



**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Buffalo, New York

**February 1, 2015**  
**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**



*Wisdom's Path*  
Artist: Jan Richardson

....we know that 'all of us possess knowledge.'  
Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet  
have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

1 Corinthians 8:1-3

## Welcome to this place of Christian worship

*Do not wait for someone else to begin worship. Pray silently for yourself, for those about you, for the poor and the oppressed, for those unable to be present, for those who will shortly lead our common worship. Latecomers may enter the Sanctuary during the singing of the first hymn or during the Response to the Assurance. Ushers are available for assistance. Please turn off all cell phones.*

*On Communion Sundays, the children meet for Sunday School in the Holmes Chapel and they will join the service in time for Communion.*

### Opening Voluntary

Impromptu

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor † (1875-1912)

### Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

## Order of Worship

### Chiming of the Trinity

*The sounding of the chimes, invoking Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, is an invitation to prepare for worship through a time of silent reflection. Please be respectful of those who are praying.*

### Introit

True Light

Keith Hampton†† (b. 1957)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Almighty God is light. He lives in us as True Light.  
In the beginning, out of the darkness, God created True Light.

Don't let the light that You've given me die, And don't desert my mind.  
But let the one who serves You praise You again and again.  
You are the one who judges right from wrong. Your glory excites no envy.  
Everywhere I go, I want the world to know, God gave the world True Light

### Call to Worship

*The people stand and remain standing for the Hymn in Procession.*


### Hymn in Procession, No. 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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### Call to Confession

*Cantor:*




Be with us now, O Lord, qui - et us, cen - ter us, hear us.

*Congregation:*



O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer. When we call, an - swer us.



O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer. Come and lis - ten to us.

## Prayer of Confession

Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits,  
comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces,  
we confess that we are unable to do your will.  
We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown.  
We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth.  
We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible.  
Forgive us, lead us, make us new.  
Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us your way;  
in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all. Amen.

*Time for silent prayer.*

## Kyrie

*The people sing.*

John Weaver, 1984



## Assurance of Pardon

### Response

*The people stand to sing.*

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## Passing the Peace of Christ

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

*Please turn to your neighbor and share the peace of Christ. It is appropriate to say,  
"The peace of Christ be with you," and to respond, "And also with you."*

*The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus,  
who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity (Col. 1:20-21).*

*What's more, in the midst of divisions we symbolize our unity through handshakes and hugs (Eph. 2:14-21).*

*Likewise, when we regularly pass the peace we practice God's call to make every effort  
to maintain the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3).*

## Prayer for Illumination

### Readings

Jonah and the Sermon, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

### Sermon

From Silos and Comfort Zones to Compassion

## Hymn, No. 507

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

*The people stand to sing.*

## Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory Anthem

*The Deacons receive the gifts, a portion of the blessings God has given us, which we return unto God. Worshippers are invited to sign the Friendship Pad located in the aisle seat of each pew and then please pass it to others in the pew.*

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

The tree of life my soul has seen, laden with fruit and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but never can tell,  
The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest a while:  
Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying flesh alive:  
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

### Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*It is the practice of this congregation to welcome all baptized persons, including those children whose parents have given their permission, to join in receiving the elements. Unfermented grape juice is used.*

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy  
to give you thanks and praise,  
God of majesty and splendor...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the choirs of angels,  
and sing the glory of your name:

John Weaver, 1984

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed, bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.



You are holy, O God of majesty....



*Prayers of Intercession are offered...*

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil;  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Words of Institution**

### **Sharing of the Bread and the Cup**

*We will distribute the elements of communion today by intinction – simply take the bread and dip it in the cup. It is appropriate to say “Amen” or “Thanks be to God” when receiving the bread and the cup as they are gifts of God for the people of God. On each tray there are wafers of gluten-free bread in a separate dish. Please take the right side (facing the chancel) of the aisle closest to you to receive the elements and return to your pew on the right side (facing the rear or Delaware Avenue side) of the Sanctuary.*

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God, our help: we thank you for this supper shared in the Spirit with your Son Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal.  
We praise you for giving us all good gifts in him,  
and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you served us.



Weaver, 1984

### **Sending Hymn, No. 358**

Help Us Accept Each Other  
*The people stand to sing.*

BARONITA

## Benediction and Choral Response

Nunc Dimittis

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people.  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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.

