

The Lord's Service

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 16, 2020



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*O God, We Praise Thee
Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

PSALTER/ WILLIAM
CRUGER/ G.M. MARTIN

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

1 PETER 4:13

Rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ,
so that we may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, your Word, Jesus Christ, spoke peace to a sinful world and brought humanity the gift of reconciliation by the suffering and death he endured. Teach those who bear his name to follow the example he gave us. May our faith, hope, and charity turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, and death to eternal life; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

Who Are These like Stars Appearing

542 (vv. 1, 4)

CONFESSION OF SINS

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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

ADMINISTRATION OF MEMBERSHIP VOWS
**9:00AM Service*

The Cornwell Family

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
**9:00AM Service*

George Barachiel McCullough Cornwell



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

Eternal God, your love for us is everlasting; you alone can turn the shadow of death into the brightness of the morning light. Help us to turn to you with believing hearts. In the stillness of this hour, speak to us of eternal things, so that, hearing the promises in scripture, we may have hope and be lifted above our distress into the peace of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 11:1-5

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 PETER 4:12-19



GOSPEL READING

LUKE 13:22-30

RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

SERMON

The Fiery Ordeal



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

OFFERING

(not collected, brought up by deacons)



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

Am I a Soldier of the Cross

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

Postlude in D minor

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PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Bob Maucher (9:00AM)
Robert Van Gent (11:00AM)

ORGANIST: Elaine Simpson

The Fiery Ordeal

1 PETER 4:12-19

The _____ changes. Now suffering is an u_____ reality.

1. Participation (verses 12-16)

Since Christ suffered in the flesh, a____ y_____ to suffer.

Trials t_____ the g_____ of our faith.

After the _____ and before the e_____, we suffer.

Startling: we are called to _____ in suffering.

We p_____ in the sufferings of _____.

His suffering d_____ our suffering.

We rejoice so that we may be o_____.

Our faith results in _____ at the r_____ of Jesus Christ.

The unbreakable conjunction: s_____ then g_____.

We are blessed because the _____ of glory rests on us.

Suffering actually pr_____, or st_____ up, glory.

2. Purification (verses 17-19)

Peter gives an e_____ reason for suffering.

The final judgment is already b_____ in the _____.

The judgment of God in the form of p_____ h_____.

Peter is an eschatological o_____.

The church is saved through a p_____ f_____.

Jesus knows it is _____ for the righteous to be _____.

Many are _____, few are _____.

Will the Son of Man find _____ on _____ when he comes?

The gospel leads the church into a ca_____.

Christ kept en_____ himself to him who _____ justly.

The C_____ is the un_____ judge.

Missions Work Highlight

BRIAN & CARIN ROBERG

DISCIPLE MAKERS: MISSIONARIES TO COLLEGE CAMPUSES IN PENNSYLVANIA

“When you reach the campus, you reach the world”

Brian serves as Communications Director and leads the Media Dep’t. This is usually described as 1) Core activity of DM’s ministry is face to face connection with students 2) Media team’s purpose is to facilitate that core face to face connection by helping provide the layers of media-based communications surrounding the core. Since the Covid-19 pandemic, media-based communication has become even more central to the success of the ministry.

At DM we’ve found that 1 Peter 2:17 helps us to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic. We talk about it in 3 parts- Honor God, Honor governing authorities, Love our neighbors.

Announcements

It is our pleasure to receive the Cornwell Family (James and Sarah: James, Thomas, Francis, Rose and George) into membership at Westminster today, and our joy to baptize George Cornwell. We also extend a warm welcome to George’s godparents, Heather Cross and David Daniel.

Sunday School starts September 13th with the same distancing guidelines that are followed for worship services.

- We need two teachers for the 3-4 year old Preschool class, and two teachers for the 5 and 6 year old class.
- We also need one teacher for the 11-12 year old class. In addition, we need substitute teachers to cover throughout the year.

If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, please contact Brenda Grammer.

Scripture Texts

ISAIAH 11:1-5

- ¹ “A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
- ² The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord,
- ³ And he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;
- ⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
- ⁵ Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.”

1 PETER 4:12-19

- ¹² “Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.
- ¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.
- ¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.
- ¹⁵ If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler.
- ¹⁶ However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.
- ¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin with God’s household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?
- ¹⁸ And, “If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”
- ¹⁹ So then, those who suffer according to God’s will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.”

Scripture Texts, *continued*

LUKE 13:22-30

²² “Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem.

²³ Someone asked him, “Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?” He said to them,

²⁴ “Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to.

²⁵ Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’ “But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’

²⁶ “Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’

²⁷ “But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’

²⁸ “There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out.

²⁹ People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

³⁰ “Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.””

Who Are These like Stars Appearing

There before me was a great multitude that no one could count ... standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes. Rev. 7:9

1. Who are these like stars ap-pear-ing, these be-fore God's throne who stand?
 2. Who are these of daz-zling bright-ness, these in God's own truth ar-rayed,
 3. These are they who have con-tend-ed for their Sav-ior's hon-or long,
 4. These are they whose hearts were riv-en, sore with woe and an-guish tried,
 5. These, like priests, have watched and wait-ed, of-f'ring up to Christ their will;

Each a gold-en crown is wear-ing; who are all this glo-ri-ous band?
 clad in robes of pur-est white-ness, robes whose lus-ter ne'er shall fade,
 • wres-tling on till life was end-ed, fol-l'wing not the sin-ful throng;
 who in prayer full oft have striv-en with the God they glo-ri-fied;
 soul and bod-y con-se-crat-ed, day and night to serve him still:

Al-le-lu-ia! Hark, they sing, prais-ing loud their heav'n-ly King.
 ne'er be touched by time's rude hand? Whence come all this glo-ri-ous band?
 • these, who well the fight sus-tained, tri-umph through the Lamb have gained.
 now, their pain-ful con-flict o'er, God has bid them weep no more.
 now in God's most ho-ly place blest they stand be-fore his face.

Am I a Soldier of the Cross

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Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 2 Tim. 2:3

1. Am I a sol - dier of the cross, a fol - l'wer of the Lamb,
2. Must I be car - ried to the skies on flow - 'ry beds of ease,
3. Are there no foes for me to face? Must I not stem the flood?
4. Sure I must fight if I would reign: in - crease my cour - age, Lord;

and shall I fear to own his cause, or blush to speak his name?
while oth - ers fought to win the prize, and sailed through blood - y seas?
Is this vile world a friend to grace, to help me on to God?
I'll bear the toil, en - dure the pain, sup - port - ed by thy Word.

5. Thy saints, in all this glorious war,
shall conquer, though they die;
they view the triumph from afar,
and seize it with their eye.

6. When that illustrious day shall rise,
and all thine armies shine
in robes of vict'ry through the skies,
the glory shall be thine.

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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