

# The Lord's Service

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*The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

JULY 14, 2024



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE      *Pie Jesu, Agnus Dei from "Requiem"*      GABRIEL FAURE / ARR. BY JOSEPH PRENTISS

*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 36:5-6

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
**your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;  
your judgments are like the great deep;  
**man and beast you save, O Lord.**

☒ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, you satisfy our hunger by feeding us with the bread of life, and you quench our thirst for righteousness by your mighty acts. Nourish us always by your Spirit, that we may grow into the stature of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

☒ HYMN OF PRAISE

*Light of Light, Enlighten Me*

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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 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



## 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

*Jesus. Priceless Treasure*

JOHANN S. BACH

## 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 PSALM 36:1-12 *p. 549*

NEW TESTAMENT READING EPHESIANS 3:14-21 *p. 1160*

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 36 *Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord* 60

⌘ GOSPEL READING JOHN 1:1-5 *p. 1053*

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

SERMON *Life and Light*

⌘ 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 *O Lord, Our Lord, Your Works Are Glorious* J. S. BACH / ARR. HAL HOPSON

⌘ DOXOLOGY 731  
*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.*

☒ 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

**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

*(Outer ring alone is grape juice)*

COMMUNION HYMN

*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

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*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.*

*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.  
Oh, 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.*

☒ HYMN OF DEPARTURE

*Awake, My Soul, in Joyful Lays*

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☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

☒ POSTLUDE

*March Religioso*

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# Life and Light

## PSALM 36

### 1. The Wicked (verses 1 - 4)

No fear of God is the r\_\_\_\_\_ of the matter.

To d\_\_\_\_\_ God is to d\_\_\_\_\_ man.

Sin is an active p\_\_\_\_\_, a s\_\_\_\_\_, a settled course.

### 2. The Lord (verses 5 - 9)

The structures of creation proclaim the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_.

The images move from h\_\_\_\_\_ to l\_\_\_\_\_.

We do not live f\_\_\_\_\_ ourselves. We do not m\_\_\_\_\_ ourselves.

We who did not have to be \_\_\_\_\_.

We who should not be r\_\_\_\_\_.

Men have to s\_\_\_\_\_ on God's l\_\_\_\_\_ to s\_\_\_\_\_ his f\_\_\_\_\_.

We move from the c\_\_\_\_\_ sanctuary to the h\_\_\_\_\_ of God.

We are fed by the W\_\_\_\_\_ and s\_\_\_\_\_ at the T\_\_\_\_\_.

The river of delights flows from the \_\_\_\_\_.

God simply \_\_\_\_\_.

We see by a l\_\_\_\_\_ we did not k\_\_\_\_\_.

### 3. The Future (verses 10 - 12)

God is not t\_\_\_\_\_, he has no r\_\_\_\_\_.

In him was l\_\_\_\_\_ and the l\_\_\_\_\_ was the l\_\_\_\_\_ of men.

The immensities of our text are made v\_\_\_\_\_ in 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/>

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## Prayer Requests

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

**Weekly Prayer Focus:** Jeanne Phillips (James' mother, limited responsiveness), Megan Brossman (Janis Berg's niece, overall health), Josh Kuliszewski (tumor in heel)

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## 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](mailto: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!

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## Westminster Stated Services

|                                    |          |
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| 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

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|---------------|----------|
| 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 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 Pastor

Rev. Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

## Assistant Pastor

Rev. Justin Chiarot

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Robert David (2025), Gary Berg (2025), Mike Bonagura (2026), James Phillips (2026), Ron Bonagura (2027), Bob Maucher (2027)

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