

The Lord's Service

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 30, 2023



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Pastorale on "Manoah"
Herzlich thut mich erfreuen*

SETTING BY ROBERT J. HUGHES
JOHANNES BRAHMS

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 97:

Q. What is required of the worthy receiving of the Lord's Supper?

A. It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's Supper, that they examine themselves, of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon Him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP

ISAIAH 66:1-2

Thus says the Lord: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest?"

All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be,

But this is the one to whom I will look:

he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, you are infinite, eternal and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth. Your works everywhere praise you, and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior. Therefore we praise you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. 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

INTERLUDE

Horn Theme

JOHANN BRAHMS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

AMOS 5:18-27

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

ACTS 7:35-53

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⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 73

In Sweet Communion, Lord, with Thee

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⊗ GOSPEL READING

LUKE 11:45-54

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⊗ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

SERMON

Stephen's Valediction

⊗ THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

OFFERTORY

Andante

HESSE

⊗	DOXOLOGY		731
⊗	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	<i>Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured</i>	429
	<i>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.</i>	<i>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.</i>	
	<i>Thou didst die that I might live; blessed Lord, thou cam'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.</i>	<i>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.</i>	
⊗	HYMN OF DEPARTURE	<i>Jesus, Where'er Your People Meet</i>	377
⊗	CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
⊗	POSTLUDE	<i>Postlude in Bb</i>	TH. DUBOIS / ARR. JAMES H. ROGERS

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot
 WORSHIP LEADER: James Phillips
 ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

Stephen's Valediction

ACTS 7:1-53

1. Jesus and the Temple

Beliefs are not like m_____ they are like w_____.

The God of glory evokes the _____.

God has never been tied to a _____.

Wherever God is, there is a h_____ of h_____.

Israel has a history of i_____.

God does not _____ in houses m_____ with _____.

God cannot be l_____ to the temple.

The temple points to C_____ and his b_____ in the S_____.

2. Jesus and Moses

Moses is another re_____ del_____.

They are rejecting the One of whom _____ spoke.

Our fathers refused to o_____ Moses or the ___w.

You killed the prophets, now you have killed the C_____.

He is the precursor of Christian a_____ against Judaism.

Jesus: If you believed _____, you would believe ____.

Stephen gives a Christ-c_____ reading of the OT.

Missions Work Highlight

DR. JODY COLLINGE

Our Great Commission Focus this month is on Dr. Jody Collinge: a New Yorker and pediatrician who resides in and works from the resort city of Zihuatanejo on Mexico's Pacific Coast, northwest of Acapulco. Dr. Jody works with Global Community Health Evangelism Network, a ministry that serves in over 100 countries worldwide; and she develops training materials for Children's Community Health Evangelism, a member of the network.

Her day job takes her into squatter communities in the hills overlooking the City where Kids' Clubs have been established. In these Clubs, Bible Skills, English as a Second Language, and First Aid and Health skills are taught. Several church plants have emerged as a result of these Kid's Clubs. Her job also takes her to other countries to work with others who are similarly involved with Children's Ministries and to provide training. Please keep this remarkable servant of the Lord before Him in earnest prayer.

Discover Global CHE Network at chenetwork.org

Announcements

There will be no Fellowship Luncheons in August. The next Fellowship Luncheon will be the barbecue after the Sunday School kickoff on September 10th.

We are updating the WPC directory. Please see Robert David after Worship to have your picture and information added to the directory.

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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