

The Order of Worship

September 24, 2023

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER 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 One and Two (from *Miniatures for Organ*)

Herbert Howells

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

One: O give thanks to the Lord!

All: **The Lord hears the cries of the people.**

One: Give thanks to the Lord.

All: **The works of the Lord are great.**

One: Give thanks to the Lord.

All: **Remember what God has done.**

One: Give thanks to the Lord.

All: **Let us worship the Lord.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 321 (*Glory to God* hymnal) The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) **

O God, maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen:

You place us in your creation,

and you command us to care for it.

Your works declare glory and splendor,

and you call us to praise and reverence.

Where we have degraded or destroyed earth's bounty,
forgive us.

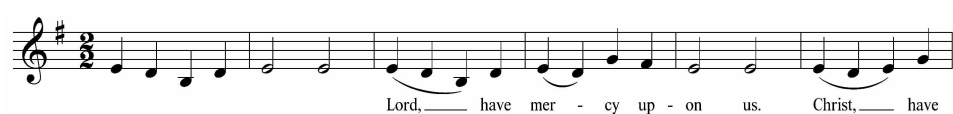
Where we have taken beauty and majesty for granted,
have mercy upon us.

Where we have become estranged
from the creatures with whom we share this planet,
grant us your peace.

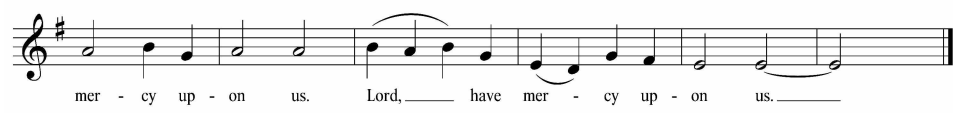
Renew us in the waters of baptism,
refresh us with the winds of your spirit,
and sustain us with the bread of life.
In the name of Jesus Christ,
and for the sake of the new creation, we pray. Amen.

*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.

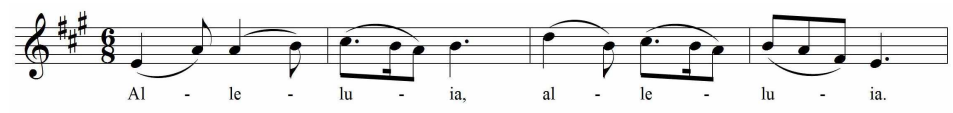
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

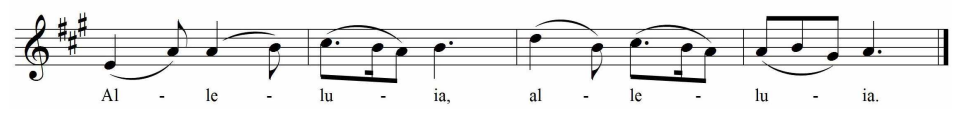
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*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 ...

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Kristel Gibbons

Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Angie Wuysang

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:15

Revelation 21:1

SERMON

"The Green Imago Dei"

Rev. Wuysang

*HYMN NO. 713 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Touch the Earth Lightly

Tenderness

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

We trust in God,

whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good

and makes everyone equally in God's image

to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,

we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,

accept lies as truth,

exploit neighbor and nature,

and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

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

(9:00) I Will Exalt My God, My King

Te exaltaré, mi Dios

Casiodoro Cárdenas

I will exalt my God, my King; I will praise your name forever. I will exalt your name forever. Every day I'll praise your holy name. I will praise your name forever; I will exalt your name forever. Lord our God, you are great and worthy of the highest praise and honor, for your greatness is far beyond us; every day I'll praise your holy name.

Each generation to the next will proclaim your works of splendor, and celebrate your mighty deeds. Every day I'll praise your holy name. (Refrain)

Psalm 145:1-7

paraphrased by Casiodoro Cárdenas

Luke Tresner, Baritone

Riley Dayton, Guitar

(11:00) Lo, My Shepherd's Hand Divine

Franz Joseph Haydn

arr. Archibald T. Davison

Lo, my Shepherd's hand divine! Want shall never more be mine. When I faint with summer's heat, He shall lead my weary feet to the streams that, still and slow, through the verdant meadows flow.

paraphrase of Psalm 23:1-2

*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

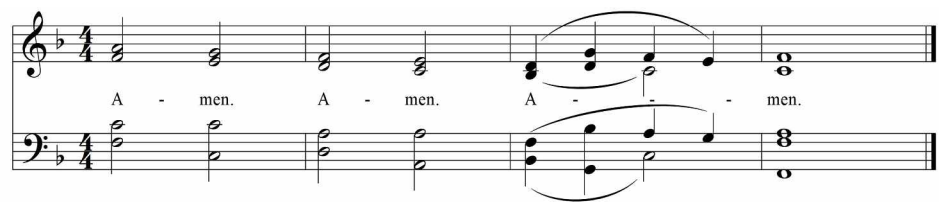
*HYMN NO. 346 (*Glory to God* hymnal) For the Healing of the Nations

St. Thomas (Wade)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Amen**

Danish melody



***POSTLUDE Six (from Miniatures for Organ)**

Herbert Howells

*Indicates standing

** Prayer of Confession by Rev. Ken Carter, North Georgia United Methodist Conference

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Lucy Johnson and Josh Birdwell
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR SEPTEMBER: Cindy Spangler
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) James Gilbert and Cooper Kringen

GREETERS: (11:00) Lucy and Buz Johnson

LITURGIST: Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Peter Totorelli

SENIOR USHER: Barbara Froula

USHERS: (9:00) Scott Brunger and Suzanne Graham

(11:00) Betty McKeehan, Shirley Wittman, Mark Potocik, Charlie & Alice Mercer

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in loving memory of Neil Vanden Dorpel from Jackie Vanden Dorpel and Alexandra McDonald.

