



The Order of Worship

**July 21, 2024
10:00 A.M.**

NINTH 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 Jesus, Priceless Treasure Joh. Gottfried Walther
OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 23) Mary Sophia Hawks

One: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

All: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

One: He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

All: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

One: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 310** (Glory to God hymnal) I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord St. Thomas

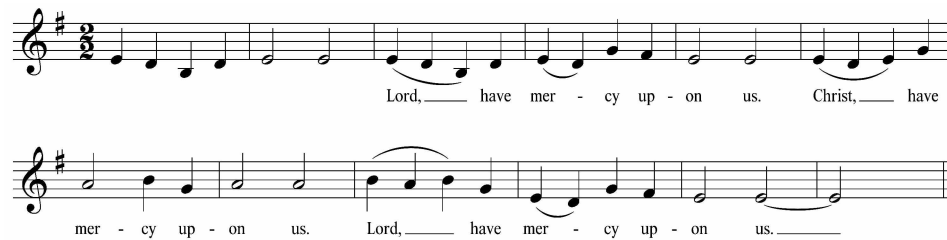
***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

God, who is the bread of life and the cup of salvation, you ask us to come to you when we are weary and carrying heavy burdens, so that we may find rest. You tell us that you will supply our needs and that your peace is enough to calm our anxious hearts. And yet we do not believe you. We think that we must shoulder the burden by ourselves. We feel we are alone in the face of the world's great pain and our own needs. Gracious God, show us again your living water, which quenches all thirst. Point us again to your grace, which is sufficient. Reorient us, so that we may rely on you and not our inadequate, exhausted selves. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON**

arr. David N. Johnson



***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

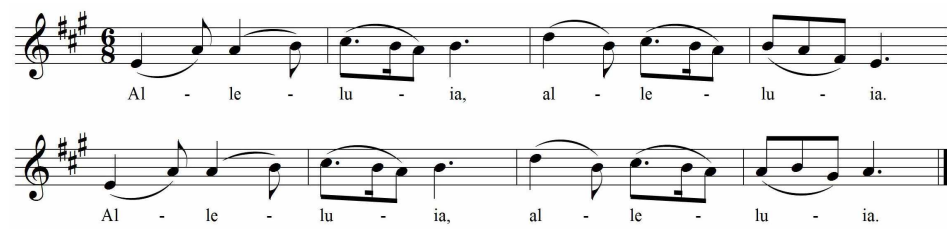
Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***RESPONSE** Celtic Alleluia (sing twice)

Fintan O'Carroll



TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:13-22

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Sophia Manrod

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

SERMON

"Recognizing Jesus"

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

***HYMN NO. 39** (Glory to God hymnal) Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)**

May God bless us with discomfort

At easy answers, half-truths,

And superficial relationships

So that we may live

Deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with anger

At injustice, oppression,

And exploitation of people,

So that we may work for

Justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless us with tears
To shed for those who suffer from pain,
Injustice, starvation and war,
So that we may reach out our hands
To comfort them and
To turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless us with enough foolishness
To believe we can
Make a difference in the world,
So that we can do
What others claim cannot be done.

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 How Can I Keep From Singing?

Quaker Song
Robert Lowry

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far off song that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.
It sounds and echos in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest round me roars, I know the truth: It liveth.
What though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

***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**

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.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 301** (Glory to God hymnal) Let Us Build a House

Two Oaks

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Joh. Gottfried Walther

*Please stand in Body or Spirit

**Affirmation of Faith adopted from "A Franciscan Blessing" by Sister Ruth Fox

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Emily Gustafson and Stephen Fortney

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JULY: Jan Barber and Susan McKeehan

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

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS: Carol Beilharz and Anne Crais

LITURGIST: Mary Sophia Hawks

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Summer Choir

ORGANIST: John Brock

PIANIST: Karen Yarbro

SUMMER CHOIR DIRECTOR: Ibbie Muntz

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Lee Ingram

SENIOR USHER: Bonny Naugher

USHERS: Janice and Rick Rawe, LoAnn Price, Gary Rowcliffe, Barbara Froula

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Anne and Tim Crais in honor of their children and grandchildren - Andy, Aubrie, Whit, Piper, Christy, Jonathon, Hannah, Ellie, Abbie, Mathew, Danielle and Emmie Mae.

THANK YOU to John Brock and Karen Yarbro for assisting the choir today.

