



The Order of Worship

**June 16, 2024
10:00 A.M.**

FOURTH 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 Ballet des feus (from *Terpsichore*) Michael Praetorius
Suite in C, Movement IV G. F. Handel
arr. Denis Bloodworth
Allegro (from *Concerto grosso No. 1 in G*) G. F. Handel
Recorder Ensemble

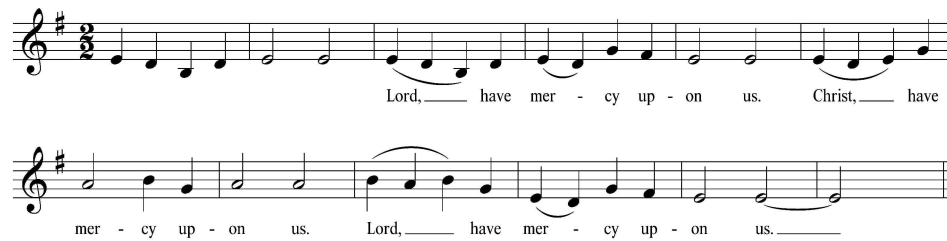
OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Daniel Lewis

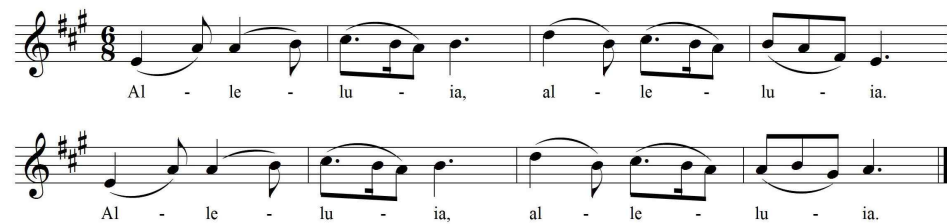
One: When we are relaxing after a long day,
when we are pacing midnight's floor,
All: God knows, and is with us.
One: When we are climbing the ladder of success,
when we have tripped over despair,
All: God knows, and guides us along the way.
One: When we are tongue-tied and in love,
when we struggle to speak of hope,
All: God knows, and gives us the words we need.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 14** (*Glory to God* hymnal) For the Beauty of the Earth Dix
***CALL TO CONFESSION**
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)
So on this holy day, Gracious God, we pray for your forgiveness. When we could promote ourselves, instead let us honor those who care for us in ways we do not notice. Instead of pushing people into the shadows, may we walk with them in your light. May we open our hands to serve others with the grace, hope, and peace poured into us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.
***KYRIE ELEISON** arr. David N. Johnson



***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**
***PASSING OF THE PEACE**
***RESPONSE** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*) Fintan O'Carroll



TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
SCRIPTURE READING Mark 4:26-34
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Sophia Manrod
Children age 4 through 5th grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.
SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17
SERMON "The Mustard Seed Code" Rev. Gradye Parsons
***HYMN NO. 451** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Open My Eyes That I May See
Open My Eyes

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)**
Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's kingdom.
We believe that God is at work in our world
turning hopeless and evil situations into good.
We believe that goodness and justice
will triumph in the end
and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever.
One day all tears will be wiped away;

the lamb will lie down with the lion,
and justice will roll down like a mighty stream.
True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired,
they are assured and guaranteed in Christ.
This is our faith.
This is our hope.

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 Turn the World Around
Harry Belafonte and Robert Freedman
arr. Larry Farrow

We come from the fire, livin' in the fire, go back to the fire, turn the world around.

We come from the mountain, living in the mountain, go back to the mountain, turn the world around. Oh, so is life. Ah, so is life.

Do you know who I am? Do I know who you are? See we one another clearly, Do we know who we are? Oh, so is life abatee [our fortunate existence], Wah, ah, hah! So is life!

Water make the river, river wash the mountain, fire make the sunlight, turn the world around.

Heart is of the river, body is of the mountain, spirit is the sunlight, turn the world around.

