

The Order of Worship

July 30, 2023 10:00 A.M.

NINTH 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.

PRELUDI	E Voluntary in D	John Stanley
Adagio		
Andan	te Largo	
OPPORT	UNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION	
CALL TO	WORSHIP	Gradye Parsons
One:	If God is for us, who can be against us?	
All:	God gave us Christ, and through Him we have all we ne	ed.
One:	A shelter from the storm,	
All:	Food for body and soul,	
One:	We are held forever in the love of Christ from which nothing	ing can separate
	us.	
All:	And so we bring our thanks and praise.	

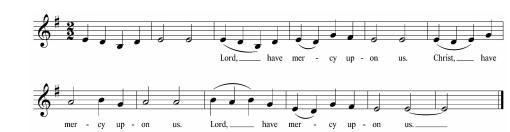
TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 837 (Glory to God hymnal) What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Showalter ***CALL TO CONFESSION** *PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) God, we do not know how to live as we ought. But your Spirit intercedes for us, with sighs too deep for words. In your mercy forgive our sin, heal our fear, and empower us to change our habits for the sake of love. May your grace leaven our hearts. 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 A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 Linda Judge-McRae

Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs for Sunday School. SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8:26-39

SERMON "Everything and Nothing" Rev. Dr. Anne McKee *HYMN NO. 835 (Glory to God hymnal) Just a Closer Walk with Thee Closer Walk *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) from "A Declaration of Faith"

By the Spirit God raised up leaders and prophets in Israel. By the Spirit Jesus was conceived, baptized, and empowered. By the Spirit the risen Christ is present with his church. We affirm that the Holy Spirit is the Lord and Giver of life, the Renewer and Perfecter of God's people, the One who makes real in us what God has done for us.

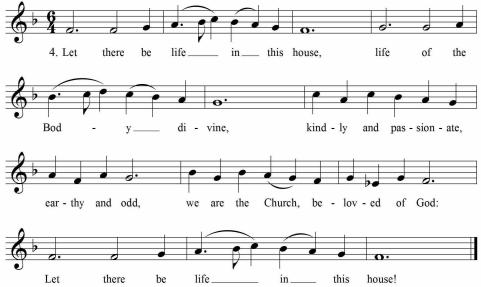
We believe the Holy Spirit works today whenever believers grow toward maturity in Christ. As long as we live we struggle with sin, but the Spirit's presence assures us God will complete what he has begun in us.

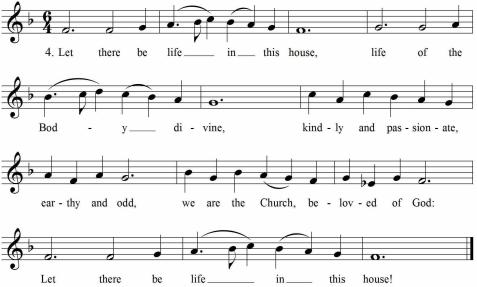
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord's Prayer

THE OFFERING

Peter Sykes (The congregation is invited to stand and join the choir in singing the fourth verse.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Let There Be Life in This House









this house!

Let there be life in this house, tender and truthful and real; life of belonging, respected and free, honored for all God declares us to be: Let there be life in this house!

Let there be life in this house, life of the Spirit and fire; sisters and brothers new-born from above, daring to love because we have been loved: Let there be life in this house!

Let there be life in this house, life of the Body divine, kindly and passionate, earthy and odd, we are the Church, beloved of God: Let there be life in this house!

Kate Layzer *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 VOTE ON HVAC LOAN

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.

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.

Let there be life in this house, poured from the riches of God; treasure in so many vessels of clay, given for sharing, not hiding away: Let there be life in

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...



***POSTLUDE** Praise to the Lord, Almighty

Johann Gottfried Walther

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS * * * * * * * * * *

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Melanie Lewis and Chris Van Beke CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JULY: Cindy Spangler LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY **GREETERS:** Bill and Renee Wiesehuegel LITURGIST: Gradye Parsons MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Summer Choir SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Erik Kringen

SENIOR USHER: Bonny Naugher USHERS: Reed Ellis, Connie Graham, David Woodall, Kathy Huck and Buz Johnson

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Ellen and Ken Anderson in thanks to God for Anne McKee's ministry to us at Westminster Presbyterian Church.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Please make sure to stay after worship today for a congregational meeting for the purpose of approving a \$350,000 loan from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, to replace the HVAC System II.

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.

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.

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 nonmembers. 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.

SHARE THE BOUNTY table is held in the Schilling Gallery for the summer. Our Dave Dungan organic garden at the church is growing heartily, The table is 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. There is also a donation basket with any contributions this year going to our Presbytery's Carbon Footprint Fund.



RALLY DAY IS AUGUST 13!! This is when the church begins our regular schedule: 9am - worship service in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion 10am - Sunday School Hour *

11am - worship service in the Sanctuary

*The Sunday School hour on August 13 will be a time for us to learn all about what each ministry team offers as well as a display of all the classes that will be offered beginning August 20. (Schilling Gallery)

OUR THANKS to John Brock for his enrichment of our worship this morning as he serves as organist and leads the Summer Choir while Peter Van Eenam is on vacation.

THIS MORNING'S OFFERTORY ANTHEM is by Boston-based keyboardist Peter Sykes, a recitalist on Musica Organi's 2011-2012 season here at Westminster. During his visit he graciously shared with me a number of his choral works and hymns, including this morning's hymn. In addition to his career as a keyboardist, he serves as Director of Music at First Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where the author of this morning's anthem text, Kate Layzer, serves as Minister of Outreach and Director of the Friday Café, "a gathering space for housed and unhoused neighbors to mingle and get acquainted," quoting from the church's website.

Peter Van Eenam LEMONADE TIME: Join us after worship service for a glass of lemonade while you fellowship with your Westminster family. The Fellowship Ministry team will be hosting, the table will be set up outside in front of the Sanctuary.

WEST VIEW ELEMENTARY needs volunteers to get West View Elementary school ready to open! A workday is scheduled for Saturday, August 5th 9am -11am or 12pm to spruce up the grounds and other odd jobs. Charlie Van Beke will be providing a truckload of mulch to be spread, so come in your work clothes!!



Class of Josh Bird Gloria Bo Melanie Lisa Oro Chris Va Youth E

Ron Alexander

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> **OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE** Sunday, July 30 9:00am - Sunday School 10:00am - Sanctuary Worship 11:00am - Lemonade Fellowship 11:00am - Congregational Meeting 5:00 pm - Abbey deadline Monday, July 31 11:00 Staff Meeting Wednesday, August 2 4:30pm - Companions (Prayer Room) 7:45pm - Chancel Choir Thursday, August 3 4:30pm - Brass Choir

THE SESSION

f 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
dwell	Ed Babelay	Bill Farnham
Borum	Wendy Collins	Lee Ingram
e Lewis	Janet Drumm	Lucy Johnson
os	Stephen Fortney	Kathryn Oakes
an Beke	Barbara Froula	Richard Ward
lder: Arthur Co	llins Clerk of Ses	sion: Leigh Dunlap

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