



**The Order of Worship**

**July 9, 2023  
10:00 A.M.**

**SIXTH 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.*

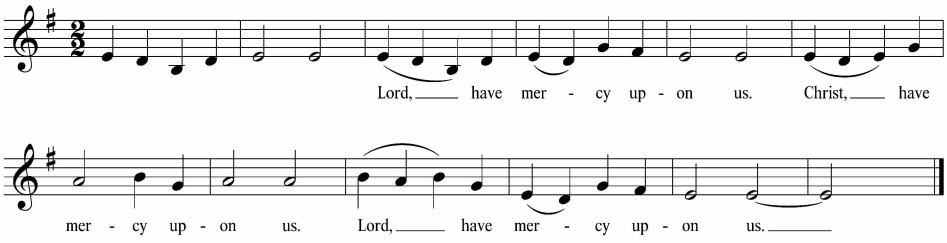
**PRELUDE** Praeludium in C Georg Böhm  
**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**  
**INTROIT** O Praise the Lord Adrian Batten  
 O praise the Lord, all ye heathen, praise him all ye nations. For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 117  
Ibbie Muntz

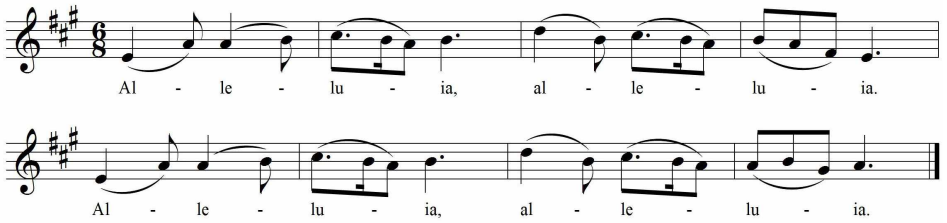
**CALL TO WORSHIP**  
 One: We gather together in worship and praise.  
**All: Praise to you, God, our Creator!**  
 One: Praise to you for this morning, and for every morning that you offer us.  
**All: Praise to you, Christ, our Morning Star.**  
 One: Praise to you for the great commission: to make disciples, to baptize, to teach.  
**All: Praise to you, Spirit, our Companion.**  
 One: Praise to you for always lighting our way.  
**All: Praise to you, God! You are in this place.**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 687** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Our God, Our Help in Ages Past St. Anne  
**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**  
**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)  
 Holy God, each morning we rise,  
 convinced that we know what we are supposed to do,  
 and who we are supposed to be.  
 We confess that we sometimes convince ourselves  
 That we know all we need to know.  
 That we have done everything we could and can.  
 We give up on new beginnings and unknown pathways  
 because we are afraid,  
 because we are comfortable,  
 because we don't want to risk all that we have.  
 Forgive us for believing that we don't need you, O God.  
 Forgive us for not listening or hearing.  
 Forgive us for the times when we only want to do what we know,  
 and not answer your call to new pastures.  
 Make us new, and help us to respond to your call with joy.  
**\*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** Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49  
**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** Allie Brewington  
*Children age 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs for Sunday School.*  
**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30  
**SERMON** "To a New Country" Rev. Dr. Anne McKee  
**\*HYMN NO. 305** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) *from the Declaration of Faith*

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom.  
 Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful.  
 No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world.  
 We are in the world, but not of the world.  
 Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom.  
 Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:  
 to serve as he has served us;  
 to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;  
 to walk by faith, not by sight,  
 to hope for what we have not seen.

**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** Sing Praise to Christ (from *Cantata No. 142*) J. S. Bach  
 Sing praise to Christ, the Lord, Alleluia! Sing praise to Christ, our risen Savior and King! Adore Him forever, and worship His name.  
trans. Paul Thomas

**\*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**  
**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO CALL A NEW PASTOR**

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

**\*HYMN NO. 853** (*Glory to God* hymnal) We Are Marching in the Light of God Siyahamba  
**\*POSTLUDE** Fugue in C, BuxWV 174 ("Jig") Dieterich Buxtehude

\*Indicates standing.

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

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Lucy Johnson and Richard Ward  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JULY:** Lana Daverman and Susan McKeehan  
**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES** are available from the ushers.

**SERVING TODAY**

**GREETERS:** Carol Beilharz and Kaye Davis

**LITURGIST:** Ibbie Muntz

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Summer Choir

**SHEPHERD’S TEAM:** Lee Ingram

**SENIOR USHER:** Bonny Naugher

**USHERS:** Dan Berry, Jaclyn Beeler, Ken Hughes, Casey Page, John Salsbery

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Rachel and Bryan Powell in thanksgiving to God and in honor of Lucy’s 13<sup>th</sup> and Bobby’s 15<sup>th</sup> birthdays.

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held at the close of worship today 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.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS** will be available **TODAY**  
**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.

**LEMONADE TIME:** Join us after worship service for a glass of lemonade while you fellowship with your Westminster family. The Beeler family will be hosting, a table will be set up outside in front of the Sanctuary (weather permitting).

**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.

**A TIME TO GIVE THANKS!!** The Rev. Dr. Anne McKee, who has done an AMAZING job serving as our Transitional Minister these past 14 months, will be the guest of honor at a party on Saturday, July 29 in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion. We hope you make plans to drop by anytime between 5 and 8pm on 29th to thank her for all her hard work and dedication. We are asking for each of us to bring either a favorite appetizer and/or dessert to share with everyone. Beverages will be provided by our wonderful hosts - Ken, Casey, Berta and Alice. Thank you!

Anne's last day in the pulpit will be Sunday, July 30. What a journey it has been with you, Anne! Your leadership, pastoral care, compassion, can-do attitude, and all around beautiful character are gifts we will treasure for years to come. You will be greatly missed!

**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.

**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.

**THE WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB** will meet in the Library on July 18 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss *Premonition* by Michael Lewis. All women of the church who enjoy reading and discussing books are invited to join! Please contact Linda Rutherford for further information: scottlndatn@gmail.com or 865-384-3435.

**THIS MORNING’S PRELUDE** is by the inventive North German organist and composer Georg Böhm. Organist at St. John’s Church in Lüneburg, he was an important mentor for the teenage J. S. Bach during the latter’s student years in that city. In this prelude (and fugue) we hear Georg Böhm at his creative best. Typically North German in its improvisatory writing and structure, he begins with an extended pedal solo and then has fun with audacious, chunky chords alternated between hands, followed by a concluding fugue that ends with flourishes and a surprise!

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Linda Judge McRae, Parish Nurse  
Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor  
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**OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE**  
**Sunday, July 9**  
9:00am - Sunday School  
10:00am - Sanctuary Worship  
**Wednesday, July 12**  
4:30pm - Companions (Prayer Room)  
**Thursday, July 13**  
1:00pm - FISH delivery  
4:30pm - Brass Choir

**THE SESSION**

<b>Class of 2024</b>	<b>Class of 2025</b>	<b>Class of 2026</b>
Josh Birdwell	Ed Babelay	Bill Farnham
Gloria Borum	Wendy Collins	Lee Ingram
Melanie Lewis	Janet Drumm	Lucy Johnson
Lisa Oros	Stephen Fortney	Kathryn Oakes
Chris Van Beke	Barbara Froula	Richard Ward
Youth Elder: Arthur Collins	Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap	

**TRUSTEES**

Ron Alexander	Alice Mercer	John Smartt
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