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

Juanita Campbell, Sonja Jones, Judy and Joseph Moon, Lalla Phillips, Kitty Rasa, Doris Solomon, Sara Cantrell, Vicki Chapman, Kenny Baker, Jonah McCollum, Karen and her son Brian, Anne Hector (Mary Jo Mann's niece).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 am

Adult Bible Study is reading the Gospel of Matthew. We meet in the McKinnon room each Sunday before worship.

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.

GLOBAL MISSIONS The Peacemaking Committee of the Presbytery of East Tennessee invites those interested in the global mission of the Presbyterian Church to meet the Rev. Dr. Elmarie Parker, the PCUSA Mission Co-Worker and Regional Liaison in the Middle Eastern countries of Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, and the Gulf States since 2013. The program will be held Wednesday, July 31st, here at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Participants are invited to a free Middle Eastern meal catered by Yassin's at 6:00 pm in the Lisa Kaufman Hall, followed by the program at 6:45.

JOIN KAYE DAVIS' BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION Dan and Becky, Kaye Davis' children, would like to invite the congregation to join in the celebration. The party will be held in the Ruthie Carey pavilion on July 27 at 12:00 noon. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served. We hope you will celebrate this wonderful and sweet lady with us. **Please RSVP** to Becky Slone (Kaye's daughter) if you plan on celebrating with them, 606-231-1516.

SAFE ZONE TRAINING TODAY!!! Shannon Brown from Appalachian OUTreach has offered to us a three week class to help us along that journey of inclusion. The goal of these classes is to deepen our understandings of the LGBTQ+ community, terminology and language and the current issues of living in Tennessee.

The class will start after worship and begin at 11:15 and generally go for one hour. (McKinnon Room) Childcare is available.

July 21: One Sunday of LGBTQ+ history and current TN laws and how our societal attitudes are influenced by the changing laws

July 28: One Sunday a member of the LGBTQ+ community speaking from the perspective of personal experiences

August 4: One Sunday of Q&A.

If you have any questions contact Gradye Parsons, gradye@wpcknox.org.

SUMMER LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAYS AT NOON

Our final meeting will be this Wednesday, July 24 at noon.

RALLY DAY Noteworthy activities have been accomplished at Westminster over the last year. If you would like to share those accomplishments and request new ideas and participation for this coming year, please sign up for a table at this year's **Rally Day** on **August 11th** during the Sunday School hour. Sign up by the first of August so we can plan the number of tables to ready. Thanks for all you do to make spiritual formation and mission a noteworthy practice in our church community. Please see Kathy Parsons if you have any questions.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY The books for the monthly Women's Bible Study have arrived. This year, we'll be looking at Dr. Lauren Winner's book, *Mudhouse Sabbath*. If you are planning to participate, you can pick up a book in the church office. We'll meet for the first time Thursday, August 1 at 10:30 a.m. in LK Hall. If you have questions, contact Mary Boyd, maryeboyd1@gmail.com

SUMMER CHOIR We invite you to come sit in with the choir and enjoy the music, fellowship, and camaraderie! 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!

CHECK OUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL TABLE The theme is Pick TN and there is a plethora of information on farmers markets, honey farms and pick your own farms for congregation. Plenty of handouts; many donated by Nourish Knoxville. Check it out and get some great food while supporting local farmers.

SHARE THE BOUNTY Stop by the Share the Bounty table that is back in the Schilling Gallery for the summer. 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 a ministry that the Environmental Concerns team chooses.

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Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Sawyer Warren, Worship Tech

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 21

9:00am - Bible Study Class

9:00am - Summer Choir Practice

10:00am - Sanctuary Worship

11:15am - Safe Zone for churches class

5:00pm - *Abbey* deadline

Monday, July 22

9:00am - Noon - Parents Morning Out

6:30pm - Music Search Team Meeting

Tuesday, July 23

10:00am - Staff meeting

Wednesday, July 24

12:00pm - Summer Bible study

4:30pm - Companions

Friday, July 26

10:00am - Savvy Caregiver Class

Saturday, July 27

Kaye Davis' 90th birthday party

THE SESSION

Class of 2025

Ed Babelay

Wendy Collins

Janet Drumm

Stephen Fortney

Barbara Froula

Youth Elder: Lucy Gilbert

Class of 2026

Bill Farnham

Lee Ingram

Lucy Johnson

Kathryn Oakes

Richard Ward

Class of 2027

George Barber

Mary Boyd

Allie Brewington

Emily Gustafson

Ken Hughes

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