



The Order of Worship

**July 2, 2023
10:00 A.M.**

Fifth Sunday of 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. 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 "There Is a Spirit That Delights to Do No Evil..." Ned Rorem
—from the dying words of James Naylor (1660)
(from *A Quaker Reader*)

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT O Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down Vincent Persichetti
O come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.
O Lord, hear and save us, Amen.

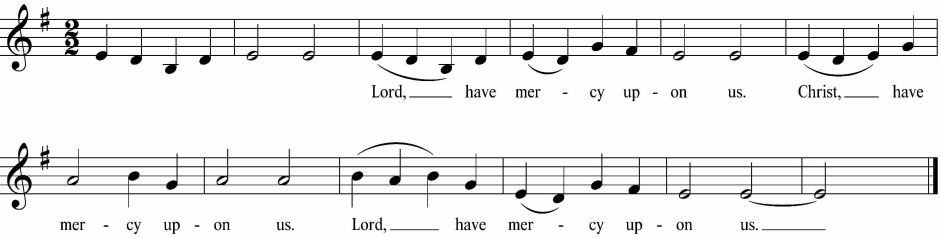
CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Grady Parsons
Psalm 95:6

One: Jesus said whoever welcomes one of his followers, welcomes Jesus himself.
All: Indeed, Christ is among us here.
One: Whoever welcomes Jesus, also welcomes God.
All: The Holy one is in our midst.

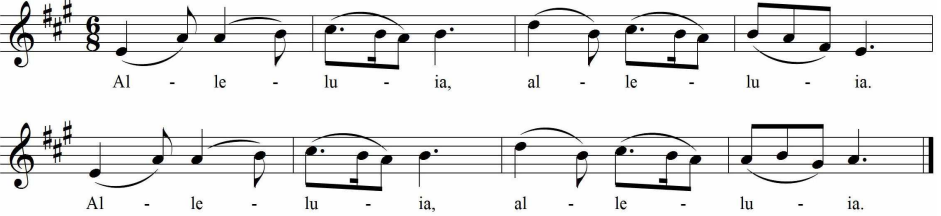
One: Whoever offers even a cup of cold water to one of God's children will be blessed by God.
All: All are welcome here! Let us worship God.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 664** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Morning Has Broken *Bunessan*
***CALL TO CONFESSION**
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)
Steadfast God, we confess we are so busy putting up walls between ourselves and others, we cannot see the home you are building for all of us. We spend so much time noting the differences between us and others, while you are embracing everyone as your child. We are shy around those we don't understand; you throw open your doors to the stranger, the alien, in our midst. Forgive us, Faithful Heart. By your grace, help us to see the household you are building for all people: no plastic protectors on the furniture; no rooms off-limits; even the smallest child is welcome at the big peoples' Table, where your grace is offered in abundance. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace, our hope, our Lord, our Savior.
***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'Carroll



TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 6: 12-23
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Rachel Powell
Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs for Sunday School.
SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 10:40-42
SERMON "The Welcome Table" Rev. Dr. Anne McKee
***HYMN NO. 203** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love *Chereponi*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) Affirmation of Faith From the Confession of 1967
We acknowledge that God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of human minds. We ascribe to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But in Jesus Christ God reveals love by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ transforms the world and discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

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 Agnus Dei William Brice
(from *Mass in Honor of the Holy Spirit*)
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us peace. attr. John the Baptist *Old Hundredth*

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology
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**
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).....Your covenant to be with us in love always, and so we gratefully sing your praise,
People: Holy, 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).....*in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith,*
People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION
SHARING THE SACRAMENT
Beginning from the front of the sanctuary, we will come forward by the center aisle, take a morsel of bread and cup of juice. We return to the pew by the side aisle.
MUSIC FOR COMMUNION Elms (from *Views from the Oldest House*) Ned Rorem

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

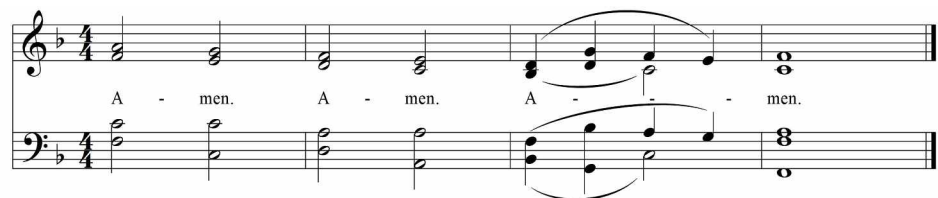
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen

Danish melody



***POSTLUDE** Voluntary in A

William Selby

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Lisa Oros and Chris Van Beke
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JULY: Lana Daverman and Susan McKeehan (through July 12)

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS: Penny Tschantz and Linda Van Beke

LITURGIST: Rev. Gradye Parsons

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Summer Choir

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Buz Johnson

SENIOR USHER: Alice Mercer

USHERS: Mark Potocik, John Salsbery, Kathy Shilling, Linda Van Beke, Bill Wiesehuegel

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Laura Barron, "In loving memory of Jack Barron, my soulmate and husband for 40 years."

