

The Lord's Service

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 20, 2023



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Behold the Bread of Life
Still, Still with Thee*

JOHN B. DYKES / ARR. O. N. RUSSELL
MENDELSSOHN / ARR. ELEANOR WHITSETT

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 100:

Q. What does the preface of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

A. The preface of the Lord's Prayer, which is, "Our Father which art in heaven," teaches us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father, able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others.

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP

PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14

One thing I do:

forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lead us, O God, in the way of Christ. Give us courage to take up our cross and, in full reliance upon your grace, to follow him. Help us to love you above all else and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, demonstrating that love in deed and word in the power of your Spirit. Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. 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 FROM THE GOSPELS

You shall have no other gods before me.
It is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.

You shall not make for yourself a graven image.
God is a spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool... Let what you say be simply Yes or No; anything more than this comes from evil.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath; so the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath.

Honor your father and your mother.
For God commanded, he who speaks evil of father or mother, let him surely die.

You shall not kill.
Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.

You shall not commit adultery.
Everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

You shall not steal.
For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery...theft...These are what defile a man.

You shall not bear false witness.
For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

You shall not covet.
Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

⊗ THE PEACE

ADMINISTRATION OF MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Lou and Amy Pedrero

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Clara, Eliana, and Schuyler Pedrero

⊗ GLORIA PATRI

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INTERLUDE

Lord, I Lift My Soul to Thee

VON WEBER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 KINGS 19:9-21 *p. 354*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON PHILIPPIANS 3:7-15 *p. 1166*

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 116 *What Shall I Render to My God* 637

⌘ GOSPEL READING LUKE 9:57-62 *p. 1031*

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

SERMON *What Does It Mean to Follow Jesus?*

⌘ THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* ROBERT LOWRY

⌘ 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

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 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.*

*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

Trust and Obey

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☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

☒ POSTLUDE

Jubilate

RUSSIAN AIR / SETTING BY E. WHITSETT

MINISTER: Rev. Toni Urumov
WORSHIP LEADER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

Missions Work Highlight

BRIAN AND CARIN ROBERG

Brian and Carin work with the Christian campus ministry called DiscipleMakers based in Pennsylvania, a ministry with the goal of raising up the next generation of leaders for the Church by training college students in Bible study, gospel-driven discipleship, and evangelism. They “both joined DiscipleMakers because the Lord worked deeply in our lives through DiscipleMakers when we were in college,” they explain on their webpage. They continue: “We count it a privilege to have seen Him continue to work in the lives of many others as we have served in the DM Headquarters and on campus at Penn State.” Please keep Brian and Carin in your basket of interest, prayer before the LORD and your support.

Discover DiscipleMakers at: <https://www.dm.org/>

Announcements

It is our joy today to welcome Rev. Toni Urumov, WPC supported missionary to Macedonia. Rev. Urumov will be preaching in both our morning and evening services. He will be sharing his ministry in Macedonia with us today in the sanctuary at 11:45 AM. Please join us to hear about God's work through Toni and his family.

It is our joy to receive the Pedrero family (Lou, Amy, Clara, Eliana and Schuyler) into membership at WPC today. We also have the pleasure of baptizing Clara, Eliana, Schuyler.

Sunday School classes for ages 4-18, and Adult classes, will start on Sunday, September 10th. Our Sunday School opening will be in the sanctuary following the worship service after a brief 15-minute break. Sunday School classes will be held from 11:45-12:30pm. On the 10th, our BBQ luncheon will follow. The Adult Sunday School class will be an “Introduction to Covenant Theology” taught by Pastor Kevin Chiarot.

The Conklin Meal Train is in need of sign ups. If interested, please contact Michelle Watson at mawatson913@gmail.com.

We are updating the WPC directory. Please see Robert David after Worship to have your picture and information added to the directory.

We need Nursery volunteers for September and October. Please sign up on the sheets in the nursery. Thank you!

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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