



"Paper Crane 1/100" by Arthur Collins

**The Order of Worship**

**April 28, 2024**  
**9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**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.*

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**PRELUDE** Concerto No. 2 in G Major, Op. 13, 3<sup>rd</sup> movement      Friedrich Seitz  
 Cooper Kringen, violin  
 Mary Lou Holt, piano

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (from the 2024 Confirmation Class)      Rebecca Shelby  
**Leader:** God has been here from the beginning and will always be there for us!  
**All:** **We are here to celebrate God's forever love!**  
**Leader:** Jesus is Alive!  
**All:** **We are here to celebrate the Good News of Easter!**  
**Leader:** The Holy Spirit is in us and guiding us!  
**All:** **We are here to celebrate the light of the Holy Spirit that shines bright through all of us! Come, let us worship together.**

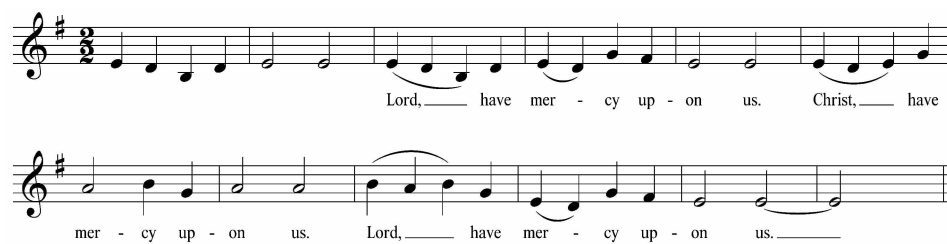
**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN** 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)      Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin  
 (See insert)

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**      Anna Van Beke

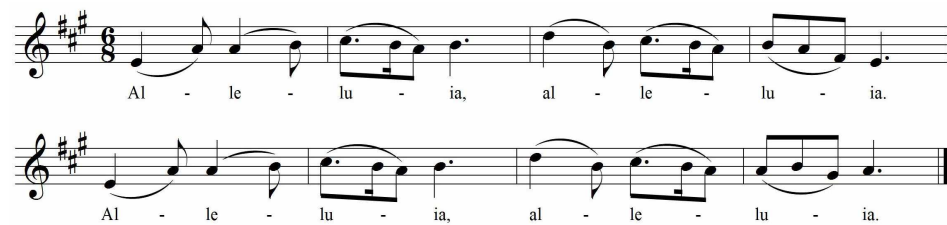
**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)      (from the 2024 Confirmation Class)  
**Loving God, the challenges that life presents are often difficult. Rarely is it simple to be strong or courageous. Help us learn to trust you in our trials and praise you in our triumphs. Help us learn to walk with you, accepting your support and nurturing through all our hardships and prosperities. Forgiving God, in our hearts we know that every person born has a right to be loved, yet we are slow to stand up and advocate for your suffering children who are in need of care. Help us be generous with the love we show everyone. Give us strength to take our faith, go out into the world, and reflect Jesus in all our actions. Help us listen to your call rather than ignore it. Forgive us, God and make us whole again. In the name of the One who came to save us we pray. Amen.**

**\*KYRIE ELEISON**      arr. David N. Johnson



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**      Jewel Jennings  
**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 ...**

**MUSICAL PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**  
 Hymn No. 701 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Lord, Prepare Me      Sanctuary

**SCRIPTURE READING**      1 John 4:7-21  
 Lucy Powell and Daja Gary

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00)      Sarah and Grace Salsbery  
*Children age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**      Matthew 25:34-40  
 James Gilbert

**SENIOR REFLECTIONS AND YOUTH MEDITATION**  
 Arthur Collins (senior), Nathan Harmon (senior), Lucy Gilbert

**\*HYMN NO. 297** (*Glory to God* hymnal) In Christ Called to Baptize      St. Denio

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)      Cooper Kringen  
 (from the 2024 Confirmation Class statements of Faith)

**We believe God is gracious and just, and has claimed us as God's own. God loves every single person equally, no matter what. It doesn't matter what you look like, or what you have done. Even if you don't love God, God will still love you. God is with us, and not just during hard times. God is with us through all of the times, good and bad. Knowing that God is with us doesn't mean all challenges disappear, but this means that no matter what, we don't have to fear, because God will never forsaken us.**

