



The Order of Worship

July 16, 2023

10:00 A.M.

SEVENTH 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 Twenty-four and Thirty (from *Miniatures for Organ*) Herbert Howells

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Kathy Parsons

One: God of truth, sow the seed of your Word in our hearts.

All: **We receive your grace with glad and generous hearts.**

One: Loving Christ, sow the seeds of healing and growth in our bodies and souls.

All: **We receive your grace with glad and generous hearts.**

One: Holy Spirit, sow the seeds of your love in our lives.

All: **We receive your grace with glad and generous hearts. Alleluia!**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 409 (*Glory to God* hymnal) God Is Here!

Abbot's Leigh

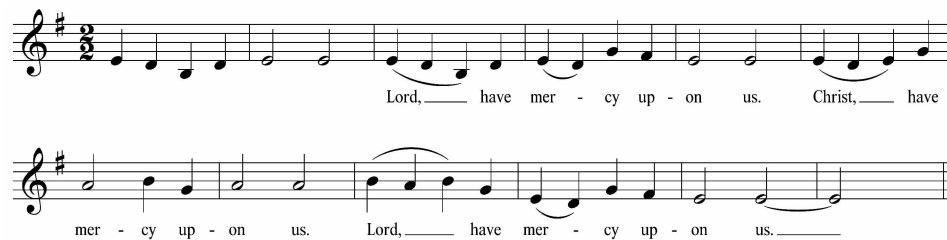
*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Most merciful God, we confess
that we have separated ourselves from you,
that we have not been mindful of your presence
or lived in your Spirit;
and in our isolation we have lived hurtfully.
We are sorry, and we repent.
Forgive our sin, heal our hearts,
and restore us in your grace. Amen.

*KYRIE ELEISON

arr. David N. Johnson



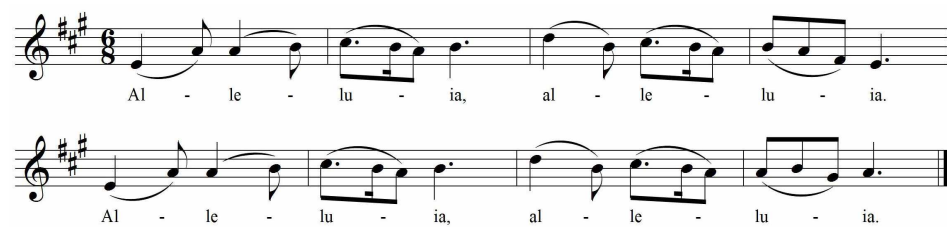
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*RESPONSE Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*)

Fintan O'Carroll



TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-9

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Allie Brewington

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:1-9

SERMON

"You, me, us"

Rev. Gradye Parsons

*HYMN NO. 716 (*Glory to God* hymnal) God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Beach Spring

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

**In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
We acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the church,
the Head over all things,
the beginning of a new creation.**

**We are a pilgrim people,
always on the way towards the promised goal;
on the way, Christ feeds us with word and sacrament,
and we have the gift of the Spirit
in order that we may not lose the way.**

We affirm that every member of the church
is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified.
Together with all the people of God,
we will serve the world for which Christ died,
and we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.

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 Morning

Ken Medema

In the morning when the sun is rising, waiting for night's chill to go away, I will raise this grateful voice in songs of wonder and gladness, gladness for the wonder of the day.

When the birds have filled the air with music, city sounds have only just begun, I will raise this grateful voice in songs of wonder and gladness, gladness for the wonder of the sun.

It will not be long now till I feel the warmness, till I feel the dawn breeze drift across my hair. All the life around me, buzzing, worrying, waking; grace has given day again, there's magic in the air.

Who can tell me what this day will bring me? Will I walk a road I have not known? Still I'll raise this grateful voice in songs of wonder and gladness, gladness for the wonder of the dawn. I'll go singing on and on.

Ken Medema

*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 ...

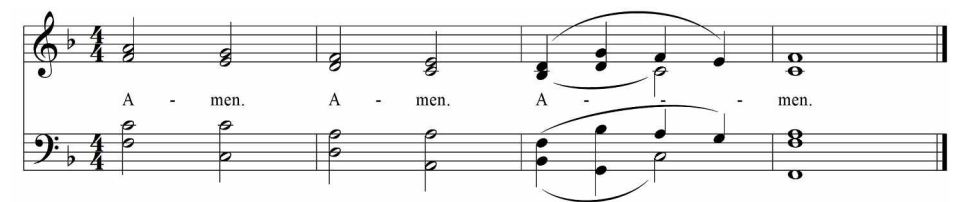
*HYMN NO. 543 (*Glory to God* hymnal) God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

Green Tyler

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Amen

Danish melody



*POSTLUDE Thirteen (from *Miniatures for Organ*)

Herbert Howell

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Barbara Froula and Ed Babelay
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JULY: Cindy Spangler
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS: Shirley Wittman and Wanda Barber
LITURGIST: Kathy Parsons
MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Summer Choir
SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Buz Johnson
SENIOR USHER: Bonny Naugher
USHERS: Ron Alexander, Carol Beilharz, Jeff Bendy, Joyce Ryan, David Woodall

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by the Brewington family, in loving memory of Ruthie Landis Carey from her eight grandchildren who would have adored her: Lila, Charlie, Dale, Greer, Jack, Miles, Douglas and Rosie.

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

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.

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.

THE MEN'S BOOK CLUB will meet in the Library on August 10 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Zafon. Please contact Mike Kaufman for further information.

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!

KEN MEDEMA, born December 7, 1943 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, is an American musician and singer-songwriter who has been performing in the United States, Canada, and Europe for five decades. Born nearly blind, he began piano study at an early age through braille music, playing by ear, and improvising in different styles. After receiving degrees in music therapy from Michigan State University, he worked as a music therapist at hospitals in Indiana and New Jersey before transitioning to a full-time career in music. I became aware of this morning’s anthem in a rather unorthodox manner: years ago, a touring youth choir from Denton, Texas included Westminster on its itinerary and one of its members inadvertently left their folder behind after the performance, which contained all their concert music—and the Ken Medema anthem. After reading through the Medema and finding it attractive, I ordered copies for our Westminster Choristers. Years later I found out that Barbara Adamcik had grown up at that church and had sung in an earlier iteration of that youth choir! On top of that, I soon learned that Bob and Lana Daverman attended Grand Rapids Christian High School with Ken Medema!

Peter Van Eenam

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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 16

9:00am - Sunday School
10:00am - Sanctuary Worship
5:00 pm - *Abbey* deadline

Monday, July 17

11:00 Staff Meeting

Tuesday, July 18

10:30am Ladies Bookclub (Library)

Wednesday, July 19

4:30pm - Companions (Prayer Room)

Thursday, July 20

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

Class of 2026

Bill Farnham
Lee Ingram
Lucy Johnson
Kathryn Oakes
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