

The Lord's Service

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

MAY 19, 2019



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 105:1-2
Call on the name of the Lord in praise;
Make known God's deeds among the nations!
Sing to God with joyful songs; tell of his wonderful deeds!

☒ PRAYER OF THE DAY
O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

☒ HYMN OF PRAISE *O Father, You Are Sovereign* 75

CONFESSION OF SINS

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We fail to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, we ignore your call to discipleship. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn. Forgive us, God of mercy! Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant, given in Jesus Christ, our risen prophet, priest and king. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON

*Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

☒ THE PEACE

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

CAMPBELL FAMILY &
THE JONES FAMILY

☒ 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

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

ESTHER 9:1-19

NEW TESTAMENT READING

COLOSSIANS 2:8-15

☒ HYMN OF PREPARATION

Forever Settled in the Heavens

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☒ GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 19:23-30

☒ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.



SERMON

(Defensive) Holy War

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

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.



STANDING IF COMFORTABLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: **spoken, sung**



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 *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Steve Flewelling

ORGANIST: Neil Fick

Announcements

Greeters

This Week: The Grammer Family

Next Week: Daphene & Steve Flewelling

Nursery Workers

This Week: L. Spagnola / E. Felts

Next Week: C. Humes / L. Jones

Service Assistants

This Week: E. Weber, E. Timberger,
S. David, J. Schlegel

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Deacon of the Month

J. Grammer

The following men have been approved by the Session to stand for election to office at our 6/12 annual congregational meeting:

Ruling Elder: Dave Reiss (1 yr. term)

Ruling Elder: Ron Bonagura (3 yr. term)

Deacon: Sabi David (1 yr. term)

Deacon: Matt Kniffin (3 yr. term)

Deacon: Tim Elmendorf (3 yr. term)

Deacon: Joe Schlegel (3 yr. term)

It is our joy to receive the Campbell Family (Andrew, Hannah, and Waylon) and the Jones Family (Harry, Laura, Haddie, Gresham, Harrison, Mary Goodwin, and Kate) into membership today!

Pastor Chiarot's sermons may be heard on Redeemer Broadcasting at 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM every Sunday. These frequencies are 90.3 FM and 102.5 FM.

If you would like to meet with Pastor Chiarot, please connect with him in person or contact the church office.

Weekly Sunday Morning Prayer: 9:20 AM in the library. Join us to pray for the worship and work of WPC.

Those wishing to serve on the Fellowship team by serving snacks at coffee time, cleaning up following coffee time and helping serve and clean up fellowship meals should speak to JoAnn Maucher or Jo-Anne Weber.

6/12- Congregational Meeting. Reports for annual report are due by 6/7.

BRIAN & RUTH CLARK WITH SERVING IN MISSIONS- USA

Brian and Ruth have a long association with Westminster. Brian is a CPA and Ruth a nurse with lay counseling training. Brian serves in the SIM International office as Deputy Director of Finance. He interacts with SIM's financial offices around the world to ensure a high level of accountability for funds entrusted to SIM is maintained. Ruth serves as a "Member Care Coordinator", part of a team responsible for the care of 800 long-term US missionaries. *Pray for God's renewal for each one, and for wisdom and guidance for all 18 members of the Care Team.*

(DEFENSIVE) HOLY WAR

ESTHER 9:1-19

Become a _____ or be an e_____ of the Jews.

1. The Headline (verses 1-5)

The theme of the book: the _____ have _____.

A n_____ dr_____ is attached to the Jews.

The palace re_____ widens out here.

This is a wholly _____ war.

The narrator thinks this is g_____.

2. The Holy War (verses 6-16)

Haman is an A_____.

In holy war, taking the s_____ is f_____.

Saul s_____ the sword and t_____ the spoils.

Impaling Haman's sons says n_____ a_____.

3. The Holiday (verses 17-19)

Three times in three verses: days of f_____ and _____.

Even the feasting in the book has been r_____.

This points to the m_____ s_____ of the L_____.

This joy is to m_____ the l_____ of the Christian community.

In Christ: A r_____ in the center of the universe.

_____ banned the reading of the book of Esther.

The covenant community s_____ and pr_____.

There is a guaranteed, f_____, c_____ deliverance.

“Where is he? h_____ here, from this g_____.”

The r_____ alone secures the hope of the book.

We exercise a d_____ j_____!

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	10:00 AM
Sunday School	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

Session (Ruling Elders)

Mike Bonagura, Robert David, Steve Flewelling,
Bob Maucher, James Phillips, Robert Van Gent
Elder Emeritus: Neil Fick

Board of Deacons

Sabi David, John Grammar, Joe Schlegel,
Ed Timberger, Ed Weber

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Robert David (Vice Chairman)

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