**We believe Jesus is both true God and true human, and he died for our sins. Jesus spent his whole life telling people to live their lives with God and to always love. We eagerly await the return of Christ, when he will establish his kingdom and make all things new.**

**We believe God also sent the Holy Spirit to give us guidance. It is in all of us. It is what makes us do good in the world. It guides us through adversity and leads us through hard times.**

**We believe that every person is born with a right to be loved, and an obligation to do good in the world in any way they can. We find peace and comfort in knowing that there is always another perspective, and we always have more to learn.**

**We believe the Bible to be the inspired and written Word of God. We trust in the church and believe that it is our way to understand and learn about God. We believe everything matters.**

**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** I Give You a New Commandment      Peter Aston  
 I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you, so you are to love one another. If there is this love among you, then all will know that you are my disciples.

John 13:34-35

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology      Elizabeth Morrison  
*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      Bobby Powell  
*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. 700** (*Glory to God* hymnal) I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

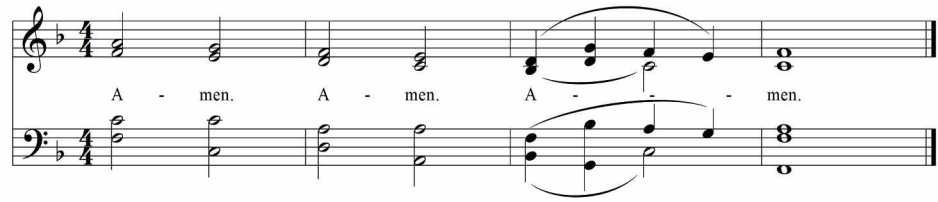
*I'm Gonna Live*

\***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Bobby Powell and Lucy Gilbert

\***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen

Danish melody



\***POSTLUDE** Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König

Friedrich Zipp

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation*

\*Please stand in Body or Spirit

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Wendy Collins and Bill Farnham

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR APRIL:** Susan McKeehan and Lana Daverman

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

**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTES:** (11:00) Charlotte and Anna Van Beke

**GREETERS:** (11:00) Judy Jorden and Nancy Lowe

**LITURGIST:** The Youth

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** (11:00) Westminster Choristers

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Daniel Lewis

**SENIOR USHER:** Ken Hughes

**USHERS:** (9:00) Reed Ellis and Jack Carley

(11:00) Michael Yates, Jay Schmid, Gary Rowcliffe, Brenda Seip and

Darlen Milam

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Jeremy and Mary Jennings.

**THE BIRTH CANDLE** is lit today in celebration of Frank Scot Sparks born to

Hayden and Kelsey Sparks on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Proud grandparents are Mike and

Deb McGaugh.

**OUR THANKS** to Mary Lou Holt for her enrichment of our worship this morning as

she accompanies Cooper Kringen.

**PETER ASTON**, born in 1938, is an English composer, conductor, and musicologist.

Having held positions at the University of York and the University of East Anglia, he

has conducted leading British orchestras. Aston has written extensively on music of

the Baroque and also founded the Tudor Consort and English Baroque Ensemble.

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

Juanita Campbell, Shirley Draper, Sonja Jones, Judy and Joseph Moon, Lalla Phillips,

Kitty Rasa, Doris Solomon, the family of Dagmar Krall

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am**

**Adult Bible Study:** The Sunday Bible Class is studying the gnostic Gospel of Thomas, comparing it to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in order to determine which of its teachings were recognized in the official gospels and which reflected gnostic beliefs that were eventually rejected by the Christian Church. (McKinnon Room)

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

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

**CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER**

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.*

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES**

**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.

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY** May 5<sup>th</sup> there will not be a 9:00 service, there will be one service at 11:00am with an ALL Church Picnic to follow. Today is the last day to sign-up in Narthex or outside office door.

**LISTENING SESSION FOR WPC MUSIC PROGRAM** The Worship, Music, and Arts Ministry Team and Richard will be holding two listening sessions about your vision, hopes, and concerns about the coming music search at Westminster. These conversations will be open, positive, and forward looking. The staff and WMA are interested in hearing and learning from you as we begin to formulate what the search will look like. There will be two opportunities: Tuesday, May 7 at 12pm and Sunday, May 19 at 7pm.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet Thursday, May 2 at 10:30am in the Lisa Kaufman Hall for potluck salad lunch after the meeting. Please bring your favorite salad bar item to add to the mix. Mary will provide salad greens and dressings.

