



The Order of Worship

October 6, 2024  
11:00 A.M.

TWENTIETH 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.

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**PRELUDE** Prélude Théodore Dubois

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)\*\* Mary Boyd

One: We gather from the west to the east,  
from the south to the north,  
to celebrate the God of peace  
**All: who accompanies us in our acts of peace.**  
One: This God of peace accompanies us  
in each and every circumstance around us.  
**All: We praise God's name! Amen!**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

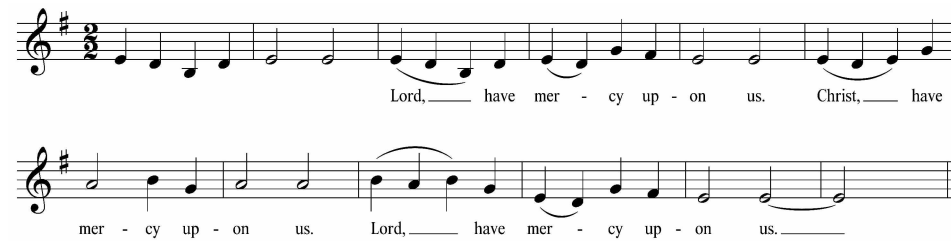
\*HYMN NO. 388 (Glory to God hymnal) Come All You People Uyai Mose

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Today, God, we confess fumbings and failures in accomplishing unity, as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task. On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of our siblings in faith everywhere.  
Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences.  
Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere.  
We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

\*KYRIE ELEISON arr. David N. Johnson

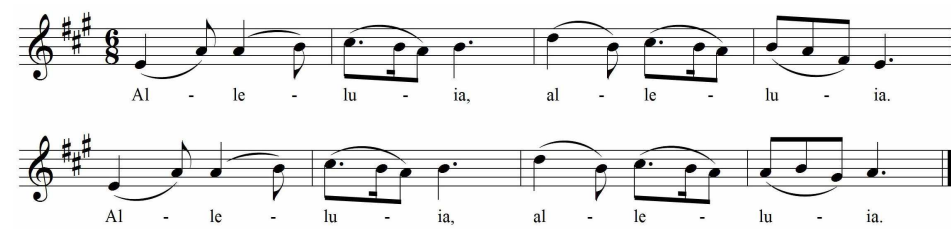


**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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



TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** Jaelyn Beeler

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

**SCRIPTURE READING** Genesis 2:18-24

**HOMILY** "Created for Relationship" Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

\*HYMN NO. 515 (Glory to God hymnal) I Come with Joy Dove of Peace

**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**

Prayer for Peace David Cherwien  
Text by Henry W. Baker

O God of love, O King of peace, make wars through the world to cease. The wrath of nations now restrain. Give peace, O God, give peace again.  
Remember, Lord, thy works of old; the wonders that thy people told. Remember not our sin's dark stain. Give peace, O God, give peace again!  
Whom shall we trust but thee, O Lord? Where rest, but on thy faithful word?  
None ever called on thee in vain. Give peace, O God, give peace again!

**\*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**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Responsive)\*\*

One: The Lord be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
One: Lift up your hearts.  
**All: We lift them to the Lord.**  
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
One: Matzah is unleavened bread, which reminds us of all who eat their bread in haste. It symbolizes for us all the refugees who, like the ancient Israelites, leave their homes and flee from danger.  
**All: We pray, O God, for your church among those with no place to call home. May we learn from their searching faith, and may we be a place of welcome for all who seek safety.**  
One: Frybread reminds us of Africa, the birthplace of humankind where Christianity continues to flourish. It also reminds us of a legacy of slavery, and of a people who endured.  
**All: We pray, O God, for your church in places where it flourishes, and we confess our complacency with the legacy of enslavement here and abroad. May we learn from the vibrant faith of our African brothers and sisters, and may we all build a more just and peaceable world.**  
One: Naan reminds us of South Asia, where Christians are a minority among Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists, and others. It represents for us the ways our faith calls us beyond our culture and to be in peaceful relationship with brothers and sisters of other beliefs.  
**All: We give you thanks for all the many ways your people worship the divine in this world. We pray that the faiths of this world will live in peace and with compassion for one another.**  
One: Tortillas remind us of Central and South America, where faith and culture have colored one another beautifully; but also a place where vulnerable people live with the harsh aftermath of colonialism, violence, and conflict as a daily reality.  
**All: We pray for your church in places beset by violence and still infused by hope. May we learn from the persistent faith of our Latino brothers and Latina sisters.**  
One: The baguette reminds us of Europe, with its vast cathedrals that are often empty. It represents those who keep the faith alive in lean times and reminds us that the church is not a building, but a community of people.  
**All: We pray, O God, for your church in places where its power is diminished and its followers are few. May we learn from the faith of our European brothers and sisters, and may we live our faith so that our faith might live.**  
One: Cornbread reminds us of Native Americans who first recognized God in the rhythms of nature. It reminds us that the land we call home once belonged to others. We pray, O God, for your church as it exists in

every land. May we learn from the earthly faith of our Native American brothers and sisters, and may we care for the land and all those who call it home.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, dwell in these breads and in this cup that they might be for us the body and blood of Christ. Come, dwell in your people of every land and language that we might be united with one another to be the body of Christ in every corner of the world today. Amen.**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### BREAKING OF BREAD

*Congregation will receive elements in the front of the sanctuary and in the narthex.*

*In addition to breads from around the world, each tray will offer bread that is gluten free.*

#### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION and 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. 526** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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\***POSTLUDE** Grand Chœur

Théodore Dubois

\*Please stand in Body or Spirit

\*\*Call to Worship by Rev. Gloria Ulloa and the Presbyterian Peace and Global

Witness. Prayer of Confession adapted from *The Africana Worship Book*, Year B.

