

The Lord's Service

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

JUNE 18, 2023



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Prelude in D Minor
My Faithful Heart Rejoices*

ANTONIO VIVALDI
JOHANNES BRAHMS

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

⊗ WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 91:

Q. How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?

A. The sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not from any virtue in them, or in him that does administer them; but only by the blessing of Christ, and the working of His Spirit in them that by faith receive them.

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 2:6-9

“As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us your Son, the beloved one who was rejected, the Savior who appeared defeated. Yet the mystery of his kingship illumines our lives. Show us in his death the victory that crowns the ages, and in his broken body the love that unites heaven and earth. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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CONFESSION OF SINS

God of grace, love and communion: We confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We resist and grieve your Holy Spirit. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us, Holy God. Pardon our sins by the blood of Christ. Embrace us anew in the love of the Father. Fill us afresh with your Spirit, that we may serve you faithfully, and give honor to your holy name. Amen.



THE KYRIE ELEISON

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON



RESPONSIVE READING OF THE LAW

ROMANS 12:1-21

By the mercies of God, present your bodies as a living sacrifice,

Holy and acceptable to God, which is our fitting service.

Do not be conformed to this age,

But be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

That by testing you may discern what is the will of God,

What is good and acceptable and mature.

Let no one think of himself more highly than he ought.

But think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith God has provided.

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil;

Hold fast to what is good.

Love one another with brotherly affection.

Outdo one another in showing honor.

Do not be slothful in zeal,

Be fervent in the Spirit, serving the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,

Be constant in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints,

And seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you.

Bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice,

Weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another; Do not be haughty,

But associate with the lowly and never be conceited.

Repay no one evil for evil,

But give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves,

But give place to the wrath of God.

For it stands written:

“Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord”

To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him;

If he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

For by doing so you will heap burning coals on his head.”

Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.



THE PEACE



GLORIA PATRI

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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 LESSON PSALM 2:1-12 *p. 528*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ACTS 4:23-31 *p. 1084*

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 118 *Give Thanks to the Lord, Jehovah* 613

⊗ GOSPEL READING LUKE 4:16-30 *p. 1021*

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

SERMON *Praying for Holy Boldness*

⊗ 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

Contemplation

ALEXANDRE GUILMART

⊗ 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

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

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*Let thy blood in mercy poured,
let thy gracious body broken,
be to me, O gracious Lord,
of thy boundless love the token.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

*By the thorns that crowned thy brow,
by the spear wound and the nailing,
by the pain and death, I now
claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

*Thou didst die that I might live;
blessed Lord, thou can'st to save me;
all that love of God could give
Jesus by his sorrows gave me.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

*Wilt thou own the gift I bring?
All my penitence I give thee;
thou art my exalted King,
of thy matchless love forgive me.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

⊗ HYMN OF DEPARTURE

O Zion, Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling

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⊗ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⊗ POSTLUDE

Immortal, Invisible

ROGER C. WILSON

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot
WORSHIP LEADER: Robert David
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

Praying for Holy Boldness

ACTS 4:23-31

1. Invocation (v. 24)

The chief duty of Christian piety is _____.

The word for “Sovereign Lord” we get d_____ from.

The language is used in the f_____ commandment.

They are declaring that God is ruler and k_____.

2. Citation (vv. 25-26)

They cite P_____.

It speaks of a conspiracy against the _____ and his An_____.

3. Exposition (vv. 27-28)

H_____, Pi_____, the Gentiles, & the p_____ of Is_____.

How many verbal links are there? ____.

Israel is classed with the un_____ Gentiles.

God d_____ all things for his g_____ purpose.

We can do t_____ in the middle of p_____r.

4. Petition (vv. 29-30)

They extend the application to th_____.

To oppose the a_____ is to oppose the Lord.

They do _____ ask for the threat to be r_____.

They ask for miracles of _____ to attend their proclamation.

5. Provision (v. 31)

Church’s worship is the d_____ political gathering.

They receive a fresh in_____ of the _____.

The prayer reflects boldness in the _____ God.

Missions Work Highlight

JANE BRINKERHOFF

Japan

"Thus says the Lord God, 'Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out'..." Ezekiel 34:11

Mrs. Kamiya has completed preparation for baptism. She eagerly reads the Bible each day, tells others of her faith, and has invited people to church. Mrs. Ichino has come to Bible study 6 times now, and has started reading the Bible each day. In May, COVID restrictions finally lifted and I was allowed to have a short visit with Mrs. Tanaka in the Nursing Home for the first time in 3 years! Yumi, whose husband prevented her from attending church during COVID slipped away to attend Bible class recently. I invited Kento and wife Anri over for their second 'installment' of the gospel story, (the first being Christmas). This will be their first time reading of Christ's resurrection. The loss of 2 of my dearest Japanese friends and partners in ministry brought unbelievers to church to hear the gospel. I praise God for these gifts.

Would you pray that these people persevere in the faith and for Kento and Anri to know the Savior?

Announcements

The 6/25 meeting concerning Christ Health Care Ministries has been cancelled. We hope to reschedule in the near future.

The final youth group pizza party will be at Janis Berg's house on Saturday, July 8 at 4:00 PM. Drinks and pizza will be provided. Please contact Madeline Gill at 571-918-6348 for details and to RSVP .

Vacation Bible School at WPC— Save the date: August 7-11, 2023 (9-12pm). If interested in helping, please see Brenda Grammer.

We are in need of nursery helpers for the months of July and August. Please look for the sign-up sheets in the nursery. We appreciate your help!

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

Christ’s Church of the Hudson Valley

Worship	11:00 AM
Sunday School	12:30 PM

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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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