



**The Order of Worship**

**August 25, 2024  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**FOURTEENTH 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**

(9:00) Vuelie (Song of the Earth) Frode Fjellheim  
(11:00) Passacaglia Hans Friedrich Micheelsen

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 84)\*\* Ellen Anderson

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O God, most gracious host.

**All: My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the household of God.**

One: Even the sparrow finds a home  
and the swallow a nest at your table of grace,  
O homemaking God.

**All: Our hearts and our flesh sing for joy to you, the living God.**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 366** (Glory to God hymnal) Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Hyfrydol*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

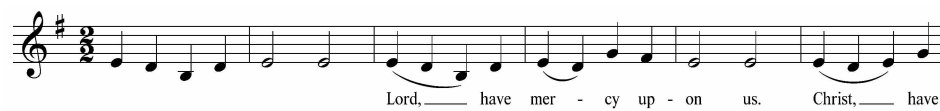
**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)\*\*

Oh Lord, we were wonderfully made to worship, but how quickly our adoration splits and refracts when we cannot touch Your face. Impatient, we trade our inheritance for pocket change, our banquet for scraps, our life for death. We have neither melted gold nor carved from stone, but we have fashioned idols with our own hands, master crafts-makers who are craving, thirsting, seeking what is not You.

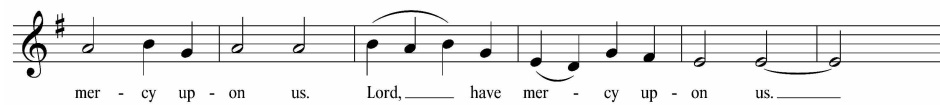
Oh Christ, may we lose our appetite for artificial joy, instead hungering for what is real. May we tire of serving multiple masters and ache for the affections of One. May we set the cross at the center of our gaze. May we proclaim, with reordered hearts, that only You can satisfy, that only in You is our hope secure. May the emptiness of our own creations point us to the fullness of You. 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**

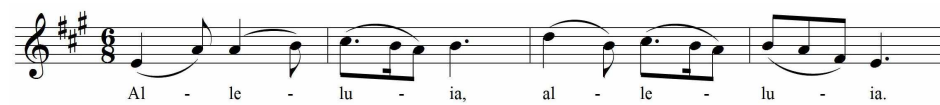
Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

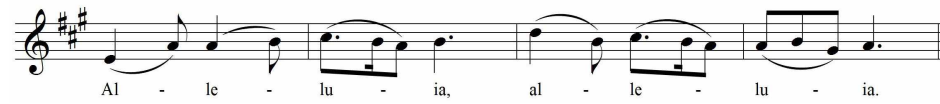
**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*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 ...**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 6:56-69

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00)

Rachel Powell

*Children age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

1 Kings 8:1,6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43

**SERMON**

"Temple(s)"

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

**\*HYMN NO. 591** (Glory to God hymnal) Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

*Halle, Halle*

*(Choir will sing verses in alternation with refrain sung by all)*

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

**We believe in a bright and amazing God,  
Who has been to the depths of despair on our behalf;  
Who has risen in splendour and majesty;  
Who decorates the universe with sparkling water, clear white light,  
Twinkling stars and sharp colours,  
Over and over again.**

**We believe that Jesus is the light of the world;  
That God believes in us, and trusts us,  
Even though we make the same mistakes  
Over and over again.**

**We commit ourselves to Jesus,  
To one another as siblings in Christ,  
And to the Maker's business in the world.**

**God said: Let there be light.**

**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) Lift Thine Eyes (from Elijah)

Felix Mendelssohn

(11:00) Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

David Schelat

Bob Adamcik, Conga Drums

Praise the Lord, God's glories show, Alleluia, gloria! Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia, gloria!

Angels round the throne above, Alleluia, gloria! All that see and share God's love, Alleluia, gloria!

Earth to heav'n and heav'n to earth, Alleluia, gloria! Tell God's wonders, sing God's worth, Alleluia, gloria!

Age to age and shore to shore, Alleluia, gloria! Praise God, praise for evermore! Alleluia, gloria!

Praise the Lord, great mercies trace, Alleluia, gloria! Praise this providence and grace, Alleluia, gloria!

All that God for us has done, Alleluia, gloria! All God sends us through the Son, Alleluia, gloria!

**\*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

**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. 611** (Glory to God hymnal) Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Hymn to Joy*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

(9:00) Invention #1

J. S. Bach

(11:00) Fugue on the chorale "These are the holy ten commands"

J. S. Bach

\*Please stand in Body or Spirit





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**OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, August 25**  
 9:00am - Pavilion Worship  
 10:00am - Sunday School  
 11:00am - Sanctuary Worship  
 12:15pm - Banana Split Party - Schilling Gallery  
 12:15pm - Session Meeting  
 12:15pm - Youth Planning Meeting  
 6:00pm - First Year Session member gathering

**Tuesday, August 27**

10:00am - Staff meeting

**Wednesday, August 28**

4:30pm - Companions  
 5:30pm - Youth Advisor Meeting  
 7:00pm - Chancel Choir Practice

**Thursday, August 29**

4:30pm - Brass Choir  
 7:00pm - Handbell Choir

**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  
 Clerk of Session: Bitsy Ingram

Alice Mercer

**TRUSTEES**  
 John Smartt

Larry Tragesser

**YOUTH OFFERINGS**

**WAMS (Westminsters Awesome Middle Schoolers)** - 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades in the WAMS room.

