
All: You walk with us.

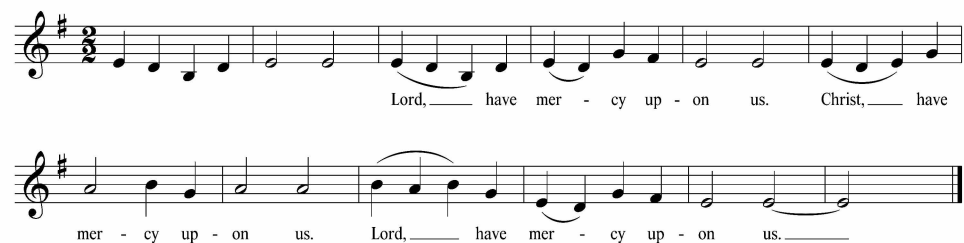
TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 247** (Glory to God hymnal) Now the Green Blade Rises Noël nouvelet
***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Jesus, Teacher, we confess today our outright foolishness. We have been foolish to doubt your promises. Foolish to withhold love from neighbor. Foolish to chase riches, prestige and power. Foolish to waste your gifts and spoil your creation. Foolish to divide your children from each other. Foolish to think hope is lost. Wise us up again. Open our hearts to your presence in our lives, in our neighbors, in our world. In your grace, help us grab onto our millionth second chance, and forge a new road from here on. Amen.

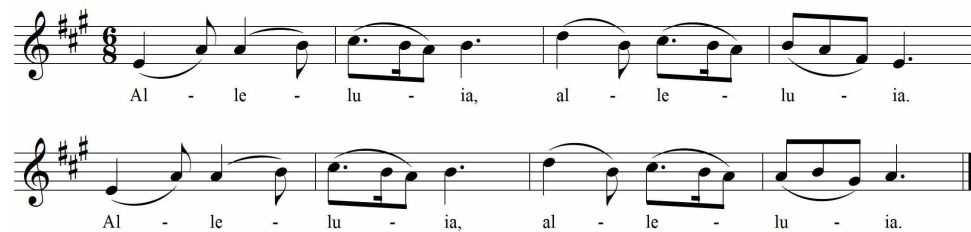
***KYRIE ELEISON** arr. David N. Johnson



***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE** Celtic Alleluia (sing twice) Fintan O'Carrol



TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING I Peter 1: 17-23

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Daniel Lewis

Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:13-35

MEDITATION "Ordinary Things" Rev. Dr. Anne McKee

***HYMN NO. 817** (Glory to God hymnal) We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight Dunlap's Creek

COMMISSIONING OF JUSTICE KNOX NEHEMIAH ACTION PARTICIPANTS

Introduction
 Questions to Participants
 Question to Congregation
PRAYER (Unison)
Holy God, Bless this delegation and the Nehemiah Assembly of Justice Knox. We pray that this gathering and the work that follows will help bring your peace and wholeness, especially to those in need of food, income, shelter, transportation, and safety. Equip us all to respond as you call, that we might do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. 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.

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) Christ the Lord Is Risen Again *Orientis partibus*
 harm. Alastair Cassels-Brown
 arr. Peter Van Eenam

Christ the Lord is risen again, Christ hath broken every chain, Hark, the angels shout for joy, Singing evermore on high: Alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss Comfortless upon the cross, Lives in glory now on high, Pleads for us and hears our cry: Alleluia!

He who went down to the grave Is exalted now to save; Now through Christendom it rings That the Lamb is King of kings: Alleluia!

(11:00) Christ Hath a Garden *Michael Weiss, 1531*
 Gerald Near

Christ hath a garden walled around, A paradise of fruitful ground, Chosen by love and fenced by grace From out the world's wide wilderness.

Like trees of spice his servants stand, There planted by his mighty hand; By Eden's gracious streams, that flow To feed their beauty where they grow.

Awake, O wind of heav'n, and bear Their sweetest perfume though the air: Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, Till the beloved Master come:

That he may come, and linger yet Among the trees that he hath set; That he may evermore be seen To walk amid the springing green.

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology *Robert Bridges*
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**

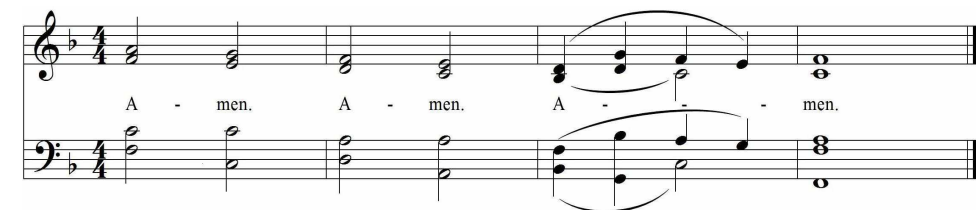
TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 774** (Glory to God hymnal) There Is Now a New Creation *Stuttgart*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

***BENEDICTION**

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



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

***POSTLUDE**
(9:00) Ode to Joy Ludwig van Beethoven
arr. Kenon Renfrow
(11:00) Sonata Adriano Banchieri

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Janet Drumm and Ed Babelay
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR APRIL: Susan McKeehan and Lana Daverman
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from ushers.
BLUE RECYCLING BINS are located in the Narthex if you do not wish to take your bulletins home.

