



The Order of Worship

**April 7, 2024
11:00 A.M**

**Sacrament of Baptism
Sacrament of Communion**

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRELUDE O Sons and Daughters Let us Sing

J.F. Dandrieu

CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Jesus said,
All: "Follow me."
 One: Jesus said,
All: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."
 One: Jesus said,
All: "Forgive seventy times seven."
 One: Jesus said,
All: "Feed my sheep."
 One: In response, we say:
**All: "Here's my heart.
 Take and seal it.
 Seal it for thy courts above."**
 One: Let us worship God with all our hearts.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 245** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Christ the Lord Is Risen Today! *Llanfair*

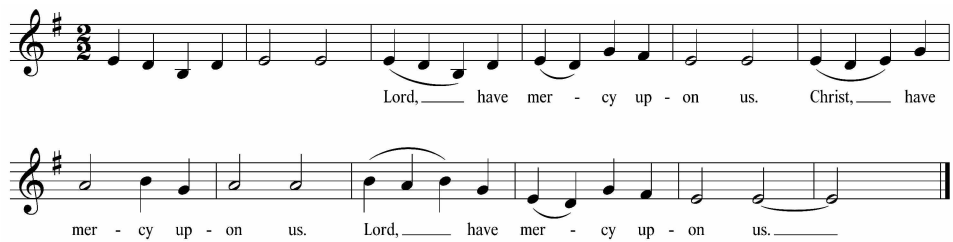
***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)**

Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts. But you are not troubled by them. You do not require perfect understanding. Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you. Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck, when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do. Help us to accept the peace you so graciously offer to us. Have mercy on us when we hoard or hide it, when we fail to offer it to others. Renew us and make us whole that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your peace. In resurrection hope we pray, Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON**

arr. David N. Johnson



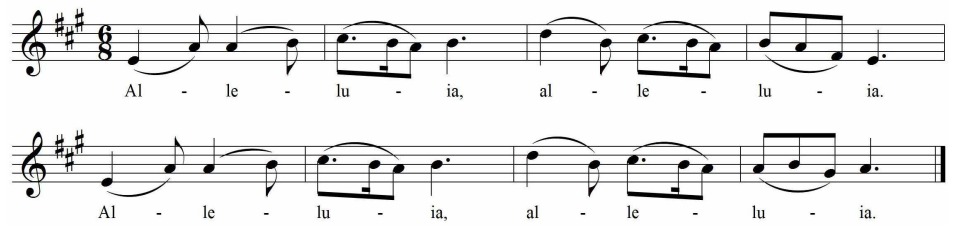
***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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 ...

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:32-35

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Allie Brewington

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Isla Mackenzie Faña Harrison

daughter of Pablo Faña and Nicola Harrison

Children age 4 through 5th grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church following the Baptism.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 1:1-2:2

HOMILY

"Bodies that Matter"

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

***HYMN NO. 489** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed

Pentecost

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 Am the Resurrection

Thomas Morley

I am the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

John 11:25-26

Old Hundredth

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

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**

**COMMUNION AND COMMISSIONING OF
JUSTICE KNOX NEHEMIAH ACTION PARTICIPANTS**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

QUESTIONS TO PARTICIPANTS

QUESTION TO CONGREGATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.
Many: And also with you.
 Leader: Lift up your hearts.
Many: We lift them to the Lord.
 Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise
 Leader: Holy God, in the waters of Baptism you claim us as your own.
Many: And you bind us together in the sharing of the bread and cup.
 Leader: So, may this font and this meal be a foretaste of your plan for creation.
Many: May the way we are together in this meal, where everyone is fed, and welcomed, and seen as God's good creation, be a template for our work beyond these walls.

Leader: We thank you for the ways you nourish, and support us, and call us forward in this meal.

Many: May it strengthen us, for the week ahead, and for all the days that follow.

Leader: In particular, this day, Lord, we ask your blessing upon this delegation and the Nehemiah Assembly of Justice Knox. We pray that this gathering and the work that follows will help bring your peace and wholeness, especially to those in need of food, income, shelter, transportation, and safety.

Many: Equip us all to respond as you call us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Congregation will come forward to receive the elements.

All pre-cut bread is gluten free.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION 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.

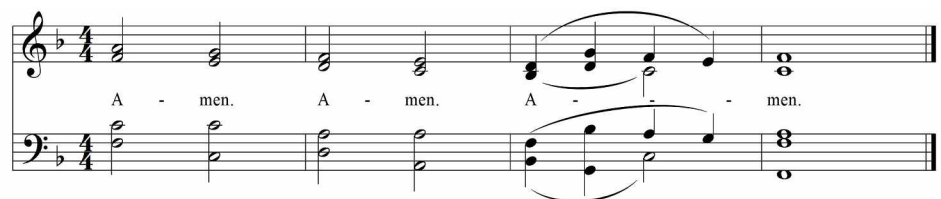
TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 263** (*Glory to God* hymnal) All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!*Coronation*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen

Danish melody



***POSTLUDE** Grands Jeux

Louis Marchand

*Please stand in Body or Spirit

**Call to Worship by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

Prayer of Confession by Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle and the Presbyterian Outlook

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Janet Drumm and Stephen Fortney
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR APRIL: Susan McKeehan and Lana Daverman
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: Charlotte and Anne Van Beke

GREETERS: Jan Gross and Bitsy Ingram

LITURGIST: Gradye Parsons

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Carl Whipple

SENIOR USHER: Ken Hughes

USHERS: Kathy Shilling, Judy Jorden, Tom and Georgann Byerley, Jaclyn Beeler

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Anne Davidson in gratitude and praise for our Earth and skies.