Harry Belafonte and Robert Freedman
Robert Adamcik, Congas
***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**
INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF RULING ELDERS
PRAYER OR ORDINATION

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. 727** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Will You Let Me Be Your Servant
The Servant Song
***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** Sevenfold Amen John Stainer
Chancel Choir
***POSTLUDE** Allegro moderato e serioso Felix Mendelssohn
(from *Sonata No. 1 for the Organ*, Op. 65)

*Please stand in Body or Spirit

**Affirmation of Faith - 20th Century South African Creed

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Lisa Oros and Stephen Fortney
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JUNE: Deb McGaugh
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS: Mark and Pam Potocik

LITURGIST: Daniel Lewis

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir and Recorder Ensemble

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Jay Schmid

SENIOR USHER: Linda Van Beke

USHERS: Buz Johnson, Suzanne Graham, Carol Beilharz, Bonny and Doug Naugher

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Connie and Donnie Graham in honor of the Graham family summer birthdays.

OUR THANKS to Bob Adamcik for his enrichment of our worship this morning as he accompanies the Chancel Choir, which offers a reprise of the Harry Belafonte song sung this past Pentecost Sunday at the 11:00 service, hopefully allowing the choir to share it with those who were attending the 9:00 service that morning. A special thanks to Bettie Mason for providing the following notes on this song: "Turn the World Around," originally released in 1977, achieved enduring fame from Harry Belafonte's performance on "The Muppet Show" in 1979.

As an admirer of Jim Henson's work, Belafonte had been delighted to accept when invited to be a guest on the show. Viewing it as "an opportunity to do something very worthwhile," something educational, he proposed to Henson that the show "take a look at the lore and history of other worlds, other places," especially the Third World.

Before his performance, he explained how the song came to be. Visiting a small village in the interior of Guinea, he found a story-teller who "went way back into African tradition—into African mythology. He began to tell a story about the fire—which means the Sun—about the water, about the Earth. And he pointed out that all of these things put together turn the world around. And that all of us are here for a very, very short time. And in that time that we are here, there really isn't any difference in any of us IF we take time out to understand each other. And the question is, Do I know who you are? Do you know who I am? Do we care about each other? Because, if we do, together we can turn the world around."

The key here, the answer to these questions, is the pronoun "we," the very first word of Belafonte's song: "We come from the fire." In living our lives, there should be no "us" and no "them" — instead, it should be the collective "we" embracing a shared humanity.

PRAYER LIST (Please keep the following names in your prayers this week)

Juanita Campbell, Jack Draper, Sonja Jones, Judy and Joseph Moon, Lalla Phillips, Kitty Rasa, Doris Solomon, Sara Cantrell, Vicki Chapman, Genet Weber, Jonah McCollum

SUMMER CHOIR will return July 14. We invite you to come sit in with the choir and enjoy the music, fellowship, and camaraderie! Practices are usually at 9:00am Sunday mornings. Please contact the church office at your earliest convenience if you'd like to participate, so that a choir folder can be made up for you. If you prefer to sing a certain part, please let us know that as well. Come join us this summer!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 am

Adult Bible Study: is reading 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 5th grade will be walked to Children's Church classes following the Time with Children during the 10:00 worship service.

CELEBRATING PETER: Preparations are well under way to send our retiring Director of Music Ministries Peter Van Eenam off with gratitude and style! There are going to be several opportunities where you can participate, share your love with Peter, and celebrate all he has done and meant to this community!

1. First, please mark your calendars for June 28 from 7:00-8:30p.m. We will be holding a celebratory listening party, where Peter will showcase meaningful works from his many choirs through the years at Westminster.
2. Also, please be sure to mark down worship on June 30 at 10:00a.m. This will be Peter's last service at Westminster, and it is sure to be one for the history books. A meal and celebration in the courtyard will follow worship. Spread the word!
3. We are looking for people willing to help prepare food for the June 30 celebration. Please contact the church office or text Connie Graham (865-789-9502) or Janna De Vente (865-771-0567) if you are interested in helping. One of them will be in touch to discuss what to bring. *Thank you for your participation.*
4. You can contribute to a special love offering to Peter and his family by mailing checks directly to the church office with "Peter's love offering" in the memo line. Checks can also be dropped in the offering plate.
5. Send your memories: We are compiling photos and videos for Peter. Please send us pictures 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.

LADIES BOOK CLUB: will be held on June 18 at 10:30am *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. The discussion leader is Janice Rawe. All women of the church who enjoy reading and discussing books are invited to join us occasionally or all the time. Contact Linda Rutherford for more information at 865-384-3435.

SUMMER LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY: Join us this and following Wednesdays this summer for 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.

POTLUCK WEDNESDAYS AT WESTMINSTER!!

This Wednesday, June 19th

Come gather for a Westminster Family Potluck meal and programming! Dinner will be held from 6:00-6:45pm. Afterward, we will break up for opportunities for formation and programming from 6:45-7:45pm.

