



**The Order of Worship**

**June 2, 2024  
10:00 A.M.**

**SECOND 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** Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654 J. S. Bach  
*Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness*  
(from the *Leipzig Chorales*)

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**INTROIT** Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness Johann Crüger  
Deck yourself, my soul, with gladness, Leave behind all gloom and sadness;  
Come into the daylight's splendor, There with joy your praises render Unto  
God, whose grace unbounded Has this wondrous banquet founded; Come, for  
now the Lord most holy Stoops to you in likeness lowly.

Jesus, source of life and pleasure, Truest friend and dearest treasure, By Your  
love I am invited, Be Your love with love requited. From this banquet let me  
measure, Lord, how vast and deep its treasure; Through the gifts that here You  
give me, As Your guest in heaven receive me.

Johann Franck

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Small as a mustard seed and lofty as a cedar  
**All: The kingdom of God is growing**  
One: While we sleep and rise night and day  
**All: The kingdom of God is growing**  
One: The low are brought high: the high are brought low:  
**All: The Kingdom of God is growing**  
**Its large branches are homes to all kinds of people.**

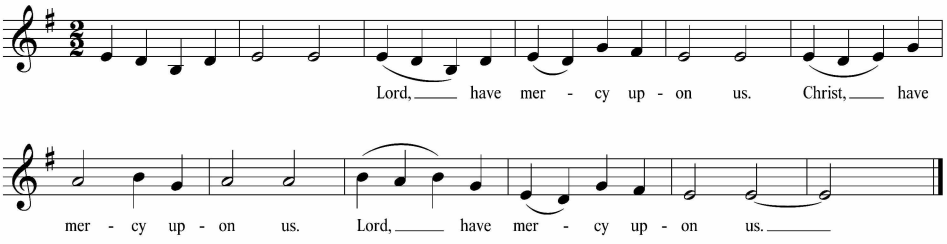
Kathy Parsons

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 393** (*Glory to God* hymnal) O Day of Rest and Gladness  
*Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

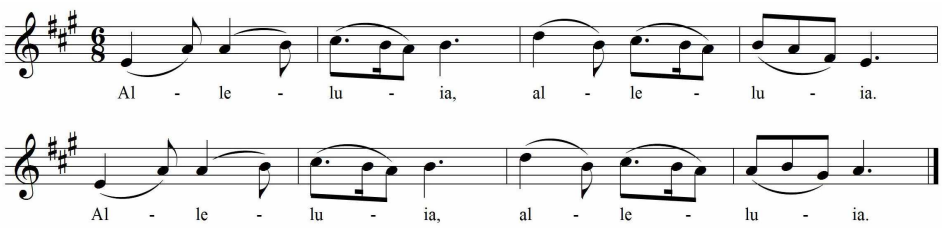
**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**  
**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)  
We confess that in all generations  
men and women have rejected God again and again.  
At times we seek in pride to become gods,  
denying the good limits that define us as creatures.  
At other times we draw back in apathy,  
refusing to fulfill our human responsibilities.  
The antagonisms between races, nations, and neighbors,  
between women and men, children and parents,  
between human beings and creation,  
are manifestations of our sin against God.

**\*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**

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

**MUSIC FOR HANDBELLS**

If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee *Wer nur den lieben Gott*  
arr. Lee J. Afdahl  
Handbell Choir

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** Ellen Anderson  
*Children age 4 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** 2 Corinthians 4:5-12  
**SERMON** "Memories and Mud" Rev. Gradye Parsons  
**\*HYMN NO. 802** (*Glory to God* hymnal) The King of Love My Shepherd Is  
*St. Columba*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)  
**We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.**  
**But hope plunges us into the struggle**  
**for victories over evil that are possible now**  
**in the world, the church, and our individual lives.**  
**Hope gives us courage and energy**  
**to contend against all opposition,**  
**however invincible it may seem,**  
**for the new world and the new humanity**  
**that are surely coming.**  
**Jesus is Lord!**  
**He has been Lord from the beginning.**  
**He will be Lord at the end**  
**Even now he is Lord.**

**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** Arise, My Love, My Fair One Gerald Near  
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past, the  
rain is over and gone, the time of the singing of birds is come. Alleluia.  
based on Song of Solomon 2:10-12

**\*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**

**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.**

What is it we remember about this sacrament?  
**We believe that at the Lord's supper**  
**the community of believers is renewed**  
**by the memory of Christ's life and death,**  
**by his real presence in the power of the Holy Spirit,**

and by the promise of his coming again.

