

The Lord's Service

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

MAY 09, 2021



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

St. Cuthbert

HEALEY WILLAN

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 12:2-3

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy set before him endured the cross,
scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.
Let us consider him who endured such opposition,
so that we may not grow weary and lose heart.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, you sent us a Savior, Christ Jesus, to break down the walls of hostility that divide us. Send peace on earth, and put down greed, pride, and anger, which turn brother against brother and nation against nation. Speed the day when wars will end and the whole world accepts your rule; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

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CONFession of SINS

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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

THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Hayden Atkinson
(11:00AM Service)



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

Be Thou My Vision

TRINITY #642

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

NUMBERS 35:9-21

NEW TESTAMENT READING

EPHESIANS 4:25-32



PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 24

The Earth, with All That Dwell Therein

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GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 5:21-26



RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

SERMON

Everyday Murder



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)



*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

Take My Life, and Let It Be

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

TH. DUBOIS

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

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

ORGANIST: Elaine H Simpson

Everyday Murder

MATTHEW 5:21-26

These six bits of teaching are called an_____.

“But I say to you” shows Jesus’ d_____ a_____.

1. Anger (vv. 21-22)

The law forbids u_____ killing.

The law prescribed the d_____ p_____ for murder.

This is rooted in man being in the _____ of God.

The prohibition against anger is also in L_____.

Anger here is exhibited in our s_____.

It is unjust _____.

John: anyone who HATES his brother is a _____.

The s____ of murder is ____ us.

These are words that the c_____ p_____ used frequently.

This angry speech subjects one to the f____ of h____.

2. Reconciliation (vv. 23-26)

Break the cycle that leads from a_____ to a_____

In these cases we have c_____ the offenses.

Jesus calls for i_____ action.

Do not ____ for the _____ to be over.

This is what p_____ entails.

God takes what is in our _____ & on our _____ seriously.

For out of the _____ flows m_____.

Let us keep the commands in all of their d_____.

Missions Work Highlight

JANE BRINKERHOFF

with Mission To the World in Japan

At the beginning of July '20 their church was allowed to return to worshipping together and having weekly Bible study. The new Christians and those beginning to believe seem to have held fast their faith during the "lock-down", despite little spiritual input, save for e-mail exchange and an occasional on-line sermon. PRAISE- Several ladies who were being prevented from attending worship by their husbands have returned, as well as most of the Sunday School children.

A secular neighborhood association requested that their children be allowed to join the S.S.

Christmas! No Christians among them and most likely first time in church.

A city hospital asked us to sing and do a Christmas program for their Hospice Floor, another great opportunity for outreach, even amidst Covid!

PRAISE- In the (temporary) loss of my mother, am experiencing a consolation I wouldn't have thought possible, thanks to your prayers.

MTW requested I stay in the US visiting churches until June, PRAY for stamina, and that I'm an encouragement to those I'm with, being enabled to tell "them how much the Lord has done"!

Announcements

It is our joy to receive Hayden Atkinson into membership at WPC this morning (11 AM).

If you have children interested in becoming communicant members (coming to the Lord's Table) please see Pastor Chiarot.

The annual congregational meeting will be on Wednesday May 19th at 7PM in the sanctuary.

- Joe Hall will stand for election as deacon (3 year term).
- Adam Kuliszewski (3 year term), Johnson Chang-Fong (3 year term), and Steve Flewellings (1 year term) will stand for election as elders.

Reports for Annual meeting due by May 7th.

O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Ps. 103:1

1. O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Mak - er, and all with -
 2. Good is the Lord and full of kind com - pas - sion, most slow to
 3. His love is like a fa - ther's to his chil - dren, ten - der and
 4. We fade and die like flow'r's that grow in beau - ty, like ten - der
 5. High in the heav'n's his throne is fixed for - ev - er, his king - dom

in me bless his ho - ly name; bless thou the Lord, for -
 an - ger, plen - te - ous in love; rich is his grace to
 • kind to all who fear his name; for well he knows our
 grass that soon will dis - ap - pear; but ev - er - more the
 rules o'er all from pole to pole; bless ye the Lord through

get not all his mer - cies, his par - d'ning grace and
 all that hum - bly seek him, bound - less and end - less
 • weak - ness and our frail - ty, he knows that we are
 love of God is change - less, still shown to those who
 all his wide do - min - ion, bless his most ho - ly

REFRAIN

sav - ing love pro - claim.
 as the heav'n's a - bove.
 • dust, he knows our frame. Bless him for - ev - er, won - drous in
 look to him in fear.
 name, O thou my soul.

The Earth, with All That Dwell Therein

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The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Ps. 24:1

1. The earth with all that dwell there - in, with all its wealth un - told,
 2. What man shall stand be - fore the Lord on Zi - on's ho - ly hill?
 3. Lo, such are they that seek for God, and blest by him they live;
 4. Ye ev - er - last - ing doors, give way; lift up your heads, ye gates!

be - longs to God who found - ed it up - on the seas of old.
 The clean of hand, the pure of heart, the just who do his will.
 to them his per - fect righ - teous- ness the God of grace will give.
 For now, be - hold, to en - ter in the King of glo - ry waits.

5. Who is this glorious King that comes
to claim his sovereign right?
It is the Lord omnipotent,
all-conqu'ring in his might.
6. Ye everlasting doors, give way;
lift up your heads, ye gates!
For now, behold, to enter in
the King of glory waits.
7. Who is this glorious King that comes
to claim his rightful throne?
The Lord of Hosts, he is the King
of glory, God alone.

Take My Life, and Let It Be

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Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity ... so now offer them in slavery to righteousness. Rom. 6:19

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff uses a treble clef, the middle staff uses a bass clef, and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. The key signature changes throughout the piece, indicated by various Roman numerals and sharps/flat symbols above the staff.

Top Staff:

- Key: F major (indicated by a single sharp)
- Chords: F, C⁷, F, Dm, B^b, Gm
- Lyrics (1-4): Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, hands, and let them move at the im - pulse voice, and let me sing, al - ways, on - ly, silver and my gold; not a mite would

Middle Staff:

- Key: F major (indicated by a single sharp)
- Chords: F, C⁷, F, C, C⁷, F
- Lyrics: Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with I with - hold. Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry

Bottom Staff:

- Key: B^b major (indicated by two flats)
- Chords: B^b, F, C, F, C, G, Dm, C, F, B^b, F, C, F, G
- Lyrics: flow in cease- less praise, let them flow in cease- less praise. beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee. mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee. pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.

Take my self, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

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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