Dates: third Wednesday of each month: June 19, July 17, and August 21.

Option 1: *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr. We will be talking about our experiences finding meaning in the second half of life. Conversations led by Richard Coble and Gradye Parsons. Please let Richard know by June 12 if you would like for us to order you a copy of the book or you will be purchasing one on your own. The cost is \$20 per book.

Richard@wpcknox.org.

Option 2: *Never Thought of It that Way: How to Have Fearlessly Curious Conversations in Dangerously Divided Times* - series of conversations about how to address charged topics as a community of faith. Classes led by Jaclyn Beeler, Jeff Gilbert and Daniel Lewis.

Programming for Children: *Saints and Holy Helpers*

Who are saints? Are saints only from our past, or are there still saints today? How am I called to be a holy helper? Bible lessons, drama time, and crafts will provide our younger members with spiritual formation using Saints and Holy Helpers. Sophia Manrod, Mary Boyd, and Debbie Babelay will be leading the children while they experience God's love and presence in our lives as they learn about saints from the Bible and observe saints that surround us in our daily lives.

Youth: *The Gospels*

Why do you think there are four books about Jesus in the Bible? Do you think it's OK that there are differences in the four books? If you were to share the story of Jesus' resurrection, what do you think would be the key points to share? The fact that there are four Gospels in the Bible can lead people to wonder, not only why there are four books, but also which one is the most authentic, important, or "true" account. We will explore how each Gospel plays its own unique role in sharing the message of Christ's life and ministry. We will also see how the combination of the four Gospels gives us a more holistic image of who Jesus was and why we believe what we do. The Youth classes, grades 6-12, will be led by Barbara Adamcik, Kathy Parsons, and others.

OPERATION BACK YARD (OBY) LUNCH HELP NEEDED: Our lunch organizers for the four days of OBY (June 24-27) are Linda Yates, Van Beke family, Betty McKeehan, and Gail Clark! These 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!!

THE WPC WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD will gather TODAY 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!

BEARDEN NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP will meet June 23, 4-6 PM, in Cindy Spangler's back meadow--4175 Ridgeway Lane. Please bring a chair and an appetizer to share. Assorted beverages will be provided. Special Guest: Richard Coble! Questions: Contact co-host Julia Whipple or Cindy Spangler.

LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP It's that time of year when we like to enjoy a glass of lemonade while you fellowship with your Westminster family after worship. A person/family will host a table will be set up outside in front of the Sanctuary (weather permitting). If you are interested in participating, please sign up by emailing Joanna in the church office, joanna@wpcknox.org. The dates will be: June 23, July 7, 14, 21, 28 and August 4.

PARENTS MORNING OUT: will be offered June 17 - 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) for more information.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT will be the 3rd Friday of every month! The dates for this are June 21, July 19, August 16 from 5:00 to 8:00pm! Contact: Sophia Manrod (sophia@wpcknox.org) for more information.

JUNETEENTH PARADE Presbyterians are invited to march in Knoxville's Juneteenth parade, Wednesday, June 19, to commemorate the emancipation of slaves during the Civil War. The march follows the 2-mile route between Chilhowee Park and Walter Hardy Park. Presbyterian participants will join with the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance's giant puppets that portray important Civil Rights figures. Those interested in carrying one of the puppets are welcome to volunteer. The "Presbyterians for Peace and Justice" banner will also be carried in the parade. Westminster has a long history of participating in these parades and we hope you join us. Come to the Midway entrance of Chilhowee Park off North Beaman Street between 8:30 and 9:00 and look for the puppets to find a place in the parade lineup. The parade begins at 10 am. For more information text or call Ann Owens Brunger at 865-405-2281.

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Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

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Linda Judge McRae, Parish Nurse

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 16

9:00am - Bible Study Class

10:00am - Sanctuary Worship

11:10am - Choristers

4:00pm - West Hills Neighborhood Group - RCP

5:00pm - *Abbey* deadline

Monday, June 17

9:00am - Noon - Parents Morning Out

6:30pm - Music Search Team Meeting

Tuesday, June 18

10:00am - Staff meeting

10:30am - Ladies' Bookclub

Wednesday, June 19

9:00am - Noon - Parent's Morning Out

12:00pm - Summer Bible study

4:30pm - Companions

6:00pm - Wednesdays at Westminster

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 20

4:30pm - Brass Choir

7:00pm - Four-in-hand

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

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Alice Mercer

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