



The Order of Worship

**June 25, 2023
10:00 A.M.**

Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

PRELUDE Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731 J. S. Bach

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

Chorale text: Dearest Jesus, we are here to listen to you and your word. Direct our minds and desires to the sweet teachings of heaven so that our hearts become completely drawn from earth to you.

Tobias Clausnitzer
literal trans. Mark Bighley

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 86) Linda Judge-McRae

One: You, Lord, are good and forgiving,
All: Abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.
 One: Hear my prayer, O Lord;
All: In the day of trouble I call out on you, and you will answer me.
 One: You are great and do wondrous things.
All: You alone are God.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 485** (*Glory to God* hymnal) We Know That Christ Is Raised Engelberg

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

**Most merciful God, we confess our sin:
 We have not been the people you created us to be.
 We have suppressed wonder and gratitude;
 we have withheld love;
 we have lived by fear.
 Receive us, forgive us, and heal us,
 that we may truly be your children,
 and truly be sisters and brothers of all people,
 in the name and the Spirit of Christ.**

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

***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 Romans 6:1-11

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Allie Brewington

Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs for Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 10:24-39

SERMON "In a Fearful World" Rev. Dr. Anne McKee

***HYMN NO. 720** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Jesus Calls Us Galilee

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Leader: There are varieties of gifts,
People: but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Leader: There are different ways of serving God,
People: but it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through each person in a unique way,
People: but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

Leader: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.
People: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Leader: We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples and servants of Christ. Within the church, some are called to particular service. Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us, providing for ministries of caring and compassion in the world, ordering the governance of the church, and preaching the Word and administering the sacraments.

Presentation: Leigh Dunlap, Clerk of Session

Questions to the Candidates

Questions to the Congregation

Prayer of ordination

Those previously ordained as elders are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.

Declaration and welcome

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 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word Dickinson College
 Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr.
 arr. David Hogan

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword
 Would wrest the kingdom from your Son And bring to nought all he has
 done.

O Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are Lord of Lords alone;
 Defend your holy Church, that we May sing your praise triumphantly.

O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth; Support us
 in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

Martin Luther

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here
 below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy
 Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

COMMISSIONING YOUTH FOR LEARNING AND MISSION

Questions to the Participants

Questions to the Congregation

PRAYER (Unison)

**Holy God, Bless, we pray, these young people and their mentors as they
 embark on new adventures of service, learning, and exploration this summer.
 Send your Spirit close to protect them from harm, call them by name, and lead
 them to a deeper knowledge of your grace. Give the mentors patience,
 wisdom, openness, and stamina in all they encounter, and bring them all back
 to us, full of passion and joy, gifts of Jesus Christ, who walks the way before
 us, and who teaches us to pray, saying...**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

**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. 741** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Guide My Feet Guide My Feet

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Ricercare

Floriano Arresti

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Wendy Collins and Josh Birdwell
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JUNE: John Hankins
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS: John Shilling and Kathy Shilling

LITURGIST: Linda Judge-McRae

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Summer Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: William Gibbons

SENIOR USHER: Ken Hughes and Casey Page

USHERS: Janice Rawe, Rick Rawe, LoAnn Price, Brenda Seip, Jaclyn Beeler

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Elizabeth and Josh Birdwell in celebration of their son Jason’s 10th birthday.

ORDINATION: Today is a big day in the life of the church at Westminster. We are ordaining a new Youth elder, Arthur Collins, Class of 2024, and installing the Class of 2026 Session members, Bill Farnham, Lucy Johnson, Lee Ingram, Kathryn Oakes, and Richard Ward. Please welcome them aboard and offer your support.

SUMMER CHOIR has begun! I 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! I will be in touch with details. Peter Van Eenam

SHARE THE BOUNTY table is back in the Schilling Gallery for the summer and is starting to provide produce. Our Dave Dungan organic garden at the church is growing heartily, but we have entered the quiet time between the harvest of spring greens and those luscious ripe tomatoes becoming available. So for a few weeks the Bounty Table will not have vegetables from the church garden. However, the table will still be out in the Schilling Gallery for you to bring in any vegetables, flowers, or plants from your home gardens that you would like to share with others. 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.

Last FISH Bagging

this Monday the 26th at 5:30. Church of the Savior, 934 Weisgarber

Your help is always appreciated.

You Are Invited!

Dear Westminster Family,

You are invited to come "pray us on our way" to New Mexico. Please join our WPC pilgrims as we load the bus and head down the road on our New Mexico Youth Pilgrimage, Friday, June 30 at 7:00 a.m. We will load the bus at 6:45 a.m. and have our departing prayer and blessing at 7 a.m.! As always, thank you for your love and support, Westminster!!

SAGE-ING CLASS - Awakening the Sage within

Sage-ing (also known as Conscious Aging) is a model for engaging our older adult years more deliberately, joyfully, and compassionately. We will explore images of aging and the role of spiritual development in the capstone chapter of life. Together we will share a safe space to share experiences and thoughts on several topics and exercises from the ground-breaking book: **From Age-ing to Sage-ing: A Profound New Vision of Growing Older** by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi. Dave Dupper, Ph.D. will lead four 90-minute sessions that will meet 12:00pm-1:30pm over four consecutive Tuesdays, August 15, 22, 29 and September 5. We encourage those who enroll to attend all four sessions which will be held in the Lisa Kaufman Hall. Please contact Renee Wiesehuegel at renee_wpc@comcast.net or 865-584-3957 to enroll.

FOYER ADULT DINNER GROUPS At Westminster, we have enjoyed Foyer Groups as these groups helped to foster connectivity among our members. This time the Groups will consist of six people welcoming both Westminster members and non-members. It is a time to share a simple meal and relaxed conversation while getting to be with one another to grow friendships. The Foyer Group Coordinators are: Shirley Wittman (shirley.wittman@comcast.net); Ginger Williams (ginger2tn@gmail.com) and Janet Drumm (janet.drumm.tn@gmail.com). Please contact the Coordinators if you would like to be involved. This summer will be spent putting the groups together so that we may get started in September.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:00 am

Adult Bible Study: Currently studying the Gospel of John (Lisa Kaufman Hall)

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

CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER

Children 4-4th grade are invited to participate in worship until the Time With Children, then go downstairs for children’s church.

Nursery available for children 0-3 years old.

DAVID HOGAN (1949-1996), was a gifted choral composer and teacher, mentoring a number of students who would go on to national prominence. His music is always finely crafted and full of color, harmonic interest, and beauty. He was one of the two composers commissioned to create new works for the Consecration of the Washington National Cathedral in 1989. On July 17, 1996, Mr. Hogan died tragically as one of the 230 people who lost their lives aboard the ill-fated TWA Flight 800 bound from New York to Paris.

Blood pressure checks will be available

Sunday, July 9, before and after the worship service in the Schilling Gallery.

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Linda Judge McRae, Parish Nurse

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 25

10:00am - Sanctuary Worship

11:00 - Session Meeting

Monday, June 26

11:00am - Staff Meeting

5:30pm - FISH bagging

Wednesday, June 28

4:30pm - Companions (Prayer Room)

Thursday, June 29

4:30pm - Brass Choir

Friday, June 30

Pilgrimage to New Mexico departs

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: Leigh Dunlap

Class of 2026

Bill Farnham

Lee Ingram

Lucy Johnson

Kathryn Oakes

Richard Ward

TRUSTEES

Ron Alexander

Alice Mercer

John Smartt