## Closing Voluntary

Triumphal March

Uzee Brown Jr. (b. 1950)

## Worship Leaders

**Preacher:** The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

**Reader:** Ray Herman

**Organists:** Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music  
Matthew Marco, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar

## Elders Serving Today

Bob Bojdak, Maureen Boyd, Jen Callaghan, Debbie Erwin, Cricket Gordon, Bill Gray, Karen Keaton

## Deacons Serving Today

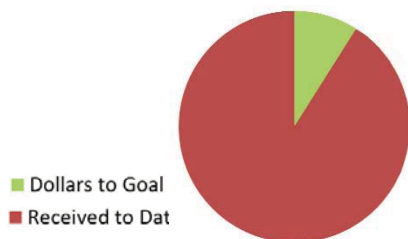
Kate Dierenfield, Warren Emblidge, Carol Huber, Kathleen Kelly, Janet Kifner-Arnatt, Joan Kuznia  
Becky Read-Lukan, Austin Sanders, Roy Stewart

## Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given by Carol Timmerman -Yorty and Tom Yorty in memory of members of the Timmerman, Yorty and Seaman families.

*To purchase Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends. Sign up on the "Flower Calendar" on the Kiosk in the Gallery Room You may also call Marilyn Bassett at 634-4211 to choose a date.*

# GRATITUDE IN EVERY SEASON



Pledges received as of 01/29/2015

Number of Pledges Received	Total Pledges Received	Dollars To Goal
248	\$495,594	\$79,406

*We ask if you have not pledged to Giving 2015 please do so. If you are in need of an Intention Card or would like to make your pledge, please contact Monique Brannon at ext. 305 or go to [www.wpcbuffalo.org](http://www.wpcbuffalo.org)*

# Notes on Today's Music

*During Black History Month (February), many of our Voluntaries and Choral Offerings are taken from the African-American tradition.*

†**Samuel Coleridge-Taylor** (1875-1912), born in Holborn, London, England, was an English composer who achieved such success he was called the African Mahler. Coleridge-Taylor's greatest success was the cantata Hiawatha's Wedding-Feast, widely performed in England during his lifetime, and rivaled only by Handel's Messiah and Mendelssohn's Elijah in popularity.

††**Keith Hampton** is best known for his arrangements of gospel songs and spirituals. After earning his Bachelor of Music from Westminster Choir College and his Master of Arts from Marywood University, Hampton received a Doctor of Music from Northwestern University with an emphasis on church music, conducting, theory, and organ performance. In 2010, the American Choral Directors Association named Keith Hampton one of the top 25 contemporary composers.

In the Holmes Room, you will find four renderings of the Aeolian-Skinner organ in the sanctuary from the early 1950's as plans were being discussed between the Boston firm and Hans Vigeland. One a rendering of the Positiv division that hangs in the center of the gallery (with an interesting allowance made for a rose window); one a schematic of the wind lines from the blower room in the attic to various parts of the church (including the Holmes chapel); one an illustration of the proposed case as we know it today; the final a small sketch of the gallery as it was before 1958 (with the organ case in the center and the choir split on either side) and the proposed changes (with the choir being united in the center flanked by the two side organ cases).

*A special thanks to Dennis Wisniewski and Avenue Art and Frame for donating his craftsmanship and framing to Westminster.*

## This Week at Westminster

### Sunday, February 1

7:00 AM Name Tag Sunday  
8:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal  
8:30 AM Heavenly Grounds  
8:30 AM Infant /Toddler Care  
8:45 AM Worship W/ Communion  
9:00 AM Food Drive – Bags Distributed  
9:30 AM College Care Packages  
9:30 AM Dialogue Diner  
9:30 AM Deacon Mtg.  
9:35 AM Case Library Conversations  
9:35 AM Spiritual Life  
9:35 AM Adult Bible Class  
9:45 AM Confirmation Class  
10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 AM First Sunday Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship W/Communion

### Monday, February 2 - WPC Closed

### Tuesday, February 3

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
12:30 PM Passages Lunch  
1:15 PM Passages Program

4:00 PM ENERGY Program

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

7:00 PM Zen Dharma

7:00 PM Knitting Group

### Wednesday, February 4

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

1:00 PM Newsletter Deadline

1:30 PM Staff Mtg.

4:00 PM ENERGY Program

4:30 PM The Westminster Choir School

5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

8:00 PM AA Mtg.