**MEN'S CRAFTING THEOLOGY GROUP** will meet Sunday, May 5 at 6:30p at Marble City Market. Our discussion starter this time is a recent Christian Century article entitled, "In Praise of Church Musicians," and our own Peter Van Eenam will be in attendance. So, come celebrate Peter and let's talk about the joy and influence church music has had on our lives. All men of the church are invited. Contact Richard Coble, Jeff Gilbert, or Daniel Lewis for questions or a copy of the article.

**THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE** has big plans to extend our current array of organized social events to our intergenerational congregation. We're a small group, looking for energetic folks to help make things happen. So, if you've had a fun experience that you'd like to share with others, or just want to be part of a team that provides nights out, excursions, or even weekend retreats, come join us. Participation requires more creativity than time. To sign up, you can email Connie Graham, our intrepid leader, at grahamcd@bellsouth.net

**WEST VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER!!** West View's Annual Carnival will be held on Friday, May 3, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. This is their yearly fundraising event and they need our help. They are looking for volunteers for the event, jazzy jars, gift baskets, gift certificates, etc. for their auction. They also need three people 2:30-4:00 p.m. for set up, and three people for 7:00-8:15 p.m. for take down. They need a dozen or more folks to supervise various booths, food, games, tickets sales, silent auction, etc. You will have a ball. Just ask Anne or Tim Crais or Charles Van Beke. Jazzy Jars are a big hit each year so now is the time to save your plastic and glass jars; fill each with items for kids — age appropriate cosmetics, hair accessories, toys, candy or other tasty treats, spare change, use your imagination. Decorate your jars with ribbons, stickers, paint and anything you can to make it "jazzy." Please bring them to the church office no later than Sunday, April 28.

If you know a business owner or manager you could ask them to donate a gift basket or gift certificates for the auction. So far, WPC has lined up donations from three Food City stores, Fresh Market, and KARM. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Charles Van Beke at c.vanbeke@comcast.net. Thank you for supporting this school and its fantastic principal and faculty.

**WPC HIKE FOR MAY** Goldmine Trail in the Smokies, Thursday, May 2. This is an out-and-back trail totaling 2 miles with rocky sections. First mile is downhill to the intersection with the Cooper Road trail thus the return is uphill (~300'). Hopefully we'll see Pink Lady's Slippers, which typically bloom in early May. Hike can be extended onto Cooper Road trail to Hatcher Mt intersection (making hike a total of 7 miles) for those so inclined.

We'll gather at the Karm Parking Lot (140 North Forest Park Blvd) at 8:30 AM to organize carpools and then drive to the Top of the World Recreation Center. Anyone driving on their own should meet us at this lot at 9:20 AM. We will take as few cars as possible to the trailhead, which is nearby. All directions will be provided to drivers. RSVP to Cindy Spangler, spangler2@gmail.com

**WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP** will meet next on May 21 to discuss the book *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt, discussion leader is Ginger Williams.

**SHARE THE BOUNTY** table 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. If you have a bit too much of that zucchini (or any other vegetable, fruit, or plant) from your garden, bring it in to share. You may find flowers and herbs, as well as vegetables at our table. It changes every week - so take a look and take some home. All proceeds placed in the donation basket will be going to help support a ministry that the Environmental Concerns team chooses. We also encourage you to take a walk around our gardens - they are really thriving. Several of the plants now growing in the Prayer Garden as well as our Labyrinth have come from the table. We appreciate members of the Environmental Concerns Ministry Team for making this ministry possible! It is a beautiful thing to witness!!

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Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

**OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, April 28**

9:00am - Worship RCP

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Sanctuary Worship

12:15pm - Session (LKH and kitchen)

5:00pm - *Abbey* deadline

**Tuesday, April 30**

10:00am - Staff Meeting and out to lunch

6:30pm - Wine and the Word (RCP)

**Wednesday, May 1**

4:30pm - Companions

7:00pm - Wombats softball game

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

**Thursday, May 2**

8:30am - WPC hike

10:30am - Women's Bible study

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:00pm - Recorders

7:00pm - Handbells

**Friday, May 3**

4:00pm - Boys' and Girls' Choirs (LKH)

**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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