

The Lord's Service

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 18, 2021



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

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 103:13; GALATIANS 4:6

As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

And because we are sons,

God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba, Father!”

☒ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Provident Father, with the prayer your Son taught us always on our lips, we ask, we seek, we knock at your door. In our every need, grant us the first and best of all your gifts, the Spirit who makes us your children. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. **Amen.**

☒ HYMN OF PRAISE *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* 38

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.*

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

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 READING PSALM 103:1-22 *p. 595*

NEW TESTAMENT READING: HEBREWS 12:18-29 *p. 1197*

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

☒ GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 6:7-15 *p. 964*

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



THE APOSTLES' CREED

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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



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 *Blessed Are the Sons of God* 526

☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

☒ POSTLUDE

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot
WORSHIP LEADER: Justin Chiarot
ORGANIST: Marilyn Hollwegs

Our Father in Heaven

MATTHEW 6:7-9A

1. The Pagans (vv. 7-8)

Pagans b_____ and h_____ up words.
 Not condemning p_____ or any r_____ in prayer.
 He condemns the idea that we can m_____ God.
 Reflects a god who is i_____ and like a m_____ man.
 Our Father knows our _____, but a_____ should occur.

2. The Preface (v. 9a)

This is an ac_____ prayer and a p_____ for prayer.

a) The Father

Jesus always calls God _____ when he _____.
 We are _____ in the S____.
 “Father” makes Christian prayer uniquely co_____
 Prayer is always fully T_____
 In the Spirit, with Jesus, we cry, A_____ F_____!

b) Heaven

This addresses o_____ f_____
 God dwells uniquely in _____, his personal th_____ r_____
 In the Spirit, through the exalted Christ, we d_____ in heaven.
 Prayer should di_____ the f_____ of heaven itself.

3) Our

Christianity is intrinsically com_____ or cor_____
 Jesus did not leave a prayer called the ____ Father.
 The church is the new h_____ family.

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

My Choice Pregnancy Center, located in New Windsor, NY, is looking for volunteers who have a heart for women experiencing an unexpected pregnancy and unsure of what to do. Volunteer Advocates, both in the office and on the phones will help us serve more patients. Training for these roles is provided. Interested? Please give Erin, our Patient Resource Manager, a call at 267.275.5343.

The photo directory needs updating. If you wish to sign up to have your photo updated, please see Linda Lou Sully in the narthex after today's service. This is especially for family whose children have grown and for those new to the congregation, members or not. Others who simply want a new photo taken should sign up as well. The process of taking photos will begin shortly and more information will be provided. We will also be wanting updated addresses, emails, and phone numbers around that time.

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 Mark D. Diedrich

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