



The Order of Worship

August 15, 2021  
10:00 A.M.

**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**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** O Gott, du frommer Gott Johannes Brahms  
O God, Thou Faithful God

Chorale text: O God, you just God, source of all gifts, without whom nothing is which is, from whom we have all things, give me a healthy body, and in that body an unwounded soul and a conscience which remains clean.

Johann Heermann, 1630  
literal trans. Mark Bighley

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 34

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; God's praise shall continually be on my lips. Let the humble hear and be glad.

People: **The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. Blessed are those who take refuge in the Lord.**

Leader: O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

\*HYMN NO. 478 (blue hymnal) Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven *Lauda anima*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, some of us come grief-stricken or downcast; others of us come in an attitude of celebration. Some of us face difficult decisions and uncertainties; others of us face the excitement of a new challenge. Some of us feel burdened by disability or disease; others of us feel keen appreciation for the good health we enjoy. Some of us sense a numbing despair at the problems in our world; others of us sense opportunities to live out our faith. Whatever the state of our spirits, loving God, we share a common need for forgiveness and acceptance and your continuing guidance in our lives. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

\*KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574 (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson  
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

\*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 ...**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 111

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** Barbara Adamcik

Children age 3 to 8 are invited to go to the playground after the lesson.

**SCRIPTURE READING** Ephesians 5:15-20

**SERMON** "Therefore..." Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

\*HYMN NO. 554 (blue hymnal) Let All Things Now Living Ash Grove

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)  
Creed of the United Church of Canada (Reformed)

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

**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. 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.**

**THE OFFERING**

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle. Though many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERTORY** Cantate Domino Giovanni Francesco Anerio  
trans. Peter Van Eenam

Brass Choir

\***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 608 (*Glory to God* hymnal) *Tallis' Canon*  
(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 748 (*Glory to God* hymnal))

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

\*HYMN NO. 420 (blue hymnal) God of Grace and God of Glory *Cwm Rhondda*

\*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen Danish melody

\*POSTLUDE *Allegro maestoso e vivace* Felix Mendelssohn  
(from *Sonata No. 2 for the Organ*, Op. 65)

\*Indicates standing.

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**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Colleen Manrod, Charlie Mercer  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR AUGUST:** Lana Daverman and Susan McKeenan

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

**PLEASE** place your bulletin into a blue recycling bin located at the Narthex door if you do not care to take it home.

**SERVING TODAY**

**GREETERS:** Janice and Rick Rawe

**LITURGIST:** Rev. Gradye Parsons

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Brass Choir

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Jack Carley

**SENIOR USHER:** Alice Mercer

**USHERS:** Loann Price, Charlie Mercer, Linda VanBeke, David Owens, Jaclyn Beeler

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Anne Davidson in honor of all of healers of mind, body and spirit.

**GIOVANNI FRANCESCO ANERIO**, an Italian composer of the late Renaissance and early Baroque, was the younger brother of choral composer Felice Anerio. Giovanni played a key role in the early development of the oratorio, and though he is considered to be more progressive than others within the otherwise conservative Roman School, he also shared some of the stylistic tendencies of his brother, who was much indebted to the *stile antico* associated with Palestrina.

**SHARE THE BOUNTY:** You may have noticed that our *Share the Bounty* table is back in the Schilling Gallery for the summer and is starting to provide. If you are not familiar with this, our table provides a space to share the bounty from our personal gardens and our very own Westminster organic garden. You are more than welcome to help yourself to what is provided on the table. If you have a bit too much of something from your garden, bring it in to share. You may find here flowers and herbs, as well as vegetables. It changes every week, so take a look and take some home. There is also a donation basket with any contributions this year going to our Presbytery's *Carbon Footprint Fund*. Also, take a walk around our organic veggie garden located behind the sanctuary – it's amazing what good things can come from a small space.



the Environmental Ministry Team

**SUMMER WORSHIP:** We will have a single service for all August Sundays and September 5. This will be one worship service in the sanctuary at 10:00 am!

**TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP** will meet on August 17 at 10:30 am in the Ruthie Carey pavilion. Kaye Davis will discuss *The Book of Longings: A Novel* by Sue Monk Kidd. Please see Linda Rutherford if you have any questions. We hope that you make plans to join in on the discussion.

**SHOW AND WAMS OLYMPICS:** In accordance to tradition, we call upon the youth of Westminster (5th-12th grade) to assemble on today at 4 pm to celebrate the 12th annual Westminster Olympic Games!! Yes, we will have another crazy array of games and competitions to kick off our youth year. Examples of our games will be Tandem Kickball, Water Balloon Aquatic events, Sneeze Volleyball, a Joke competition, and a super-cool surprise event!! As usual, there are beautiful medals to be awarded at the end of this awesome evening! As always, you are welcome to bring a friend. We begin at 4:00 p.m., and the medal ceremonies will take place at 6:30. Global snacks will be provided. We can always use parent help at this event. We hope to see you all there!!

**ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY:** You can submit a new photo any time throughout the year. Please send any updated family photos or new photos to the church office so that we may update the online church directory. Many of you have been using this resource and we want to keep it up-to-date. You can email photos to renee\_wpc@comcast.net.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

### **Feasting on the Word**

TIME ADJUSTMENT! This lectionary-based class meets each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the pavilion.

### **Bible Study**

The Adult Bible Study class is studying Ephesians each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the McKinnon Room with a Zoom option.

### **Congregational Chat Zoom with John & Ibbie Muntz**

Will meet Mondays at 7:00 pm, the link can be found in E-news.



### **What's your spiritual gift?**

According to Romans 12, "We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness."

Ephesians 4 says it this way: "The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ."

In I Corinthians, we're told this: "To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues."

So what's your gift? While this might seem like an assortment of character traits you might not see in yourself, the reality is that you have a gift (and likely more than one!). The church counts on it, and can't operate without your using your gifts in service.

We're going to be thinking and talking about gifts over the next few weeks. Then, we'll all get the exciting opportunity to decide how we can use our gifts to benefit Westminster, our community, and beyond! "We have gifts." Praise God!

## **WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**PAVILION PRINTS AND NOTECARDS AVAILABLE:** The Ruthie Carey Pavilion prints and notecards by Kathryn Oakes are now available for purchase. The matted prints are 12 x 16 and are \$150.00, a pack of eight notecards are \$25.00. The proceeds from the sale of the artwork will go to the pavilion maintenance fund. They are available in the church office.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

- ✓ You don't want to miss September 12. We will join together for outdoor fellowship on the church grounds with our *Rally and Reconnect* event. More info coming soon.
- ✓ Our annual Breakfast in the Smokies - sponsored by the Fellowship Team - will take place at the Metcalf picnic shelter on Saturday, October 2, beginning at 9 am. Details to follow.
- ✓ Oktoberfest - sponsored by our Connect Team - is scheduled for October 24 at 6:00 pm.

**SHOW BIBLE STUDY** is Tuesdays at 6:30 in the SHOW room! Dinner is provided.

**A NEW SCOTLAND TOUR** is forming for June 2022. Plenty of room for more travelers. Contact Mary Boyd for a flyer and more information.

### **THE SESSION**

#### **Class of 2022**

Bob Albiston

Janet Drumm

Colleen Manrod

Charlie Mercer

Leslie Versen

Youth Elder: Sophia Manrod

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Cile Mathews

#### **Class of 2023**

Jaelyn Beeler

Jack Carley

William Milam

Penny Tschantz

Bill Wiesehuegel

#### **TRUSTEES**

Robert McKeehan

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Josh Birdwell

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