FOYER ADULT DINNER GROUPS At Westminster, we have enjoyed Foyer Groups as these groups helped to foster connectivity among our members. This time the Groups will consist of six people welcoming both Westminster members and non-members. It is a time to share a simple meal and relaxed conversation while getting to be with one another to grow friendships. The Foyer Group Coordinators are: Shirley Wittman (shirley.wittman@comcast.net); Ginger Williams (ginger2tn@gmail.com) and Janet Drumm (janet.drumm.tn@gmail.com). Please contact the Coordinators if you would like to be involved. This summer will be spent putting the groups together so that we may get started in September.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held at the close of worship next Sunday, July 9, for the purpose of Calling Rev. Dr. Richard Coble as Pastor and Head of Staff. Please see enclosed brochure to learn more about Dr. Coble and his family.

SHARE THE BOUNTY table is held in the Schilling Gallery for the summer. Our Dave Dungan organic garden at the church is growing heartily, but we have entered the quiet time between the harvest of spring greens and those luscious ripe tomatoes becoming available. So for a few weeks the Bounty Table will not have vegetables from the church garden. However, the table will still be out in the Schilling Gallery for you to bring in any vegetables, flowers, or plants from your home gardens that you would like to share with others.

If you are not familiar with this, our table provides a space to share the bounty from our personal gardens and our very own Westminster organic garden. You are more than welcome to help yourself to what is provided on the table. If you have a bit too much of something from your garden, bring it in to share. You may find here flowers and herbs, as well as vegetables. It changes every week, so take a look and take some home. There is also a donation basket with any contributions this year going to our Presbytery's Carbon Footprint Fund.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS will be available
Sunday, July 9, before and after the worship service in the Schilling Gallery.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:00 am
Adult Bible Study: Currently studying the Gospel of John (Lisa Kaufman Hall)
The Wired Word: Discusses current events with a theological eye (Library)

CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER
Children 4-4th grade are invited to participate in worship until the Time With Children, then go downstairs for children's church.
Nursery available for children 0-3 years old.

LECONTE HIKING TRIP - There are six slots available for the July 22 hike to Mt. LeConte. Please notify Renee in the church office if you would like to attend, 865-584-3957.

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER for our 21 youth and adults who are on the pilgrimage to Ghost Ranch until July 9, and keep an eye on WPC Social Media for updates.

THIS MORNING'S ORGAN AND CHORAL WORKS are by American composers. Ned Rorem's *A Quaker Reader*, written in 1976, is comprised of eleven movements, each, to quote Rorem, "headed with an epigraph from Friends' writings, many of which, in their urge toward pacifism as solution, extol absolute quiet and absolute light. The music represents a blaze of silence." His *Views from the Oldest House*, written in 1981, was commissioned by the American Guild of Organists for its 1982 national convention. This collection of six pieces is inspired by and depicts various elements seen in the southwest vista from the Oldest House, situated on Nantucket's Sunset Hill. William Brice, Westminster's first organist and choir director (combined), is largely responsible for charting Westminster's musical course in its early days, a path we continue to travel, cultivate, and expand on to present day. This morning's postlude is by William Selby (1738-1798), organist of King's Chapel, Boston.

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ABBEY DEADLINE is this afternoon at 5pm. Please email your article to Debbie Bendy at unitedprinters@comcast.net.

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 2

9:00am - Sunday School

10:00am - Sanctuary Worship

5:00 pm - *Abbey* deadline

Monday, July 3

11:00am - Staff Meeting

Tuesday, July 4

HOLIDAY

Wednesday, July 5

4:30pm - Companions (Prayer Room)

Thursday, July 6

10:00am - Art Group

4:30pm - Brass Choir

THE SESSION

Class of 2024

Josh Birdwell

Gloria Borum

Melanie Lewis

Lisa Oros

Chris Van Beke

Youth Elder: Arthur Collins

Class of 2025

Ed Babelay

Wendy Collins

Janet Drumm

Stephen Fortney

Barbara Froula

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Class of 2026

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Lucy Johnson

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