

The Lord's Service

The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JUNE 11, 2023



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

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

- ⌘ WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 90:
Q. How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?
A. **That the Word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend to it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.**

- ⌘ CALL TO WORSHIP LUKE 4:18-19
Jesus said: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

- ⌘ PRAYER OF THE DAY
Almighty God, give us such a vision of your purpose and such an assurance of your love and power, that we may boldly hold fast the hope which is in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

- ⌘ HYMN OF PRAISE *To God Be the Glory* 55

CONFESSION OF SINS

God of grace, love and communion: We confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We resist and grieve your Holy Spirit. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us, Holy God. Pardon our sins by the blood of Christ. Embrace us anew in the love of the Father. Fill us afresh with your Spirit, that we may serve you faithfully, and give honor to your holy name. 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 FROM THE EPISTLES

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.
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.

⊗ THE PEACE

⊗ GLORIA PATRI

INTERLUDE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON EXODUS 1:15-22 *p. 53*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ACTS 4:13-22 *p. 1084*

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 118 *Give Thanks to the Lord, Jehovah* 613

⌘ GOSPEL READING LUKE 20:1-8 *p. 1045*

⌘ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

SERMON *Obeying God or Man?*

⌘ THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

☒ DOXOLOGY

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☒ 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

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

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*Let thy blood in mercy poured,
let thy gracious body broken,
be to me, O gracious Lord,
of thy boundless love the token.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

*By the thorns that crowned thy brow,
by the spear wound and the nailing,
by the pain and death, I now
claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

*Thou didst die that I might live;
blessed Lord, thou can'st to save me;
all that love of God could give
Jesus by his sorrows gave me.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

*Wilt thou own the gift I bring?
All my penitence I give thee;
thou art my exalted King,
of thy matchless love forgive me.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

☒ HYMN OF DEPARTURE

The Son of God Goes Forth to War

578

☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

☒ POSTLUDE

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot
WORSHIP LEADER: Johnson Chang-Fong
ORGANIST: Wilma deJager

Obeying God or Man?

ACTS 4:13-22

1. Debate (vv. 13-17)

Boldness means c_____ fr_____ of speech.

Une_____ does not mean uni_____.

Jesus had l_____, but also never st_____.

Christ, through the Spirit, e_____ us to bear witness.

They couldn't d_____ it and wouldn't ac_____ it.

Contrary evidence cannot convince h_____ people.

Self-preservation leads to sup_____.

2. Dismissal (vv. 18-22)

Question to the council: Do we obey _____ or you?

Peter: to proclaim Jesus is to _____ God.

The apostles c_____ but s_____.

In general, a_____ are to be obeyed.

Doing so is an extension of the _____ commandment.

Apostles: State f_____ what God c_____.

Hebrew Midwives: State c_____ what God f_____.

The apostles state: they will not c_____.

They faced the same situation over the ba_____ of Jo_____.

We are not i_____ to the dynamic of the council.

Our theological systems need to be _____.

We tr_____ only under the r_____ of the cross.

Missions Work Highlight

JANE BRINKERHOFF

Japan

"Thus says the Lord God, 'Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out'..." Ezekiel 34:11

Mrs. Kamiya has completed preparation for baptism. She eagerly reads the Bible each day, tells others of her faith, and has invited people to church. Mrs. Ichino has come to Bible study 6 times now, and has started reading the Bible each day. In May, COVID restrictions finally lifted and I was allowed to have a short visit with Mrs. Tanaka in the Nursing Home for the first time in 3 years! Yumi, whose husband prevented her from attending church during COVID slipped away to attend Bible class recently. I invited Kento and wife Anri over for their second 'installment' of the gospel story, (the first being Christmas). This will be their first time reading of Christ's resurrection. The loss of 2 of my dearest Japanese friends and partners in ministry brought unbelievers to church to hear the gospel. I praise God for these gifts.

Would you pray that these people persevere in the faith and for Kento and Anri to know the Savior?

Announcements

The Fellowship Committee will be holding a church barbecue today following the Sunday School closing ceremony. Hamburgers, hot dogs, desserts and beverages will be provided. All are welcome to attend!

On 6/25 after the coffee time (11:45) there will be an informational meeting on Christ Healthcare Ministries. The purpose of the meeting is to ascertain the level of interest in opening a medical clinic here at WPC. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

The final youth group pizza party will be at Janis Berg's house on Saturday, July 8 at 4:00 PM. Drinks and pizza will be provided. Please contact Madeline Gill at 571-918-6348 for details and to RSVP .

Vacation Bible School at WPC— Save the date: August 7-11, 2023 (9-12pm). If interested in helping, please see Brenda Grammer.

We are in need of nursery helpers for the months of July and August. Please look for the sign-up sheets in the nursery. We appreciate your help!

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	10:00AM
Sunday School (<i>Sept–June</i>)	11:45 AM
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 PM

Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley

Worship	11:00 AM
Sunday School	12:30 PM

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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.

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