OUR THANKS to Luke Tresner and Riley Dayton for their enrichment of our worship this morning at the 9:00 service.

MANY THANKS to Jim Mason for his research and notes on this morning's offertory anthem at the 11:00 service.

WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP invites all members and friends who live in West Hills to join us and meet Rev. Dr. Richard Coble on Sunday, October 1 from 5-7 pm at the Ruthie Carey Pavilion. We are asking the attendees to bring a finger-food type appetizer to share and drinks will be provided. We will get to meet and talk with Richard in a small group setting. Please come and join in!

BREAKFAST IN THE SMOKIES is once again on our church calendar and just around the corner. We weren't able to secure our favorite pavilion at Metcalf Bottoms this year, but have secured a lovely spot at Norris Dam State Park for this year's early morning feast. Originated by the late and beloved Don Byerly, this event has brought together members of our congregation to celebrate the memory of Matt Mathews, while enjoying good food, fellowship, and the beautiful outdoors. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 11, and look for more detailed information in the next weekly newsletter and Westminster Abbey.

MEN'S BOOK CLUB is meeting October 12 at 9:30am in the Lisa Kaufman Hall. The book is *The Brothers* by Stephen Kinzer.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am

Adult Bible Study: The Bible Study class is reading and discussing every part of the Gospel of John. We compare many different translations to learn what the words meant to the followers of Jesus and to us now. (McKinnon Hall)

Feasting on the Word: Studies scriptures used in Worship (LKH)

The Wired Word: Discusses current events with a theological eye (Library)

CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER

During 9:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-5 years old

During 10:00 Hour - Nursery available for children ages 0-3 years old

Sunday School for kindergarten through 5th grade

During 11:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-3 years old

Children's Church for children preschool thru 3rd grade

Children will be walked to Children's Church classes following the Time with Children during the 11:00 worship service.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY PICNIC! Our friends at Emmanuel Presbyterian have invited us for a Friends and Family Picnic on Saturday, October 7 starting at 11:30! They are preparing a feast for us, and say we can bring desserts if we would like. There will be games and lots of great stories and conversation. Emmanuel's address is 3023 Selma Ave, 37914.



WESTMINSTER CHURCH will again host the The Knoxville Chamber Music Society, which continues to bring Knoxville's exceptional musicians to chamber music lovers throughout our community and region.

Four concerts will again be offered, with each being held on a Saturday evening at 7:00 in our sanctuary. The first program will be **this Saturday evening, September 30**, and it features J. S. Bach's beloved *Brandenburg Concertos No. 3, 5, and 6!* Please visit <https://www.knoxvillechambermusicsociety.com> for more information.

SUPPORT PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. This year's Path of Peace reflections celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Commitment to Peacemaking.

CHRISTMAS DRAMA CASTING TODAY!! from 12:15 -1:30 (lunch provided). Attention youth 5th thru 12th grades (and children 2nd through 4th)!! The play is... drumroll, please... *The Best Christmas Pagaent, Ever!*

It's a great story about seeing the Christmas story with fresh eyes- the eyes of the Herdman siblings. (Six of the worst-behaved kids, ever!) There are rolls for every skill level: acting with no lines, a few lines, and parts with lots of lines. There are lots of parts in this hilarious play. For many people in the WPC family, it is a Christmas season highlight that embodies the Spirit of Christmas! We hope to see you at casting!

WESTMINSTER MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 28th at 8:30 am. The lesson presented by Larry Ridley is entitled "Endangered Species-Newspapers and Democracy" Breakfast will be provided by Rob McKeehan. You are welcome to join us and bring a friend or new member.

THIS MORNING'S OFFERTORY ANTHEM is an arrangement of the Kyrie from Haydn's *St. Nicholas Mass*. The text, a paraphrase of the first two verses of Psalm 23, is by James Merrick (1720-1769). An Anglican clergyman and scholar, Merrick spent most of his career at Trinity College, Oxford, where he also wrote original poetry as well as the psalter from which this psalm comes. In the period from the Reformation down until the 18th Century, one of the most common forms of Christian hymnody was the metrical paraphrase of the psalms. Often not close translations, these psalters used popular verse forms rather than attempting to render the original Hebrew style. The Geneva Psalter of 1533 and later (in French) was popular among the Huguenots and influenced English writers. There were many English psalters from about 1549 on with music by major composers like Byrd and Tye, used by both Anglicans and Puritans. While many are of undistinguished poetic quality, some of the best were written just before they were supplanted by the rise of the great English hymn tradition of Isaac Watts, the Wesley brothers, and John Newton. One of the last of these was Merrick's.

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OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 24

9:00am - Pavilion Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Sanctuary Worship

12:15pm - Play Casting

12:15pm - Session Meeting

5:00pm - Oktoberfest

Tuesday, September 26

10:00am - Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 27

9:30pm - Garden Club

4:30pm - Companions (Prayer Room)

4:45pm - Boys' and Girls' Choirs

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 28

8:30am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6pm - Recorder Ensemble

7:00pm - Handbells