### Thursday, February 5

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

7:30 AM Ministry of Generosity

8:30 AM Centering Prayer

4:00 PM ENERGY Program

6:00 PM Handbells

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, February 6

8:00 AM Coffee At WECP

6:30 PM WEDI Winterfest @ The Foundry

7:00 PM BOU Rehearsal

### Saturday, February 7

10:00 AM WECP Valentine Family Fun

11:00 AM Harrington Memorial Service

12:00 PM Harrington Reception

### Sunday, February 8

8:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal

8:30 AM Heavenly Grounds

8:30 AM Infant /Toddler Care

8:45 AM Worship W/ Communion

9:00 AM Food Drive – Bags Returned

9:30 AM Dialogue Diner

9:35 AM Case Library Conversations

9:35 AM Adult Bible Class

9:35 AM Spiritual Life

9:45 AM Confirmation Class

10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal

11:00 AM Worship

11:10 AM Sunday School

12:30 PM Dream Group 1

12:30 PM College Care Packages

# Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today.

We invite members and visitors to sign the friendship/registration pad as it is passed during the service. Please indicate if you would like information sent to you or request a call from the pastor.

As a More Light church, we invite all persons of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community to membership and full participation in worship, leadership, service opportunities and all ministries of Westminster.

We light our peace candle remembering those relatives of Westminster members and all who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our prayers for peace include our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools & families.

Bibles are available at the Sanctuary entrances.

Wireless Receivers for hearing assistance are available in the Church Conference Room.

If you need assistance, please ask any Deacon

## SUNDAY MORNING ADULT LEARNING

**Spiritual Life** Sundays, 9:35AM in the Heritage Room

All people of faith stand in line with the disciples to say "Teach us how to pray." So how do we get started? Yes, with our Lord's own prayer. But beyond that? We've heard prayers that connect us with the Holy Spirit. How can ours be like that? Are there different ways of praying? How do we know our prayers are heard? What kind of prayer is good for certain occasions? How do we mix and match? Is all prayer "please" and "thank you?" January's Month of Sundays in Spiritual Life will offer presentations that strengthen our knowledge and experience of praying:

February 1: Spiritually Life will be joining the Case Library Conversations for their 14th Annual Understanding Islam Series

February 8: *Arts and Spirituality*

Presenter: Gary Wolfe. Mr. Wolfe is a local artist. His art work was displayed in the Sanctuary last year. He will speak on his motivation for creativity and how it is expressed.

February 15: *Arts and Spirituality*

Presenter: Garrett Martin  
Our Organist and Choirmaster, will speak on the upcoming Masterworks presentation the Choir will be offering, Morten Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna*.

February 22 - March 22: *Lenten Series*

Presenter: Lance Brown, in the Case Library

The sessions will be in a "small group/ conversation" style. Lance will be following the lectionary – so his topics should follow what Tom will be preaching.

**Adult Bible Study, 9:35AM in Parish Hall Balcony**

Sundays, 9:35AM in the first room on the balcony on the 3rd floor.

Our Sunday morning Bible class welcomes adults who are interested in exploring the Christian story, by studying the scripture and applying those lessons learned to our present lives. Whether you were raised in the church, or if you're a more recent member, we welcome your voice in these discussions. Come as your schedule permits. This class uses *Feasting on the Word* curriculum which explores the Bible passages used in our worship services.

**Case Library Conversations**

Sundays, 9:35AM in the Case Library  
14th Annual Understanding Islam Series  
February 1, 8 & 15

*A Joint Program presented by Muslim Public Affairs Council of WNY & Westminster Presbyterian Church*

In light of current events, please join us for this informative and timely series as we continue our vital interfaith joint venture.

February 1: What is ISIS? Is it different from Islam? In What way does ISIS connect itself with extremists? What is the level of their acceptance in Muslim Community?

Speaker: Muhammad Shafiq, PhD; Professor in Religious Studies, Executive Director in Hickey Center for Interfaith Studies and Dialogue, Nazareth College, Rochester, NY

February 8: What are the roots of discontent for Muslim youth & the reasons for the successful recruitment of ISIS in the West?. What are MPAC's latest national initiatives to combat extremism?

Speaker: Haris Tarin, Director, Muslim Public Affairs College, Washington DC Office.

February 15: What is the role of Churches and Mosques to further peace and mutual understanding? What are the joint initiatives that can work to counter extremists views?