**Confirmation Class** - 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grades in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

**SHOW (Senior Highs of Westminster)** - 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades in the SHOW room.

**NATIONAL BANANA SPLIT DAY** The Fellowship Ministry team invites you to join them next Sunday, August 25, after the 11am worship service to celebrate with banana splits for everyone! Come to the Schilling Gallery immediately after our second worship service to enjoy your very own banana split. Yummy!

**YOUTH PLANNING - DESSERT FIRST!** TODAY at noon, Westminster youth and parents will be meeting for lunch to plan our youth year. But as you know... it's National Banana Split Day!!! So of course, we have our dessert first (Thank you, Fellowship Team!), then meet in the pavilion for brainstorming and lunch!! Instead of going out for lunch, our youth planning team will enjoy a catered picnic in the pavilion! We hope to see you there!

**CELEBRATION SERVICE** for Sharon Evers who passed away on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. A Celebration will be held at Westminster September 7 at 2pm. Please keep Amy and Eric in your prayers as they go through this journey. Sharon has been a member of Westminster since March of 2015. Please contact the church office to sign-up for finger foods to share on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**TSHIRT ORDERS:** We are excited for Westminster to participate in the Knox Pride Parade on October 4th at 7pm. We have designed a Westminster Pride Shirt for the parade and are taking orders now through September 18th. The shirts will be white Comfort Colors, \$20 each and they are available in youth sizes too. To order shirts visit

<https://form.jotform.com/JaclynBeeler/wpc>

If you would like to walk in the parade with Westminster please email Jaclyn Beeler, [jaclynbeeler@gmail.com](mailto:jaclynbeeler@gmail.com)

More details regarding lineup time for the parade will be sent to everyone who signs up.



**JUSTICE KNOX NEWS:** Want to be a part of a social movement that is achieving results? Justice Knox (JK) is kicking off a new season and inviting you to attend one of two Listening Sessions on September 15th and 22nd right after the 11 o'clock worship service. This is a time for existing team members, supporters, and visitors to gather and listen to each other's concerns about community problems and what might be issues that keep participants up at night. In the past, JK has dealt effectively with problems such as homelessness, mental health, education, gun violence, and inequitable transportation opportunities. Live out our faith with JK by "walking the talk" with tangible, realistic action. Mark your calendar to join Tim Crais on September 15th or Andrew MacDonald on September 22nd. Both meetings will be held at Westminster.

**OKTOBERFEST 2024** Register and pay \$15/person (adults only) by calling the church office (865-584-3957)

Beer - Brats - Oompah Band-Games-Fun!

Sunday, September 29 from 5:00-8:00 in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion

**ONE SERVICE SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**

10:00am - Confirmation class

10:00am - Adult Sunday School Classes (nursery will be available)

11:00am - Worship

\*\*Call to Worship from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts*, Vol 57.1. Prayer of Confession adopted from *Liturgies for Hope* by Audrey Elledge and Elizabeth Moore. Affirmation adapted from Helen Lambie in *50 Great Prayers from the Iona Community*, ed. Neil Paynter.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Mary Boyd and George Barber  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR AUGUST:** Cindy Spangler  
**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES** are available from the ushers.

**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTES:** (11:00) Nolan Oros and Eli Everett  
**GREETERS:** (11:00) Brenda Seip and Linda Van Beke  
**LITURGIST:** Ellen Anderson  
**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** (9:00) The Sopals; (11:00) Chancel Choir  
**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** David Owens  
**SENIOR USHER:** Alice Mercer  
**USHERS:** (9:00) Jack Carley and Suzanne Graham

(11:00) Judy Jordan, Nancy Lowe, Mike Kaufman, Betty McKeehan, Shirley Wittman

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Nancy Lowe and Harold Jones in memory of our Mother, Elizabeth Jones, on her birthday.

**THANK YOU TO JOHN BROCK** for serving as organist this last month. He is greatly appreciated.

**MUSICAL NOTE** Vuelie is inspired by indigenous Saami and Norwegian cultures. It was written by Norwegian composer Frode Fjellheim. The song is a combination of Saami themes and the Danish hymn, "Fairest Lord Jesus."

**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), Salma Alami, Nancy Hawks, Melinda Foster

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS (10:00)**

**Adult Bible Study** is reading the Gospel of Matthew (McKinnon room)

**Feasting on the Word:** Studies scriptures used in Worship (Lisa Kaufman Hall)

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

**CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS**

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

Sunday School for Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

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

Children's Church for children preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

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