

The Lord's Service

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JUNE 25, 2023



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Sarabande
If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

LOUIS COUPERIN
FRANKLIN D. ASHDOWN

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 92:

Q. What is a sacrament?

A. A sacrament is a holy ordinance instituted by Christ; wherein, by sensible signs, Christ and the benefits of the new covenant are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.

⌘ CALL TO WORSHIP

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that though he was rich,
**yet for our sake he became poor,
so that we, by his poverty, might become rich.**

⌘ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this congregation. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

⌘ HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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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

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,

ROMANS 12:1-21

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

THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Andy Westervelt

⊗ GLORIA PATRI

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INTERLUDE

Jesus, With Thy Church Abide

JOHN HENRY GOWER

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

JEREMIAH 32:36-41

p. 786

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

ACTS 4:32-37

p. 1084



PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 118

Give Thanks to the Lord, Jehovah

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GOSPEL READING

LUKE 16:1-13

p. 1040



RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.

Praise be to God.

SERMON

Everything in Common



WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH CHAPTER 26

OF THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

All saints that are united to Jesus Christ their head, by His Spirit and by faith, have fellowship with Him in His graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory: and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as to conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.

Saints by profession, are bound to maintain a holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God, and in performing such other spiritual services as tend to their mutual edification; as also in relieving each other in outward things, according to their several abilities and necessities. Which communion, as God offers opportunity, is to be extended unto all those who, in every place, call upon the name of the Lord Jesus.

This communion which the saints have with Christ, does not make them in any wise partakers of the substance of the Godhead, or to be equal with Christ in any respect: either of which to affirm, is impious and blasphemous. Nor does their communion one with another as saints, take away or infringe the title or property which each man hath in his goods and possessions.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

I Waited for the Lord

MENDELSSOHN

⊗	DOXOLOGY		731
⊗	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	<i>Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured</i>	429
	<i>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.</i>	<i>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.</i>	
	<i>Thou didst die that I might live; blessed Lord, thou cam'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.</i>	<i>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.</i>	
⊗	HYMN OF DEPARTURE	<i>Jesus, with Thy Church Abide</i>	348
⊗	CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
⊗	POSTLUDE	<i>Meditation on "Melita"</i>	JOHN B. DYKES / SETTING, ROBERT WOLF

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot
 WORSHIP LEADER: James Phillips
 ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

Everything in Common

ACTS 4:32-37

1. Unity

They were of one _____ and s_____.

Unity is a result of the gift of the _____.

J_____ 3__ :I will give them one heart and one way.

We are to be like p_____ all tuned to the same f_____.

No one said what _____ to him was his _____.

This is not c_____.

It does not eliminate p_____ p_____.

There is here a kind of d_____.

2. Gospel

They ignored the _____ of the Sanhedrin.

The Word is a means of _____.

3. Charity

No _____ person among them was the sign of grace.

The OT ideal is spelled out in D_____ chapter _____.

This is a righteous form of wealth r_____.

Acts shows B_____ is a son of _____.

This is an expression of the c_____ of the _____.

In Philippians 2 Christ is the pattern for living in u_____.

In 2 Corinthians 8 Christ is the pattern for radical c_____.

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

It is our joy to welcome Andy Westervelt into membership at WPC today.

During the coffee time today we are celebrating Dr. Elaine Simpson’s 50 years as WPC’s choir director. Please join us!

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).

Senior Minister

The Reverend Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

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