

The Lord's Service

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

Liturgies

BY A.F. HESSE, J. BLIED AND V. ENGEL

Please use the prelude as a time of silent preparation for the worship of the Triune God.

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 118:1-2

Give thanks to the LORD, who is good, whose mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now proclaim: The mercy of the LORD endures forever.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Undaunted you seek the lost, O God, exultant you bring home the found. Touch our hearts with grateful wonder at the tenderness of your forbearing love. Grant us delight in the mercy that has found us, and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiveness. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

From All That Dwell below the Skies

7 (all 3 verses)

CONFESSION OF SINS

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.



STANDING IF COMFORTABLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: spoken, sung

THE KYRIE ELEISON

*Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON



GLORIA PATRI

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

INTERLUDE

Let Us Praise God Together

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

JONAH 1:1-3

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 CORINTHIANS 5:9-13



GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 18:21-35



RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

SERMON

Fleeing Mercy

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

(not collected, brought up by deacons)

⌘ DOXOLOGY

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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.

⌘ SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

⌘ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING



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.



HYMN OF DEPARTURE *O Zion, Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling* 444 (vv. 1, 4)



CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Bob Maucher (9:00AM)
Ron Bonagura (11:00AM)

ORGANIST: Neil Fick

Fleeing Mercy

JONAH 1:1-3

Jonah is the only m_____ prophet cited by C_____.

1. Jonah (verse 1)

Jonah is an ___th c. B.C. prophet of I_____.

He is a p_____ and a Jewish n_____.

The rest of the book shows him to be pr_____.

2. Nineveh (verse 2)

Nineveh is in the A_____ E_____.

“As gory and bl_____ a history as we know.”

Shortly after Jonah, in ___ BC, they would d_____ Israel.

This prophet pronounced an oracle against Assyria: _____.

To Jonah, going could seem like a b_____ of his c_____.

The God of Israel uphold the int_____ moral _____.

3. Flight (verse 3)

His flight is a p_____ of his calling.

He is told to get ____, but he continually goes _____.

Teaches it's impossible to escape God's presence: P_____.

Fleeing the Lord is to abandon his pr_____ calling.

Jonah lacks delight in God's m_____. He is a ____-believer.

Prophecy is c_____ based on response. J_____ 18.

Jonah is like the u_____ s_____ in Jesus' parable.

Jonah has forgotten the original promise to A_____.

He has forgotten that the Lord loves the _____.

Deep down its _____ for me, _____ for thee.

This spirit sought to ___ God incarnate.

God wins us by the mercy we r_____ to show to others.

Missions Work Highlight

LYDIA CENTER IN MACEDONIA

Lydia's goal is to promote a moral life, the right of a woman to choose to give birth to a child, and the right of a child to be born. Abortion is NOT an option. Lydia focuses on prevention, education, family life, raising and educating children. Our goal is to promote and develop moral and spiritual values based on the Bible.

Pray for the lives of the unborn, so precious in God's sight, for increased cultural acceptance of adoption, and for special protection over the marriages of those who work in life-affirming ministry all across the globe.

Announcements

We will be deferring Sunday School until January. Teachers are still needed. Please see Brenda Grammer if you are willing to serve.

The Fellowship Committee is requesting donations of boxed or wrapped cookies, crackers, cheeses, biscotti, muffins, granola bars, etc. for the Fellowship Coffee Times following each service. Nothing homemade at this time. Donations can be left in the kitchen.

On October 3rd, the Beacon of Light Pregnancy Support Center will be hosting a walkathon (in-person at Orange County Park and virtually). It will be a fundraiser for the My Choice Pregnancy Care Center and Faith House Maternity Home. There will be 3 walk times, 9am, 11am, and 1:00pm, with a 50 person max at each walk, so please sign up soon if you'd like to walk in person. For more information and To register on line for the walk or to be a sponsor, please go to <http://beaconoflightpsc.org/walk4Life/>. Even if you can't walk, please consider being a sponsor to help the cause. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Jennifer or Kevin Quirk.

Scripture Texts

JONAH 1:1-3

¹ The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai:

² “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”

³ But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:9-13

⁹ I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—

¹⁰ not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world.

¹¹ But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people.

¹² What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside?
¹³ God will judge those outside. “Expel the wicked person from among you.”

Scripture Texts, *continued*

MATTHEW 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

²² Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him.

²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’

²⁷ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

²⁹ “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

³⁰ “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.

³³ Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’

³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

From All That Dwell below the Skies

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Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. Ps. 117:1

1. From all that dwell be - low the skies let the Cre -
2. In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery
3. E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal

a - tor's praise a - rise; let the Re - deem - er's name be
land the strains be - long. In cheer - ful sound all voic - es
truth at - tends your word. Your praise shall sound from shore to

sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue.
raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.
shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

O Zion, Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling

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We tell you the good news. Acts 13:32

1. O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing, to tell to all the
 2. Be - hold how man - y thou - sands still are ly - ing, bound in the dark - some
 3. Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion that God, in whom they
 4. Give of your sons to bear the mes - sage glo - rious; give of your wealth to

world that God is light; that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 pris - on - house of sin, with none to tell them of the Sav - ior's dy - ing,
 live and move, is love: tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,
 speed them on their way; pour out your soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious;

REFRAIN

one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
 or of the life he died for them to win. Pub - lish glad tid - ings,
 and died on earth that man might live a - bove.
 and all your spend - ing Je - sus will re - pay.

tid - ings of peace; tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

Westminster Church is both a place and a people. We gather in this sacred space to worship, to learn, and to serve God as he meets us in Christ. To this end we dedicate our time, our talent, and our resources. Here the Gospel of Christ is freely proclaimed: *We are weaker and more sinful than we ever dared admit, but through Christ we are more loved and accepted than we ever dared hope.* As a community of Christians, we are building a bridge to the future through faith and friendship. To this end, we pray God will give us strength, vision, and wisdom. We are thankful that you could join with us today. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Welcome to Westminster!

Westminster Stated Services

Worship	9:00 AM, 11:00AM
Sunday School (<i>Sept–June</i>)	11:45 AM
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 PM

Westminster Kingston

Sunday School	10:00 AM
Worship	11:00 AM

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Cover

The Celtic cross reminds us, as Presbyterians, of our historical roots in the British Isles dating back at least to the fifth century. *Post Tenebras Lux* is a Latin slogan from the 16th-century Protestant Reformation meaning *After Darkness, Light*. The cross and the slogan combine to express our desire to be rooted in the ancient faith and to embrace the attainments of the Protestant Reformation.

Westminster was organized in 1854 and is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

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The Reverend Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

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The Reverend Mark D. Diedrich

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