Edited by Safiyah Fosua and Valerie Bridgeman Davis. Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

adapted from Rev. Heather Prince Doss and *The Presbyterian Outlook*.

#### NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Wendy Collins and Ed Babelay

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR OCTOBER:** Kathy Shilling and Jan Barber

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

#### SERVING TODAY

**GREETERS:** Tom Byerley and Kathy Shilling

**LITURGIST:** Mary Boyd, CLP

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Chancel Choir; Theresa Pepin, organist; Ibbie Muntz ,

pianist; Bob Albiston, congas

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Carl Whipple

**SENIOR USHER:** Linda Van Beke

**USHERS:** Judy Jorden, Mike Kaufman, Ken Hughes, Charlie and Alice Mercer

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given in memory of Mary McKeehan by her mother and stepfather, Kathie and Thomas Tallant. Mary grew up at Westminster; her forty-seventh birthday is October 7.

#### **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, Vicki Chapman, Kenny Baker, Jonah McCollum, Karen and her son Brian, Anne Hector (Mary Jo Mann's niece), Janice Jennings, Salma Alami, Melinda Foster, Family of Chip Herzog, Meridee and her husband Eddie, Joe, JJ, Wesley, Grant, and Clark (David Owens sister and her family)

#### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am

**Adult Bible Study:** Chooses a book of the Bible to unpack (McKinnon Hall)

**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 - Childcare available for children thru 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 10:00am

(Starting back next week, October 13)

**WAMS (Westminsters Awesome Middle Schoolers) - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - WAMS room.**

**Confirmation Class - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.**

**SHOW (Senior Highs of Westminster) - 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades - SHOW room.**

**THE PRESBYTERY DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM** is also asking for:

-Canned meats (chicken, ham, tuna) with pull tabs

small enough servings that won't need refrigeration after opening

-Dried Fruit in bags or easy open containers

-Protein and breakfast bars

-Peanut Butter

Knoxville Collection sites are the Farragut and Fountain City Presbyterian

Churches. If you can't get there, bring it to church and we will get it to them.

#### **WHITE CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM AND US**

White Christian Nationalism and Us (Tuesdays at 12p, Sept. 24-Oct. 29): White Christian Nationalism is neither Christian nor patriotic, but in recent years, churches and religious leaders have utilized this distortion of the faith to promote violence in the name of Christ. In this class, we will discuss what White Christian Nationalism is, how mainline churches such as our own are involved in its promotion, and what we are called to do in response.

Our class will be reading *The Flag and the Cross: White Christian Nationalism and the Threat to American Democracy* by Philip Gorski and Samuel Perry, along with using other supplementary readings and videos, which Richard will supply.

#### Wednesday at Westminster

#### “OUR CARE OF GOD'S GOOD CREATION”

Hospitality time at 5:30 with attendees bringing appetizers and finger food to share. Program at 6:00. There will be a children's program downstairs

October 9: Adrienne Schwarte, Professor of Design and Coordinator of Sustainability Studies at Maryville College

**MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP** group is meeting on Thursday, October 10 at 8:30 am in the McKinnon Room. Larry Ridley will present a lesson on The Economics of Retirement-The Current Do-It-Yourself System of retirement planning in America. Breakfast will be provided by David Owens. Already retired or thinking about retirement? Then this one's for you. Come join us and be retirement ready.

**MEN'S BOOK CLUB** will meet on October 10 at 9:30am. We will be discussing *Stocks for the Long Run* by Jeremy Siegel, facilitated by John Smartt.

**WPC HIKE** The next WPC hike will be the Angel Falls Overlook at Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area on Thursday, October 24. Total mileage is 6. The last mile to the overlook involves a bit of rock scrambling and a ladder but otherwise the hike is rated easy-moderate. Let's gather at Outback Steak located at 314 Merchants Drive at 8:30 AM. Park at bottom of the lot facing Merchants. Please register with Cindy Spangler if you're interested, spangler2@gmail.com

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Rev. Gradye Parsons, Parish Associate

Rev. John Linton Muntz, Parish Associate Emeritus

Barbara Adamcik, Director of Youth and Connectional Ministries, CLP

#### OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### Sunday, October 6

5:00pm - *Abbey* Deadline

6:00pm - Wombats softball game

#### Tuesday, October 8

10:00am - Staff meeting

12:00pm - Class: Christian Nationalism

6:30pm - Ministry Team Night

#### Wednesday, October 9

4:30pm - Companions

5:30pm - Wednesday's at Westminster

7:00pm - Chancel Choir

#### Thursday, October 10

9:30am - Men's Breakfast

9:30pm - Men's book Club

1:00pm - FISH

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