



The Order of Worship

April 19, 2026
11:00am

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRELUDE Hymn and Duet from *Partita on Nettleton*

Joel Martinson

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Kathy Parsons

One: Jesus the Christ has freed us from death and brought us into new life.

All: **Through Christ, we have faith and hope in God**

One: In genuine, mutual love, let us worship with one heart and one voice.

All: **In reverence and joy, we praise God's holy name!**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 475 Come Thou Fount

NETTLETON

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Eternally patient God,
we ask again and again,
"What should we do?"

And again and again, you tell us,
"Repent and return to me."

Yet we have not changed our ways.

We fall into old habits,
cling to our own ways,
and take for granted the grace you have given us.

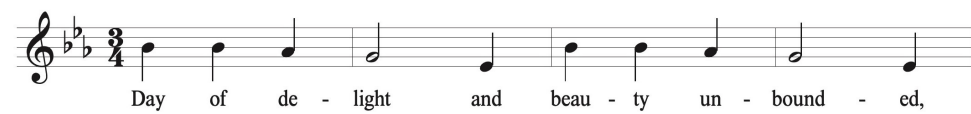
Once again, we ask you for forgiveness.

Show us the way forward

and help us return, once again, to you.

*RESPONSE Day of Delight

IN DIR EST FREUDE



*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*RESPONSE (Sing twice) Be Not Afraid

BE NOT AFRAID



TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24 :13-27

ANTHEM Domine Deus from *Mass in C Minor*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. Lord, only begotten Son,
Jesus Christ. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Melanie Lewis

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:28-35

SERMON

"Another Last Supper"

Rev. Gradye Parsons

*HYMN NO. 310 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH for Earth Sunday (Responsive)

Women: **We believe that God creates all things,
renews all things and celebrates all things.**

Men: **We believe Earth is a sanctuary,
a sacred planet filled with God's presence,
a home for us to share with our kin.**

Women: **We believe that God became flesh and blood,
became a piece of Earth,
a human being called Jesus Christ,
who lived and breathed and spoke among us,
suffered and died on a cross,
for all human beings and for all creation.**

Men: **We believe that the risen Jesus
is the Christ at the core of creation,
reconciling all things to God,
renewing all creation and filling the cosmos.**

Women: **We believe the Spirit renews life in creation,
groans in empathy with a suffering creation,
and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.**

ALL: **We believe that with Christ, we will rise,
and with Christ, we will celebrate a new creation.**

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

Most Glorious Lord of Life

William H. Harris

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day didst make thy triumph over death and sin, and having harrowed hell, didst bring away captivity thence captive, us to win.

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin, and grant that we for whom thou diddest die, being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin, may live forever in felicity:

And that thy love we weighing worthily, may likewise love thee for the same again; and for thy sake, who dost all grace supply, with love may one another entertain. So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought; love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

Text by Edmund Spenser

*AT THE PRESENTATION HYMN NO. 609 Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*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. 307 God of Grace & God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE Fugue from *Partita on Nettleton*

Joel Martinson

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

*Please stand in Body or Spirit

Liturgy for Call to Worship journal

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Amanda Fox and Michael Yates

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR APRIL: Lisa Ellis

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE: Cassidy Mackay

GREETER: Judy Jorden and Carol Beilharz

LITURGIST: Kathy Parsons

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir, Meredith Mackay and Ruth Ann Bendy, soloists

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Erik Kringen

SENIOR USHER: Bonny Naugher

USHERS: Judy Jorden, Dick Ray, Ron Alexander, Alice Mercer

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Katherine, Gary and Nathan Harmon in memory of Benjamin Harmon.

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

Sonja Jones, Judy and Joseph Moon, Lalla Phillips, Kitty Rasa, Doris Solomon, Vicki Chapman, Barbara McNew, Breeze Blankenship, Lucinda Albiston, Cile Mathews, Betty Collins, Byron Morginen, Dixie Rury (friend of Mary Sophia Hawks), Gloria Borum’s brother Mike, Charlie Mercer, Donna Davis, the Manrod family, Fay Adams, Melani Rogers, Debbie Schmid and granddaughter Brooke, Sue Murrian.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST This Thursday at 8:30am, Dr. Casey Page will present a program titled "Diabetes and Hormones Explained." Casey is a retired endocrinologist who practiced for 35 years. He will share with us some of his medical insights and answer our questions. Our breakfast will be provided by Janice Rawe so come enjoy good food, fellowship, and a very interesting program. Bring a friend. Ladies are welcome.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

April 21: *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi, discussion led by Janice Rawe

May 19: *Three Bags Full* by Leonie Swann discussion led by Ginger Williams.

June 16: *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell discussion led by Carleen Robinson

July 21: *Dalai Lama, My Son* by Tiki Tsering discussion led by Karol Cooper

All women of the church are welcome to join us in the library on the third Tuesday of the month for discussion of these books. Contact Linda Rutherford for further information at 865-384-3435.

CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC will be held Sunday, May 10, when we will come together to celebrate the youth of our church and enjoy a delicious picnic lunch. Sign-up through May 3 on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.

WPC HIKE Our May hike will be Saturday, May 2, on the Goldmine Trail off Foothills Parkway. More information to come!

CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER

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

Children's Church for children Preschool through 5th grade

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (10:00am)

Classes resume next week

Adult Bible Study: Reading the Paul's Letter to the Romans. (Adult/Handbell Room next to the Prayer Room)

Feasting on the Word: Studies scriptures used in Worship (McKinnon)

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

New Adult Education Class Series: *To Hear the Voices of Palestinian Christians* will be lead by Rev. Ann Owens Brunger on April 26, May 3, 10, and 17 (foyer of Lisa Kaufman Hall)

CHORAL MASTERWORK The Choirs of Westminster Presbyterian and The Episcopal Church of the Ascension with members of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra present *Great Mass in C Minor* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart on Sunday, April 26 at 5:30pm at Westminster. The soloists are Meredith Mackay, Ruth Ann Bendy, Jason Kindel, and Kyle Foster. There will be a reception to follow in the Schilling Gallery. The concert is free and open to all.



WE ARE HOSTING another "RISE AGAINST HUNGER" Meal Packaging Event here at Westminster on Sunday, May 17 at 12:45pm. The event lasts approximately two hours. Several years ago, we had this and it was a huge success and so rewarding in many ways! As a reminder, all who plan to attend our event should register using this event page: <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/register/?id>



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OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

April 17-19

All Church Retreat

Sunday, April 19

11:00am - Worship in the Sanctuary

3:45pm - Treble Choir

5:00pm - *Abbey* deadline

Tuesday, April 21

10:00am - Staff Meeting

10:30am - Women’s Book Club (Library)

11:00am - Program Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 22

4:30pm - Companions

7:00pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 23

8:30am - Men’s Breakfast Fellowship

**PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXHIBIT
IN THE SCHILLING GALLERY**

Westminster is hosting a national traveling exhibit from the Presbyterian Historical Society in the Schilling Gallery. Below is a description of the exhibit.

During the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s, the Religious News Service (RNS) documented moments of joy and cooperation, as well as violence and struggle, as grassroots and interdenominational groups battled racial discrimination. Impelled by their beliefs, Black Americans and their allies protested, prayed, defied unjust laws, risked their lives, and crossed racial and religious lines to strive for equality and a better society—a fight that continues today. These images from the RNS Photograph Collection provide a narrow window into coverage of the movement from 1961 to 1965, illuminating some lesser-known stories of people of faith who fought for justice, transforming the United States.