



The Order of Worship

**August 6, 2023
10:00 A.M.**

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshipping 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 Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele Johannes Brahms

Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

Chorale text: Adorn yourself, O dear soul; leave the dark den of sin. Come to the bright light, begin to shine wonderfully. For the Lord, full of salvation and mercy, wishes to have you as his guest. He who can administer the heavens wishes to dwell with you.

Johann Franck
literal trans. Mark Bighley

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT For the Bread Which You Have Broken *Kingdom*

For the bread which You have broken, For the wine which You have poured,
For the words which You have spoken, Now we give You thanks, O Lord.

In Your service, Lord, defend us; In our hearts keep watch and ward; In the world to which You send us Let Your kingdom come, O Lord.

Louis FitzGerald Benson

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 145) Gloria Borum

One: We are here this morning to praise God!

All: God is great, and worthy of our praise!

One: God is gracious and merciful, slow to become angry and lavish with constant love.

All: God helps those who are in trouble; and lifts those who have fallen.

One: All living things look hopefully to our generous God.

All: God opens a hand and gives us more than enough, satisfying the needs of all.

One: Praise the Lord!

All: Let the whole earth Praise the Lord!!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 611** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee *Hymn to Joy*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

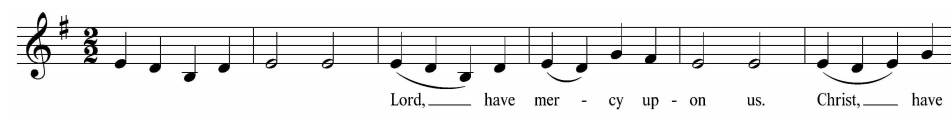
God of compassion, we are sick.

We have wrestled all night with worry instead of resting in you.

We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours.

We have turned away those hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them from your limitless supply of blessings. Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you. We call upon you, for you will answer us, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have



mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 55:1-5

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Allie Brewington and Sophia Manrod

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

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON "Loaves Abound" Barbara Adamcik

***HYMN NO. 526** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs. We believe that Christ is the divine Son of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted. We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her

child. We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times can be loving gifts. We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path, Your path, leads to glory we cannot yet imagine. We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us. This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ. 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 O God, Unseen, Yet Ever Near Vincent Persichetti

O God, unseen, yet ever near, Reveal Thy presence now, While we, in love that hath no fear, Before Thy glory bow.

Here may obedient spirits find The blessings of Thy love The streams that thro' the desert wind, The manna from above.

Awhile beside the fount we stay And eat this bread of Thine; Then go, rejoicing, on our way, Renewed with strength divine. Amen.

Anonymous

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

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Therefore who... forever sing to the glory of your name.

Many: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: Jesus came as teacher... we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Many: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION and THE LORD'S 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF BREAD

Congregation will come forward to receive the elements.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

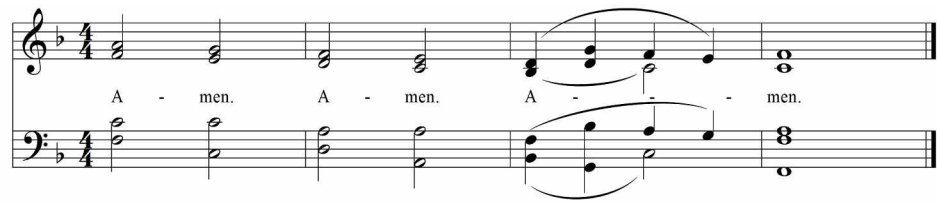
MUSIC FOR COMMUNION Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele Michael Beyer

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen

Danish melody



***POSTLUDE** Präambulum ex clave F

Anonymous

(from *The Lüneburg Organ Tablature*)

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Gloria Borum and Lee Ingram

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR AUGUST: Bonny Naugher and Brenda Seip

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

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS: Gloria Borum and Mary Jo Mann

LITURGIST: Gloria Borum

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Summer Choir

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Dan Collins

SENIOR USHER: Bonny Naugher

USHERS: Judy Jorden, Mike Kaufman, Nancy Lowe, Stephanie Lynch-Wright, Darlen Milam

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Robin and Joe Ben Turner in honor of their wedding anniversary.

LEMONADE TIME: Join us after worship service for a glass of lemonade while you fellowship with your Westminster family. The Human Resources Ministry team will be hosting and providing refreshments for a reception to recognize the fabulous job Allie Brewington has done the past six years as Director of Children's Ministries. Gratitude abounds, for all that Allie is and has done for us, and for all that is yet to be. We look forward to her continued participation, with her family, and as a member of Westminster. We want to welcome Sophia Manrod as the new Director of Children's Ministries. Sophia brings her skill, hard work, and bright spirit to our programs. We have confidence in her ability to continue to grow this vital part of Westminster's ministry. The table will be set up outside in front of the Sanctuary.



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)

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet Thursday, September 7, at 10:30am. We will be doing a book study on *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. The books are to be picked up at the first meeting where Mary Boyd will give some background on the author and introduction to her work. You do not need to read anything before then. The same class will also be offered on the second Sunday of each month during the 10:00am Sunday school hour beginning September 13.

FAMILY PROMISE of Knoxville is hosting a Pasta and Bluegrass Festival on August 26 from 6pm-8pm at Sacred Heart School to benefit homeless families of Knoxville. Tickets are available online as well as sponsorship opportunities.

MEAL TRAIN FOR COBLE-WILLFORD FAMILY Let's give them a gift of a home-cooked meal. If you would like to volunteer to bring a meal to Richard, Lindsey, Joseph and Auden go to <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/wdok6q> and sign up. *Note:* Joseph has a severe cashew allergy - so please no tree nuts.

THIS MORNING'S PRELUDE is taken from a set of eleven chorale preludes which were the last pieces Johannes Brahms composed. The intricate counterpoint reminds of us his fascination with earlier, even ancient, forms of composition.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST will begin the Fall season on August 24 at 8:30am in the McKinnon Room. Our speaker will be Sky huck (of WPC) to discuss his book, *Golden Advice from Global Icons*.

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. Please contact the Foyer Group Coordinators are: Shirley Wittman (shirley.wittman@comcast.net); Ginger Williams (ginger2tn@gmail.com) and Janet Drumm (janet.drumm.tn@gmail.com) if you would like to be involved.

SHARE THE BOUNTY is held in the Schilling Gallery for the summer. Our Dave Dungan organic garden at the church is growing heartily, The table is for you to bring in any vegetables, flowers, or plants from your home gardens that you would like to share with others. 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.



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Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 6

9:00am - Sunday School

10:00am - Sanctuary Worship

11:00am - Lemonade Fellowship

Monday, August 7

11:00 Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 9

4:30pm - Companions (Prayer Room)

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, August 10

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

Bill Farnham

Lee Ingram

Lucy Johnson

Kathryn Oakes

Richard Ward

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