Moderator: The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

## BECOME A PART OF OUR LIFE

Anyone who would like to learn more about our community and the many ministries we support is invited to attend a meeting immediately following worship on any of the following dates: March 8, May 10, July 12, September 13, and November 8, 2015. The Rev. Thomas Yorty, Pastor of Westminster will tell the story of our church along with the current programs of outreach and mission in the city and region. There will be time for conversation and an opportunity to get answers to any questions you may have. Light, healthy refreshments will be served. At the conclusion of the meeting, those who so desire will be received into the membership of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Yorty (tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org or 830-8596), Karen Keaton (khkeaton@verizon.net) or any staff member.

## MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The ENERGY Program. creates a caring environment where refugee and immigrant students, grades 1-6 from Buffalo's West Side gain social and cultural awareness and self-confidence through improving their English language skills. A nutritious meal, positive adult relationships, and homework help provide physical, social and academic support to the students. ENERGY meets Tue., Wed., & Thurs., 4:30-6:30PM. Contact Carol Greetham. at 507-8216 or carol @ wedibuffalo.org for more information, to donate or volunteer.

The West Side Bazaar: Take friends and family over to 25 Grant Street for a delicious lunch and do some shopping! Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 11AM – 8PM, Friday 11AM-8PM, Saturday 10AM- 8PM. Sunday & Monday: Closed. Bazaar Bucks on sale now. Book your holiday catering parties today! 25 Grant Street. Plenty of FREE PARKING!

Westminster's Alcohol and Drug Education and Referral has been working quietly and steadily since 1981 to help members and friends with any questions they may have about alcohol or other drugs. Call any of us for free and confidential advice. Phil Stevens, Chair 839-3357; Dave Carstensen 884-5403, Ken Carter 833-9287, Ellen Smith 882-2064, Jim Wieland 523-0217.



## YOUTH EVENTS C.I.A (Christians in Action)

Sunday, February 1: 9:30AM – Dialogue Diner 11AM – Youth Service

Save the Date! August 17th - 20: Middler Work Camp

College Care Packages: Sheets will be available in the Holmes Room on Feb. 1st and 8th for people to write a personal note for the College Care Packages. At the college and young adult reunion college students were asked what they wanted in their care packages and they said what they loved the most were the hand written notes that people from the congregation sent to them. They said it really makes them feel they are still connected to Westminster. The Care Packages will be shipped the week of the 8th.

## WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS

NEW! The Apprentice Choir of the Westminster Choir School is for children ages 4-6 years old. Children will be taught fundamental music and choral skills 4:30 - 5:15PM in the Holmes Chapel. For information, contact Garrett Martin, Director of Music Ministries, [gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org) or 716-884-9437, ext. 318.

The Senior Choristers (ages 7 and above) of the Westminster Choir School rehearse on Wednesdays, September through May, 5:30-6:30PM in the Holmes Chapel. Participation in the program is not limited to Westminster members. For more information, contact Garrett Martin, Director of Music Ministries, [gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org) or 716-884-9437, ext. 318.

## WESTMINSTER PRESENTS

**February 15:** Hugo Wolf: *Italienisches Liederbuch*, 4 PM in the Sanctuary. Admission is free. Donations accepted which benefits the Friends of Music at Westminster. Matt Marco, piano, Laura Noack, soprano, James Wright, baritone

**February 20:** Taize Service in the Holmes Chapel at 5:30PM

**March 1:** Masterworks

The Westminster Choirs join with the Chamber Choir of Eastern Michigan University, Dr. Brandon Johnson, conductor, in Morten Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna* at 11AM in the Sanctuary

**March 8:** Organist David Henning (Houston, TX) in recital, 4PM in the Sanctuary. Admission is free. Donations accepted which benefits the Friends of Music at Westminster.

## ENRICHMENT & FELLOWSHIP

WOW Lunchtime Bible Study is meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month, 12:15PM in the Case Library. Join us as we look at Paul's advice to the church in Corinth and consider what we have in common with Paul and his community of believers. Questions? Contact Debbie Katz, Director of Christian Education at [dkatz@westminster-bflo.org](mailto:dkatz@westminster-bflo.org), 884-9437, ext. 329.

WOW Book Discussion: The discussion planned for Rebecca Montague's house has been changed from Feb. 10th to Tuesday, March 10th. *Little Failure: A Memoir by Gary Shteyngar* Meet at her house at 7:00 PM email Molly at [mollygray@gmail.com](mailto:mollygray@gmail.com) for the address. All are welcome to come and discuss the book, or come and hear the discussion.