OUR THANKS to John Brock for serving as organist and leading the Chancel Choir this morning while Peter and Anne Van Eenam are on vacation.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am

Adult Bible Study: The Sunday Bible Class is studying the gnostic Gospel of Thomas, comparing it to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in order to determine which of its teachings were recognized in the official gospels and which reflected gnostic beliefs that were eventually rejected by the Christian Church. (LKH Foyer)

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

Sunday School for Preschool through 5th grade

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

Children’s Church for children preschool through 5th grade

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

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

WAMS (Westminsters Awesome Middle Schoolers) - 6th & 7th Grades in the WAMS room.

Confirmation Class - 8th & 9th Grades in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

SHOW (Senior Highs of Westminster) - 10th-12th Grades in the SHOW room.

YOUTH THIS SUNDAY (IT WILL "ECLIPSE" ALL OTHER SUNDAY'S!)

Melanie Lewis and Mary Jennings will be leading a wonderful Sunday afternoon program that is centered around Monday's eclipse and the faith connections that are and have been present throughout history. We will also have dinner provided, and other fun opportunities. We meet on Sunday, April 7, from 4-6 p.m. We hope you can join us!

9AM WORSHIP OUTDOORS IN RCP From April 14 - May 19, our 9:00am service will resume and be held in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion while the 11:00am service will continue in the Sanctuary.

JUSTICE KNOX -- NEHEMIAH ACTION ASSEMBLY This coming Tuesday, April 9 at 7pm, the Nehemiah Action Assembly will take place at the Knoxville Civic Auditorium. Please join us and help make a positive difference for our Knoxville neighbors. Carpools will leave the church at 6pm. If you need a ride please contact Tim Crais at 972-948-2887 or Andrew MacDonald at 865-696-9411.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT We have decided to move our monthly Ministry Team night from April 9 to April 16 so that we can all attend the The Nehemiah Action Assembly (Tuesday, April 9 at 7pm at the Knoxville Civic Auditorium). Environmental Concerns will be in charge of refreshments.

MEN'S BREAKFAST on April 11th Dr. Warren Dockter, President & CEO of East TN Historical Society, will be our speaker. John Harrison will provide our breakfast, so we hope you will join us for a scintillating program and a scrumptious meal. Bring a friend or new member. See you soon.

MEN'S BOOK CLUB The Men's Book Club will meet Thursday April 11th following the Men's Fellowship Breakfast. We will be discussing the novel, *The Time It Takes to Fall*, by Margaret Lazarus Dean. The author will be joining us to talk about this coming-of-age story set against the backdrop of NASA and the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster of January 28, 1986. Anyone interested in meeting the author and participating in the discussion is welcome to meet with us in the lower level fellowship hall. The meeting will begin between 9:30 and 9:45 a.m.

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Linda Judge McRae, Parish Nurse

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 7

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Sanctuary Worship

4:00pm - Youth group

Tuesday, April 9

7:00pm -Nehemiah Action Assembly

Wednesday, April 10

2:30pm - Staff Meeting

3:45pm - Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

4:30pm - Rainbow Choir

4:30pm - Companions

5:00pm - Young Musicians’

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

8:00pm - WPC softball game - Go Wombats!

Thursday, April 11

8:30am - Men’s Breakfast Fellowship

9:30am - Men’s book club

1:00pm - FISH

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:00pm - Recorders

7:00pm -Handbells

Friday, April 12

4:00pm - Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

THE 2024 NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR INPUT!

It is time to submit nominations for our next class of officers for the Class of 2027. We will be electing five (5) Elders for Session, one Trustee, and one Youth Elder. Please submit your suggestions to Gloria Borum (gborum@comcast.net), Chair, Janet Drumm (janet.drumm.tn@gmail.com), Vice Chair, or any one of our at-large members: Melissa Everett (melissajane0112@gmail.com), John Salsbery (John.Salsbery@southernrebar.com), or Carl Whipple (cwhipped@live.com).

A couple notes about making nominations...

-We suggest that you check with the person you would like to nominate before you do so, to make sure they are willing/available to serve.

-If YOU have the desire to serve on Session, please feel free to nominate yourself!

Please submit your nominations by April 14.

The Congregational meeting to elect the officers will be held on April 21 immediately following the 11:00am service.

I would like to nominate

for Elder/Youth Elder/Trustee, because

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: Bitsy Ingram

Class of 2026

Bill Farnham

Lee Ingram

Lucy Johnson

Kathryn Oakes

Richard Ward