SERVING TODAY
ACOLYTE: Eli Everett and Jason Birdwell
GREETERS (11:00): Kathryn Oakes and Amy Rawe
LITURGIST: Ibbie Muntz
MINISTRY OF MUSIC:
(9:00) Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs; members of the Handbell Choir; and the trebles of Westminster Choristers
(11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Larry Tragesser
SENIOR USHER: Linda Van Beke
USHERS: (9:00) Connie and Donnie Graham
(11:00) Joyce Ryan, Tim Ryan, Michael Yates, John Salsbery, Kathy Shilling

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Mark Hulsether and Anne McKee in memory of Charles Hulsether and Mark McKee.

OUR THANKS to Mary Lou Holt for serving as the pianist at the 9:00 service this morning. Many thanks also to the members of the Handbell Choir for their accompaniment of the anthem at that service.

THIS MORNING’S OFFERTORY ANTHEM at the 9:00 service is a setting of a medieval French melody harmonized in a strikingly stark and seemingly ancient style by Alastair Cassels- Brown. Peter Van Eenam then added his own handbell part to the third verse as a quasi instrumental descant.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held today at the end of the 11:00 a.m. worship service to elect officers. Nominees for Elder Class of 2026 are Bill Farnham, Lucy Johnson, Lee Ingram, Katherine Oakes, Richard Ward, for Youth Elder, Class of 2024, Arthur Collins, and for Trustee, Class of 2026, John Smartt.

YOUTH SILENT AND LIVE AUCTIONS are today in the Lisa Kaufman Hall at noon. Bid on auction items to support the youth’s summer pilgrimage to Ghost Ranch, New Mexico.

CROCK POT AND DESSERT COOK-OFF are today at noon. Prizes will be awarded for the Golden Ladle, (Best of Show), Best Chili, Best Soup, Best “Other”, and Best Dessert! Come enjoy tasting and vote on favorites. This is a yummy way to support the youth!

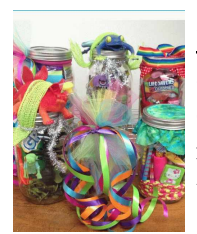
OUR REFUGE FAMILY NEEDS OUR HELP: An anonymous Lake Hills Presbyterian Church member has offered to match all donations to our refugee family up to \$5,000. These donations will be used to acquire a dependable vehicle and retire a \$6,500 debt for their plane fare here (yes, they had to get a loan for that escape!) Finding extra money in the budget for a family of 7 is difficult under any circumstances, so these gifts will be life changing for the Muradi's. If you want to donate, please make checks to Westminster with "Refugee Family" on the memo line.

BIG SCARY QUESTIONS GROUP: On April 25, the Big, Scary Questions group invites anyone to come hear Dr. Malcolm Spica, Ph.D. from the Brain and Spine Institute of the University of Tennessee Medical Center. Dr. Spika will discuss different types of dementia, including signs and symptoms to look for with each disease process.

JUSTICE KNOX NEHEMIAH ACTION is Tuesday, April 25th. Carpools leave WPC at 6 pm. If you need child care, please contact: justiceknox@thedartcenter.org ASAP to let them know you will be using the child care at the First Presbyterian Church on State Street. Fill in the space on the poster in the Schilling Gallery to commit to being at the Action!!

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

THE PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE will hold its regular meeting at Westminster on Tuesday, May 16 at 10:00 a.m. We want to welcome people from all over the presbytery as they gather to worship and do business. There are many 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!



JAZZY JARS NEEDED by April 23rd for Westview Elementary. Pick a theme and fill the jars; barrettes, ribbons, small toys, matchbox cars, crayons, colored pencils, erasers, toothbrush/toothpaste, jokes, notes of encouragement- think outside the jar! Then decorate the jar with ribbons, stickers, glitter-anything that will make it JAZZY!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST will meet this Thursday, April 27th, at 8:30am in the McKinnon Room. Our speaker will be Mike Kaufman who will present a program entitled "How to Build a Happy Life". Rob McKeehan will provide the breakfast. We hope you will be able to join us and perhaps bring a friend.

9:00 AM PAVILION SERVICE continues through May 21st leading up to our summer worship schedule that begins on May 28.

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 7th at 12:15-1:15 in the McKinnon Room. A light lunch will be provided.

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OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Sunday, April 23
9:00am -Worship, Ruthie Carey Pavilion
10:00am - Sunday School
10:00 am- Session Meeting, Downstairs Fellowship Hall
11:00am - Worship
12:00pm - Congregational meeting
12:15pm - Youth auction and cookout
Tuesday, April 25
12:00pm - Big Scary Questions, McKinnon Room
6:00pm - Choristers
Wednesday, April 26
4:30pm - Companions in Christ, Prayer room
4:45pm - Boys and Girls Choirs
7:45pm - Chancel Choir
Thursday, April 27
8:30am- Men’s Breakfast Fellowship
4:30pm - Brass Choir
7:00pm - Handbell Choir

THE SESSION		
Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Jaclyn Beeler	Josh Birdwell	Ed Babelay
Jack Carley	Gloria Borum	Wendy Collins
William Milam	Melanie Lewis	Janet Drumm
Penny Tschantz	Lisa Oros	Stephen Fortney
Bill Wiesehuegel	Chris Van Beke	Barbara Froula
Youth Elder: Meghan Oros	Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap	

TRUSTEES		
Robert McKeehan	Ron Alexander	Alice Mercer