

# The Lord's Service

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*The Ascension of the Lord*

JUNE 02, 2019



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*The Lord's Prayer  
Beneath Thy Wings O'ershading*

J. S. BACH  
VAN D. THOMPSON

*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 HEBREWS 4:14, 16  
We have a great high priest, who has passed through the heavens,  
**Jesus, the Son of God.**  
Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness,  
**that we may receive mercy and grace in our time of need.**

- ☒ PRAYER OF THE DAY  
Eternal God, by raising Jesus from the dead you proclaimed his victory, and by his ascension, you declared him Lord of all. Lift up our hearts to heaven, where he lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

- ☒ HYMN OF PRAISE 289  
*A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*

CONFESSION OF SINS

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule over our lives. We have followed the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Pardon the guilt of our sin, and liberate us from its power, that we may be holy and faithful, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, the ascended ruler of all, the minister in the heavenly sanctuary, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

THE KYRIE ELEISON

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⌘ RESPONSIVE READING OF THE LAW

You shall have no other gods before me.

**For from him and through him and to him are all things.**

You shall not make for yourself a graven image.

**In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.**

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

**Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.**

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.

**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.**

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

⌘ THE PEACE

⌘ GLORIA PATRI

*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

**Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.**

You shall not kill.

**Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.**

You shall not steal.

**Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need.**

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.**

You shall not covet your neighbor's house, or anything that is your neighbor's.

**Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, grant that, as your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also, by your Word and Spirit, set our minds on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

ACTS 1:1-11

SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

☒ HYMN OF PREPARATION      *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*      290

☒ GOSPEL READING      LUKE 24:44-53

☒ RESPONSE  
The Word of the Lord  
**Praise be to God.**

SERMON      *The Seeker Friendly Ascension*

☒ THE NICENE CREED      846

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY      *Behold The Lamb*      GETTY & TOWNSEND/ARR N. FICK

☒ DOXOLOGY      731  
*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.**

COMMUNION

*Only outside ring of Communion tray contains grape juice.*

COMMUNION HYMN

*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

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At the lamb's high feast we sing  
praise to our victorious King,  
who hath washed us in the tide  
flowing from his pierced side;  
praise we him whose love divine  
gives his sacred blood for wine,  
gives his body for the feast,  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured,  
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
through the wave that drowns the foe.

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
paschal victim, paschal bread;  
with sincerity and love  
eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from the sky,  
pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;  
death is conquered in the fight,  
thou hast bought us life and light:  
hymns of glory and of praise,  
risen Lord, to thee we raise;  
holy Father praise to thee,  
with the Spirit, ever be.

⌘ HYMN OF DEPARTURE

*Be Thou My Vision*

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⌘ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Hour of Triumph*

ALLEN JAMES

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Steve Flewelling

ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

PIANIST: Neil Fick

TRIO: Linda Lou Sully, James Phillips, Elaine H. Simpson

## Announcements

### **Greeters**

*This Week:* The D'Agostino Family

*Next Week:* M. McCorvey

### **Nursery Workers**

*This Week:* K. Bonagura / G. Schlegel

*Next Week:* E. Felts / L. Spagnola

### **Service Assistants**

*This Week:* E. Weber, J. Grammer,  
S. David, J. Schlegel

*Next Week:* E. Weber, E. Timberger,  
S. David, J. Schlegel

### **Deacon of the Month**

Ed Weber

**The following men have been approved by the Session to stand for election to office at our 6/12 annual congregational meeting:**

Ruling Elder: Dave Reiss (1 yr. term)

Ruling Elder: Ron Bonagura (3 yr. term)

Deacon: Sabi David (1 yr. term)

Deacon: Matt Kniffin (3 yr. term)

Deacon: Tim Elmendorf (3 yr. term)

Deacon: Joe Schlegel (3 yr. term)

Pastor Chiarot's sermons may be heard on Redeemer Broadcasting at 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM every Sunday. The frequencies are 90.3 FM and 102.5 FM.