How is Jesus Christ remembered in this sacrament?

**Christ makes himself known to us in the breaking of bread.**

**He offers us his body broken for our sake  
and his blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins.**

**We accept his promises and gifts  
and depend on his life to sustain ours.**

**In turn we offer ourselves in thanksgiving  
to the risen Lord who has conquered death.**

How do we offer that thanksgiving?

**We celebrate his victory here and now  
and anticipate the joyous feast in his coming kingdom.**

**Reunited around one loaf and cup,  
we receive strength and courage  
to continue our pilgrimage with God in the world.**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### BREAKING OF BREAD

*Congregation will come forward to receive the elements.*

*All pre-cut bread is gluten free.*

#### POURING OF THE CUP

#### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER SHARED

#### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Vor deinen Tron tret' ich hiermit, BWV 668

J. S. Bach

*I Come Before Your Throne*

(from the *Leipzig Chorales*)

Chorale text: I come before your throne, O God, and humbly ask you not  
to turn your gracious countenance from me, a poor sinner.

Bodo von Hodenburg, 1646

literal trans. Mark Bighley

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**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. 515 (*Glory to God* hymnal) I Come with Joy

*Dove of Peace*

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE God Be in My Head

John Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my  
looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine heart and  
in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.

from the *Sarum Primer*

Chancel Choir

\*POSTLUDE Präludium in F, RhWV deest No. 9

Josef Rheinberger

\*Please stand in Body or Spirit

Except for the Call to Worship, the liturgy comes from the *Declaration of Faith of the  
Presbyterian Church* (U.S.A.)

#### NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Arthur Collins and Chris Van Beke

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JUNE:** Deb McGaugh

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

#### SERVING TODAY

**GREETERS:** Ibbie Muntz and Kathryn Oakes

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Chancel and Handbell Choirs

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** William Gibbons

**SENIOR USHER:** Linda Van Beke

**USHERS:** Mike Kaufman, Kathy Huck, Shirley Wittman, Tom and Georgann Byerley

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Daniel and Melanie Lewis in honor  
of their children, Adelina and Owen.

**THIS MORNING'S MUSIC FOR HANDBELLS** is a very creative setting of the  
hymn we know well. Aside from techniques of articulation, including thumb  
damping and pizzicato, a number of passages ask for notes (particularly in the  
accompaniment) to be held out for a specific duration past their printed value,  
resulting in an effect similar to what a damper pedal creates on a piano. The arranger  
also uses many different accompaniments and rhythms throughout the course of the  
work.

#### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 am

**Adult Bible Study:** Beginning May 26 at 9 a.m. the Bible Study class will read the  
Old Testament Book of Micah. Micah is famous as the prophet in Judah who  
proclaimed, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?"(6:8) We will see that those requirements are  
both individual and societal.

#### CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER

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

*Children up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be walked to Children's Church classes following the Time with  
Children during the 10:00 worship service.*

**SUMMER LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY:** Each Wednesday this summer we will  
hold a lectionary Bible study on the coming Sunday's sermon passage. These  
meetings will take place Wednesdays at 12:00pm in the McKinnon Room. The  
preacher of the following Sunday will be leading and organizing the Bible study. We  
will be studying some of the context and history of the passage, but will also be  
asking how it is speaking directly to us in our lives and faith.

**FISH MINISTRY NEWS:** Many thanks to all of you who came May 28 to help  
unload the FISH delivery truck. You all are amazing! The first event to help assemble  
the bags of groceries will be held this evening at 5:30pm. YOU are needed! Address:  
Church of the Savior 934 Weisgarber Road. Questions? Please call Linda Van Beke  
(865-804-4904) or Janet Drumm (865-310-3739)

#### CELEBRATING PETER VAN EENAM

★ **Please mark your calendars for June 28 from 7:00-8:30pm.** We will be  
holding a celebratory listening party, where Peter will showcase meaningful  
works from his many choirs through the years at Westminster.

★ **Also, please be sure to mark down worship on June 30 at 10:00am.** This  
will be Peter's last service at Westminster, and it is sure to be one for the  
history books. A potluck meal and celebration in the courtyard will follow  
worship. Spread the word!

★ **We are looking for people willing to help prepare the food for June 30.**  
If interested, please contact the church office or text Connie Graham  
(865-789-9502) or Janna de Vente (865-771-0567). One of them will be in  
touch to discuss what to bring. Thank you to all who can participate.

