The Lord's Service

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time JULY 07, 2024



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

2 TIMOTHY 2:8-9

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in the gospel, for which the apostle suffered, bound with chains as a criminal.

But the word of God is not bound!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life, and took him up to the glory of heaven. Clothe us with the power promised from on high, and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. **Amen**.

8	HYMN OF PRAISE	Shout for the Blessed Jesus Reigns	369
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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

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RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE PSALMS

God spoke all these words, saying; I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods before me.

Against thee, thee only, I have sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight.

You shall not make for yourself graven images...you shall not bow down to them or serve them.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Honor your father and your mother. Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions; according to thy steadfast love remember me, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord! You shall not kill.

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any wicked way in me.

You shall not commit adultery. Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

You shall not steal. Have mercy on me, O God, blot out my transgressions.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. Put false ways far from me; and graciously teach me thy law!

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's. **Incline my heart to thy testimonies, and not to gain! Deliver me from all my transgressions.**

The Lord is near to all that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He fulfills the desire of all who fear him, he also hears their cry, and saves them. My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

THE PEACE

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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

Wir Christen Leut'

Johann S. Bach

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

	OLD TESTAMENT READING	ISAIAH 6:8-13 p. 678
	NEW TESTAMENT READING	ACTS 28:17-31 <i>p. 1114</i>
8	PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 36	<i>Thy Mercy and Thy Truth</i> , O <i>Lord</i> 60
8	GOSPEL READING	JOHN 12:36B-41 <i>p. 1069</i>
8	RESPONSE The Word of the Lord. Praise be to God.	

SERMON

The Hope of Israel in Rome

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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

Meditation on "Something for Thee"

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, amen.

\otimes 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.

\bigotimes PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\bigotimes 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.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness, come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy your praises render. Bless the One whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded; he, though heavenly, high and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Hasten as a bride to meet him, eagerly and gladly greet him. There he stands already knocking; quickly, now, your gate unlocking, open wide the fast-closed portal, saying to the Lord immortal: "Come, and leave your loved one never; dwell within my heart forever."

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

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Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder that the bread of life is boundless, though the souls it feeds are countless; with the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given. Ob, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation.

Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend and dearest treasure, peace beyond all understanding, joy into all life expanding: humbly now, I bow before you, love incarnate, I adore you; worthily let me receive you, and, so favored, never leave you.

83	HYMN OF DEPARTURE	Christ for the World We Sing	447
83	CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		

POSTLUDE \otimes

Jubilate Deo

JOHN M. RASLEY

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot WORSHIP LEADER: Gary Berg ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson, D.M.A.

The Hope of Israel in Rome

ACTS 28:17-31

The hope of Israel is the coming ______ of the dead. All this has ______ in the resurrection of Jesus.

1. The Gospel to the Jews (vv. 17-23)

He's done nothing against the c_____ of the fathers.
The ______ authorities wanted to set him free.
Because of the ______ of Israel I am wearing ______ ch____.
Calvin: Christ's kingdom is S______.
Paul taught from m______ until e_____.
The kingdom of God is the realm of ______ life.
It is ______ a transitory state of abundance in the w_____.
Acts ______ with the theme of the kingdom.

2. The Gospel to the Gentiles (vv. 24-28)

Opposition and the s______ of the Word go hand in hand. Paul applies ______ chapter __ to the Jews in Rome. Ethnic Israel has been (partially, temporarily) h_____. The hope of Israel is the hope of the n_____.

3. The Gospel to All (vv. 30-31)

The kingdom is the f_____ of the co_____. The last word of the book is un_____. The Word of God c_____ be c____.

Missions Work Highlight

DR. JODY COLLINGE

Dr. Jody Collinge is a New Yorker and pediatrician who resides in and works from the resort city of Zihuatanejo on Mexico's Pacific Coast, northwest of Acapulco. Dr. Jody works with Global Community Health Evangelism Network, a ministry that serves in over 140 countries worldwide; and she develops training materials used worldwide for Children's Community Health Evangelism, a member of the network. She also helps to develop Community Health Evangelism with Children ministries in many countries.

Her day job takes her into squatter communities in the hills overlooking the City where Kids' Clubs have been established. In these Clubs, Bible Skills, English as a Second Language, and First Aid and Health skills are taught. Several church plants have emerged as a result of these Kid's Clubs. She also develops and leads online Bible Studies for children and adults. Please keep this remarkable servant of the Lord before Him in earnest prayer.

Find out more about Global CHE Network at: https://chenetwork.org/

Prayer Requests

Families of the Month: Michael and Lori Steinberger (Thomas, Timothy); Linda Lou Sully; Ed and Merilee Timberger

Weekly Prayer Focus: Eton Gayle (cancer), Susan Roosje (hospice), Donna Conklin (MS)

Announcements

Westminster will be hosting our annual Vacation Bible School, "Camp Firelight VBS 2024: A Summer Camp Adventure With God!", July 22nd-July 26th from 9am-12pm each day. Our VBS is open to ages 4 to 12. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please see Brenda Grammer (thegrammers@yahoo.com).

There will not be a Monthly Luncheon in July or August. The next luncheon will be on September 8th, following the Sunday School opening.

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 (Sept–June)	11:45 AM
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 PM

Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley

Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday School	12:00 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 16thcentury 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 Pastor Rev. Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

Assistant Pastor Rev. Justin Chiarot

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