If you would like to meet with Pastor Chiarot, please connect with him in person or contact the church office.

**Weekly Sunday Morning Prayer:** 9:20 AM in the library. Join us to pray for the worship and work of WPC.

**6/8- Faith & Friends** – a recital by Faith Kuliszewski. All are welcome to attend! June 8th, 7:30 P.M.

**6/9- Sunday School Closing followed by the Fellowship Barbeque.** Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided. The congregation is asked to bring side dishes, salads, and desserts.

**6/11- Session Meeting**

**6/12- Congregational Meeting.** Reports for annual report are due by 6/7.

\* Any information that needs to appear in the church bulletin must be given to the church office before 10 A.M. on the Tuesday before it should appear. Thank you.

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DR. JODY COLLINGE  
WITH GLOBAL CHE NETWORK

Her ministry focuses primarily on community health evangelism, which is a wholistic ministry integrating evangelism and discipleship with community health and development. Medical Ambassadors International and the Global CHE Network have overseen her CHE Ministries. (MAI and Global CHE are partners in community health evangelism).

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## The Seeker Friendly Ascension

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

In his ascension we \_\_\_\_\_d.

We will not undergo the i\_\_\_\_\_ from earth to h\_\_\_\_\_.

### 1. Already – Not Yet

What happens to \_\_\_\_\_, happens to \_\_\_\_.

We are asc\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_, not yet by \_\_\_\_\_.

We have the d\_\_\_\_\_ p\_\_\_\_\_ not the full inheritance.

We are \_\_\_\_\_ the r\_\_\_\_\_ of our bodies.

The ditch(es): too much or not enough of the al\_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. Why?

Because heaven is where \_\_\_\_\_ are and where \_\_\_\_\_ is.

We are h\_\_\_\_\_ in the T\_\_\_\_\_ se\_\_\_\_\_ the Trinity.

### 3. When?

For the whole \_\_\_\_\_. Until Christ a\_\_\_\_\_ in gl\_\_\_\_\_.

Our lives are pr\_\_\_\_\_ and veiled from the \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ of God are revealed when the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is revealed.

### 4. What?

First and foremost, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

No seeking the k\_\_\_\_\_ without seeking the k\_\_\_\_\_.

In seeking the \_\_\_\_\_ the e\_\_\_\_\_ is tended to.

### 5. How?

This is a p\_\_\_\_\_, co\_\_\_\_\_ state.

Your \_\_\_\_\_ cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven and on earth.

### 6. Who?

First two models: \_\_\_\_\_ and P\_\_\_\_\_.

Holy d\_\_\_\_\_. Use things as if we d\_\_\_\_\_ use them.

We are light r\_\_\_\_\_ into the world from \_\_\_\_\_.

## 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!

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### Westminster Stated Services

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Worship                | 10:00 AM |
| Sunday School          | 11:45 AM |
| Sunday Evening Service | 6:00 PM  |

### Westminster Kingston

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| 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).

### Senior Minister

The Reverend Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

### Assistant Minister

The Reverend Mark D. Diedrich

### Session (Ruling Elders)

Mike Bonagura, Robert David, Steve Flewelling,  
Bob Maucher, James Phillips, Robert Van Gent  
Elder Emeritus: Neil Fick

### Board of Deacons

Sabi David, John Grammar, Joe Schlegel,  
Ed Timberger, Ed Weber

### Board of Trustees

Robert Van Gent (Chairman)  
Robert David (Vice Chairman)

### Staff

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Administrative Secretary      | Jo-Anne Weber                |
| Christian Education           | Betty Rossetter              |
| Choir Director                | Elaine H. Simpson            |
| Evangelism                    | Dave Reiss                   |
| Fellowship                    | JoAnn Maucher                |
| Financial Recording Secretary | Esther Riffard               |
| Organists                     | Neil Fick, Elaine H. Simpson |
| Sexton                        | Rachel McDuffie              |
| Treasurer                     | Kevin Quirk                  |
| Worship Committee             | Lori Steinberger             |