★ **We are compiling photos and videos for Peter.** Please send us memories  
you would like to share of Peter's 42 years at Westminster. Likewise, if you  
are not able to be present on June 30 or would otherwise like to record a  
special 'good-bye' to Peter, please email us a video. All videos and photos  
will be compiled by Arthur Collins. Arthur's email is  
[1016fimaco@gmail.com](mailto:1016fimaco@gmail.com).

#### UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP GATHERINGS

**The WPC South Neighborhood** is going to gather on Sunday, June 9 for a pot lunch  
dinner with Richard in the RCP at 5:00pm. The coordinators will provide barbecue,  
sauce, buns, paper products, and drinks. We ask everyone else to bring a side dish,  
salad, or dessert. We hope to not only get to know each other each better, but to use  
this opportunity to plan future neighborhood gatherings. RSVP to Connie at  
[grahamcd@bellsouth.net](mailto:grahamcd@bellsouth.net) or text 865-789-9502 or to Jane at [jcasey5423@gmail.com](mailto:jcasey5423@gmail.com).

**The WPC West Hills Neighborhood** will gather on Sunday, June 16 at 4:00pm in the  
Ruthie Carey pavilion. Bring an appetizer to share. The coordinators will be  
providing the drinks. Please RSVP to Anne Crais 865-360-9008. We hope to see you  
there!

**SHARE THE BOUNTY** table is available in the Schilling Gallery. The table provides  
a space to share the bounty from our personal gardens as well as our very own  
Westminster organic garden. You are more than welcome to help yourself to what is  
provided on the table. All proceeds placed in the donation basket will be going to  
help support Presbytery's Carbon Footprint ministry.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** VBS will be June 10-12 from 9am-12pm. This year's  
theme is "Saints and Holy Helpers!" All children up to rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited  
to attend. Contact: Sophia Manrod ([sophia@wpcknox.org](mailto:sophia@wpcknox.org)) for more information.

**PARENTS MORNING OUT:** Starting the week after VBS, we will be having Parents  
Morning Out June 17 through July 31 from 9am-12pm on Mondays and  
Wednesdays. You can sign up your kiddos or as a volunteer! Contact: Sophia  
Manrod ([sophia@wpcknox.org](mailto:sophia@wpcknox.org)) for more information.

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT** will be the third Friday of every month from 5:00 - 8:00pm.  
The dates for this are June 21, July 19, and August 16! Contact: Sophia Manrod  
([sophia@wpcknox.org](mailto:sophia@wpcknox.org)) for more information.

**ABBEY DEADLINE** is today at 5:00pm. Please email your articles to Debbie Bendy  
[unitedprinters@comcast.net](mailto:unitedprinters@comcast.net). All events for June should be included in this edition.

**OPERATION BACK YARD (OBY) LUNCH HELP NEEDED:** We've had lunch organizers volunteer for the four days of OBY (June 24-27)! Thank you so much, Linda Yates, Van Beke family, Betty McKeehan, and Gail Clark! Those leaders could use some help preparing and delivering their lunches. If you would like to volunteer to assist in this "Feeding of the 25+", please let Barbara know. The youth so appreciate your support and yummy food, and we even get to share with our OBY home owners!! Thank you, Westminster!

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!** This summer WPC has opportunities to help Home Federal with their full build of a house for **Habitat for Humanity**. They are mainly looking for help with Registrar and hospitality, but may have other needs as well. The dates are: 7/27/24 ; 8/3/24 ; and 9/28/24. The location is 205 Sapling Ln. To register go online to: [knoxvillehabitat.volunteerhub.com/vv2/1p/westminsterpres](http://knoxvillehabitat.volunteerhub.com/vv2/1p/westminsterpres) You will need to create a volunteer Hub account which is fairly straight-forward. If you have any questions, you can contact Daniel Lewis.

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Barbara Adamcik, Director of Youth and Connectional Ministries, CLP

Sophia Manrod, Director of Children’s Ministries

Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Joanna Warren, Administrative Assistant

Linda Judge McRae, Parish Nurse

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

**OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, June 2**

9:00am - Bible Study Class

10:00am - Sanctuary Worship

5:00pm - *Abbey* Deadline

5:30pm - FISH bagging at the Pantry

**Tuesday, June 4**

10:00am - Staff meeting

6:00pm - Staff Party for Peter

**Wednesday, June 5**

12:00pm - Summer Bible study

4:30pm - Companions

6:00pm - Wombats softball game

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

**Thursday, June 6**

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:00pm - Recorders

**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

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