

The Lord's Service

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JUNE 20, 2021



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*The King of Love My shepherd Is
Prelude on "The King of Love"*

HEALEY WILLAN
GORDON YOUNG

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

ISAIAH 65:16

He who blesses himself in the land
shall bless himself by the God of truth.
**He who takes an oath in the land
shall swear by the God of truth.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our Redeemer, you have delivered us from death in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and brought us to new life by the power of your Spirit. Give us grace to keep our promises to praise and serve you all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

The God of Abraham Praise

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. 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 PEACE

☒ GLORIA PATRI 735
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 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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 ECCLESIASTES 5:1-7

NEW TESTAMENT READING JAMES 3:1-12

☒ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 45 *My Heart Does Overflow* 169

☒ GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 5:33-37; 23:16-22

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



THE APOSTLES' CREED

845

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

*Divine Praise*BORTNIANSKY
(11:00AM Service Only)

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 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* 521



CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE *Festival March* H. J. STARK

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Steve Flewelling (9:00AM)
Ron Bonagura (11:00AM)

ORGANIST: Elaine H Simpson

PIANISTS: Lucy, Nathan, Benaiah, Sophia and Maggie Clason;
Bo Grammer; Christina, Connor and Catherine Quirk;
William, Gatlin, Olivia and Lillian Wilson

Oaths and Truth

MATTHEW 5:33-37

We are surrounded by r_____, undisciplined _____.
This text _____ to anyone who _____.

1. Swearing (vv. 33-36)

Jesus addresses a per_____ in marriage and speech.

In view: m_____ and b_____ a vow.

It appears that Jesus is making an _____ prohibition.

This is the view of the A_____.

Rabbis: more worried about p_____ than p_____.

They swore without e_____ using the name of the Lord.

Jesus: all speech is an_____ to God's authority.

God, Jesus and Paul all _____ v_____.

Even the words ____ and ____ can, in context, become vows.

2. Simplicity (v. 37)

Anything beyond this is S_____.

The deeper issue is t_____ in speech.

Vows arise because our s_____ word cannot be t_____.

Oaths should not be _____.

The E_____ also refused to take oaths.

Jesus: we will give an account for every e_____ word.

Missions Work Highlight

DR. JODY COLLINGE

with Global CHE Network

When the Mexican border was scheduled to close back in March 2020, Jody left to “visit” the US for a “short” time. Six months later she was able to return. During the time in the states she participated in creating COVID-19 training materials that were distributed to many nations through their website and cell phones, along with various training seminars.

In October, Jody’s mother was battling a recurring cancer. Jody was able to come to Rochester to spend some time with her and visit local supporting churches. Upon returning she began leading online children’s Bible studies with BTI- “Beloved Truth International”. Additionally she helped teach a Global Health and Tropical Medicine course with the Christian Health Service Corps.

In March, Jody was notified that her mother, Mary Ellen, was in her last days. Jody was able to see her prior to her mother going to be with the Lord at the age of 94.

Announcements

Congratulations to our 2021 High School Graduates: Lia Grammer, Emma Pedrosa, and Joshua Phillips!

Please join us downstairs for refreshments and cake after the 9:00AM service as we say goodbye to the Clason family.

There will be no Evening Service tonight.

Westminster’s VBS will be happening 7/26–7/30 from 9:00AM-12:00PM each day. Open to all WPC families ages 3 to 13. See Brenda Grammer for registration information.

Sue Volk will soon be moving. She has placed an assortment of books and china in the Fellowship Hall. Please take anything you can use.

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).

Senior Minister

The Reverend Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

Assistant Minister

The Reverend Mark D. Diedrich

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Robert Van Gent (2022), Ron Bonagura (2022),
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Elder Emeritus: Neil Fick

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Joe Hall (2024)

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