

WESTMINSTER  PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 18, 2017

GATHERING

(Silence during the Prelude is requested in preparation for worship.)

PRELUDE

Meditation on Carlisle
Stand Up and Praise the Lord

Charles Callahan

Mit Freuden Zart
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Gerald Near

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.

Give thanks to God and bless God's name.

For the Holy One, our God, is good.

**God's steadfast love forever endures
and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

(Psalm 100, vs. 4-5)

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

God of compassion,

**you have opened the way for us
and brought us to yourself.**

**Pour out your love into our hearts, that,
overflowing with joy,**

**we may freely share the blessings of your realm
and faithfully proclaim**

the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*(The Cross and Bible lead the procession, symbolic of the centrality in worship
of Jesus Christ - the Living Word, and the Bible - the written Word.)*

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 645**

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
4 Thus all my toil-some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

mur - mur stilled:
all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band:
take your part:

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this:
While we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in him,
we dare to approach God with confidence. *(Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16)*

**In faith and penitence let us confess our sin
before God and one another.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, you have shown us the path love takes –
responsive to the needs of others, open to everyone,
willing to suffer and endure.**

**We confess that we desire a different path –
one where our interests are protected,
our comfort is preserved,
and we decide who merits our attention.**

Such love does not resemble yours.

O Suffering Servant, forgive our timid efforts to follow you.

**Pour your love into our hearts
and embolden us to share it,
so may we learn compassion, practice charity,
and live in the saving strength of love
that knows no end.**

**With hope in the risen Christ,
who loved us so much
he gave himself for us all. Amen.**

(Silent confession)

Kyrie *(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)*

Hal H. Hopson

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(The liturgist pours water, which reminds us of our baptism.)

Believe the Good News: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

***The Peace**

Since God in Christ has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you.")

***ACT OF PRAISE**

SALZBURG
(Hymn 679, vs. 1)

**Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high."
Heaven and earth, awake and sing, "Praise to our almighty King."
Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;
sun and moon, uplift your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice!**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*(Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Register,
which is located on the center aisle end of each pew.)*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

Romans 5:1-8 *(New Testament, page 155 in your pew Bible)*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

O be joyful in the Lord,
all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise;
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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.

Matthew 9:35-10:8 (*New Testament, pages 9-10 in your pew Bible*)

SERMON

“He Offers Life”

Heidi Hudnut-Beumler

(A moment for meditation)

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Already God's reign is present
as a ferment in the world,
stirring hope in humankind
and preparing the world
to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.
With an urgency born of this hope,
the church applies itself to present tasks
and strives for a better world.
It does not identify limited progress
with the kingdom of God on earth,
nor does it despair in the face
of disappointment and defeat.
In steadfast hope, the church looks
beyond all partial achievement
to the final triumph of God.
"Now to him who by the power at work within us
is able to do far more abundantly
than all we ask or think,
to him be glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus to all generations,
forever and ever. Amen."**

(Confession of 1967)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem

Jesus Calls Us

Deborah Holden-Holloway

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea.
Day by day his clear voice soundeth,
saying, "Christians follow me."

As of old, Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home, and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us by thy mercies,
Savior, make us hear thy call;
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**O God of all creation, you urge us to travel lightly
and proclaim the good news of your realm
in word and action.**

**Relieve us of whatever hinders our mission to follow Jesus,
and give us sustenance for the journey.**

**The gifts we dedicate to you
are symbols of our commitment.**

**Receive this offering as sign of our intention to live
bearing your mercy, making your peace,
working your healing, showing your love.**

**Open us to the joy of your presence,
that we would be always hospitable to one another
and generous toward your world,
through the power of your Son, who sets us free. Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER (Singing together)**

*(Please refer to the inside back cover of your hymnal
for the words and music for this hymn.)*

SENDING

***HYMN 719**

Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

Capo 1: (G) (C) (G) (Em) (C) (G) (C) (D) (G)
A^b D^b A^b Fm D^b A^b D^b E^b A^b



1 Come, la-bor on. Who dares stand i - dle on the har - vest plain
2 Come, la-bor on. Claim the high call - ing an - gels can - not share;
3 Come, la-bor on. Cast off all gloom - y doubt and faith - less fear!
4 Come, la-bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west - ern sky,

(Em) (B7) (Em) (B) (Em) (C) (D)
Fm C7 Fm C Fm D^b E^b



while all a - round us waves the gold - en grain? And to each
to young and old the gos - pel glad - ness bear. Re - deem the
No arm so weak but may do ser - vice here. Though fee - ble
till the long shad - ows o'er our path - way lie, and a glad

(G) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
A^b Fm D^b A^b B^bm E^b7 A^b



ser - vant does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
time; its hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
a - gents, may we all ful - fill God's righ - teous will.
sound comes with the set - ting sun, "Well done, well done!"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Postlude on Salzburg
Let the Whole Creation Cry

Gerald Near

**(Those who are able may stand.)*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Janet and Robert Felch
by Beth and Jim Felch.*

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS: Liturgist: T.J. Piccolo, Associate Director of Youth; (8:30 a.m.) Lay liturgist: Mark Beveridge; (11:00 a.m.) Lay liturgist: X Lucas.

MUSICIANS: Chamber Choir; John W. Semingson, Director of Music Ministries; Polly Brecht, Organist.

USHERS: (8:30 a.m.) Sylvia Grant, Paxton Scott, David Wyatt (11:00 a.m.) Jim Jenkins, Emily Jenkins, Kathryn Jenkins, Whit Polley. *Should a congregant need assistance at any time during the service, please contact one of the ushers.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. Our love and acceptance of each other affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person, regardless of our differences, and bear witness to the love of God for all people and our commitment to Christ. Any who are interested in joining us in this journey are invited to speak with one of our greeters, who are stationed by the Baptismal font after each service. The greeters for today are (8:30 a.m.) Sarah Wilkinson and (11:00 a.m.) Anne Carr.

SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE: There will be no Summer Choir today. Summer Choir will resume next Sunday, June 25, 2017 at 9:45 a.m. Please consider participating! The choir will rehearse for one hour (9:45 a.m.—10:45 a.m.) and sing for the 11:00 a.m. worship service throughout the summer months. Please contact John Semingson (615.292.5526 or johns@nashvillewpc.org), if you desire additional information.

MUSIC CAMP PERFORMANCE IS TODAY at 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join us for “In the Image.”

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS are available in the Narthex from an usher.

ASSISTIVE HEARING DEVICES: Due to ongoing construction, we are experiencing difficulties with connections for our hearing devices. Currently, devices are working only in the first ten rows from the pulpit. Thank you for your continued patience and prayers!

PRAYER SERVICE FOR WHOLENESS will be held in the Chapel immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service today, June 18, 2017. This

brief and informal service (roughly 15 minutes) will include a time of centering ourselves in God's love and light, sharing concerns and joys, and individual and communal prayer. Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler and Claire Harris Kramer co-lead this service and remain available to pray with and for members of our community. Bring whatever needs for prayer are on your heart; all ages are welcome.

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Because of federal health care/confidentiality mandates, area hospitals are not able to release the names of our members who may be patients in their facilities. Please contact the church office (615.292.5526) or one of the members of our church staff when you learn of someone in the hospital who may need a pastoral call from the church.

PRAYER REQUESTS: It is the privilege of our pastors and the Congregational Care Committee's Prayer Team to pray by name for those who need our care. Please indicate on one of the prayer request forms, found in the pew literature racks, the name of the person and the nature of your request. Place your request form in the offering plate or give it to one of our pastors.

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*Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light
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“For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness’, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.” (2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

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