

The Lord's Service

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 04, 2021



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

Sarabande

LULLY

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God (Psalm XIX)

MARCELLO/WALLACE, WARD

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

PSALM 103:8, 10-12

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive. Give us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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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.

THE KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.



STANDING IF COMFORTABLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: spoken, sung

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊗ RESPONSIVE READING OF THE LAW

You shall have no other gods before me.
It is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.

You shall not make for yourself a graven image.
God is a spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool... Let what you say be simply Yes or No; anything more than this comes from evil.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath; so the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath.

Honor your father and your mother.
For God commanded, he who speaks evil of father or mother, let him surely die.

You shall not kill.
Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.

You shall not commit adultery.
Everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

You shall not steal.
For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery...theft...These are what defile a man.

You shall not bear false witness.
For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

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

⊗ 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

LEVITICUS 19:9-18

NEW TESTAMENT READING

ROMANS 12:9-21

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 16 *To You, O Lord, I Fly* 692

⊗ GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 5:43-48

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

SERMON *Love Your Enemies*

⊗ 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 *Ah! Gentle Savior, Blessed Redeemer* J. S. BACH

⊗ 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
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.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* 420

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.	Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed; paschal victim, paschal bread; with sincerity and love eat we manna from above.
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.	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 *Lead On, O King Eternal* 580

⊗ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⊗ POSTLUDE *Recessional* JOSEPH ROFF

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot
WORSHIP LEADER: Johnson Chang-Fong
ORGANIST: Elaine H Simpson

Love Your Enemies

MATTHEW 5:43-48

Lewis: The Sermon on the Mount is a sl_____.

1. The Error v. 43

This is an actual d_____ of the law.

It omits the “_ y_____” part of the command.

It adds: “h_____ your _____.”

Changed a command about _____ into a command about _____.

They believed it was p_____ to hate one’s enemies.

Jesus rejects the “f_____ and f_____” neighbor plan.

2. The Correction (vv. 44-45)

Jesus does not simply reject _____, he calls for _____.

Love _____s good for the enemy. Love a_____.

To hate our enemies is to forget the g_____ itself.

We must create a c_____ of b_____.

Chrysostom: Praying for enemies: the s_____ of self-_____.

This is how we demonstrate our s_____.

Theological name for the Father’s work: c_____ _____.

3. The Rebuke (vv. 46-48)

Loving one’s own: those we deem l_____ righteous do that.

The key word for this whole section is “_____.”

4. The Standard (v. 48)

This call to love is a call to i_____ the Father.

Luke: Be _____ even as your Father in heaven is _____.

Chrysostom: 9 a_____ steps of go_____.

Missions Work Highlight

BEACON OF LIGHT

MyChoice Pregnancy Care Centers and Faith House Maternity Home have joined together to be a Beacon of Light for pregnant women in the Hudson Valley. With offices in Middletown and New Windsor, MyChoice provides free medical services for women who find themselves in an unexpected pregnancy. A record number of women were seen this year and we pray God continues to bring them to us. The Maternity Home, Faith House, not only opened this last year but we have new staff, new residents and a new baby!

You are an important part of our community of supporters. Together, we change one mind, one heart and one life at a time by providing accurate and complete information about their pregnancy so they can make a fully informed decision. Most women say if they knew someone cared, they would keep their baby. Thank you for caring enough to help us be there for them.

Announcements

The flowers at the pulpit are provided by the family in loving memory of their wife and mother Sylvia Fick.

Only the outside ring of Communion tray contains grape juice.

Today's service will be followed by a church picnic and a 2:00PM afternoon service.

Due to insufficient interest, the VBS, previously scheduled for the week of July 26th , has been cancelled.

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

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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