

The Lord's Service

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 22, 2021



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
God That Madest Earth and Heaven*

ELIZABETH A. KROUSE

SETTING BY DENNIS JANZER

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

MICAH 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression?

He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot.

You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

PRAYER OF THE DAY



Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that truly repenting of our sins, and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness, and thus worship you, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We refuse to forgive, we hold grudges, and we are reluctant to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING MICAH 7:14-20 *p.* 929

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 JOHN 1:5-2:2 *p.* 1210

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 132 *Arise, O Lord Our God, Arise* 374

⊗ 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

Meditation on Crusader's Hymn

JACK C. GOODE



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 *Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive* 494

☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

☒ POSTLUDE *Now Let Us Rejoice* F. D. ASHDOWN

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot
WORSHIP LEADER: Ron Bonagura
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

Forgiving and Being Forgiven

MATTHEW 6:12, 14-15

This is the _____ petition.

What food is to the _____, so forgiveness is to the _____.

1. Forgiveness Received (v. 11a)

The Christian life is to be an i_____ o_____ of prayer.

In prayer nothing seems important but h_____ of h_____.

To pray is to take the posture of a b_____.

Our s_____ should be at the c_____ of our prayer.

The e_____ of our sins before God does not m_____ us.

We are d_____ to the _____ of God.

Christ is the pr_____ for the sins of the world.

The economy of forgiveness overwhelms the economy of _____.

Forgiveness is a m_____ of gospel m_____.

2. Forgiveness Given (vv. 11b, 14-15)

What Jesus says seems b_____ to us.

Our forgiveness does not e_____ God's forgiveness.

Yet, there is a w_____ and a c_____.

If we are u_____ we should not expect God to forgive us.

The d_____ of debts owed is at the root of unforgiveness.

We are to forgive _____ sins no matter how bad or how o_____.

One can sign their d_____ w_____ in saying the Lord's Prayer.

Through Isaiah: I, I am he, who _____ out your transgressions.

Micah: You will _____ all our sins into the d_____ of the _____.

Missions Work Highlight

ALL 4 JESUS MINISTRIES

All 4 Jesus Ministries labors on the Campus, on the streets and in the churches to “Fulfill the Great Commission and Ignite a Passion in Others to Do the Same”.

In spite of past year restrictions on in-person meetings in the New York State Universities (SUNY Orange and SUNY New Paltz) God has been faithful in sending new students to minister to. We are thankful for the technology that allowed us to shift to online ministry communication during this time and now that restrictions are being lifted new outreaches and training sessions are in the works. This past spring saw the return of in-person evangelism training at two churches and a time of sharing the gospel on the streets of Newburgh and Pawling where some heard the good news of Christ for the first time. In partnership with a local church, we have also begun a weekly bible fellowship time and meal for college and non-college people as we have witnessed an increasing hunger for human interaction and spiritual food.

Thank you for sponsoring me and for your love and prayers. – Adam Gordon

Announcements

There will be a Fellowship Barbecue on Sunday, September 12, 2021, following the Sunday School Opening. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. The congregation is asked to bring side dishes, salads and desserts.

Officer nominations will be accepted starting today through Sunday 9/12. Please prayerfully consider, in the light of 1 Timothy 3:1-13, who the Lord may be calling to serve his body. Signed nominations should be given to Jo-Anne Weber or brought to the office.

Please send prayer requests for the month of August to our pastoral intern, Justin Chiarot, at jchiarot23@yahoo.com

We are starting to collect donations for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. New items such as school supplies, toys, games, clothing, and hygiene items will be used in a shoebox packing party this fall. There are bins located in the Narthex and in the entrance downstairs. If you have any questions see Matthew or Shelley Harwood.

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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