Housing for the Choir of Eastern Michigan University: From, Saturday, February 28 at 8:30PM to Sunday, March 1 at 9AM. We need volunteers to open their homes to a minimum of 2 visiting students for an overnight stay. Please sign up on the Information Table in the Gallery Room or contact Garrett Martin at 884-9437, ext. 318 or [gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org)

Passages: A Program for Older Adults: Tuesday, February 3. Our speaker will be Lynda Marino from Canterbury Woods who will talk about how to make a plan for long-term care and how to identify risks. Lunch is at 12:30PM, program begins at 1:15PM in the Case Library. RSVP IS NECESSARY! Sign up by 1/28 in the Gallery Room.

Sunday School Winter Food Drive: Our Sunday School students will distribute decorated grocery bags for you to take home and fill with non-perishable food and grocery items on **Sunday, February 1**. On **Sunday, February 8th**, please bring your filled bags to church and place them on the chancel. The truck from the Food Bank of Western New York will arrive after the service to pick up these bags. Thank you!

Westminster Member - Life Changes? If you are recovering from an illness/surgery or are a caregiver with an ill family member, or have had a new baby, Westminster can provide a simple meal for those in need. Please contact Jamie at 884-9437, ext. 326 or email [jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org)



## Westminster's Sunday School

*Children are a vital part of the life and worship at Westminster.*

### Childcare for Infants and Toddlers:

8:30AM to 12:30PM in the WECB Building

### Sunday School:

- 3 – 5 year olds: Mrs. Debby & Mr. Chris LaMendola are our beloved preschool teachers. The three through five year class meets in the Early Childhood building. The children and their teachers walk to the building together and in cold weather, the children need their coats.
- 1st - 5th graders: Each month their class rotates through our three Rotation Workshop.

### February Rotation Workshop *Jesus' Temptation in the Desert*

Sunday, February 8th



*Creation Station* - in the Heritage Room  
3rd grade class



*Hollywood* - 1st room in the Parish Hall  
Balcony- 1st & 2nd grade classes



*Apostles Playhouse* - in the ENERGY Room  
4th & 5th grade classes

- Our 6th & 7th graders meet with their teacher, Marta Butzer, each Sunday in the last classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- Our 8th grader confirmation class meets from 9:45-10:45AM in the Parish Hall balcony classroom.
- Our Senior Highs (9th through 12th graders) meet each Sunday at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall kitchen for Dialog Diner.

The Westminster Economic Development Initiative (WEDI)  
Board of Directors Invites you to

## Winterfest 2015

February 6 at 6:30pm - 9:30pm at The Foundry, 1738 Elmwood Avenue. Complimentary Valet Parking. Fun and Festivities. Dinner Buffet, Cash Bar, Live Auction, Silent Auction and Music by Les Davis Quartette from Colored Musicians Club. RSVP By January 24.

For tickets visit [www.wedibuffalo.org/winterfest2015](http://www.wedibuffalo.org/winterfest2015)

## **Worship in the Holmes Chapel**

8:45a.m.

*The Gathering is an opportunity for worshippers to greet one another and to share prayer concerns.  
An offering plate has been placed on the Communion Table to receive your gifts.*

### **Chiming of the Trinity**

*The sounding of the chimes, invoking Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, is an invitation to prepare for worship through a time of silent reflection. Please be respectful of those who are praying.*

### **Opening Voluntary**

Impromptu

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor † (1875-1912)

### **Call to Worship**

*The people stand and remain standing for the hymn:*

### **Hymn, No. 281**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Holy and all-powerful God,  
who commands all spirits,  
comforts those in distress,  
and casts out destructive forces,  
we confess that we are unable to do your will.  
We protect what is familiar  
and reject what is unknown.  
We admire those with courage  
but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth.  
We forget that you are always with us,  
and that with you all things are possible.  
Forgive us, lead us, make us new.  
Remove our desire to heed false prophets,  
and show us your way;  
in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
one God, Mother of us all. Amen.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

### **Words of Assurance**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

## Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

## Anthem

God the Singer

David Ogden

The light has returned as it came once before,  
The song of the Lord is our own song once more;  
So let us sing with one heart and one voice,  
The Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.

To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise;  
To you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise;  
To you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,  
Be glory forever through life and through death.

## Meditation

From Silos and Comfort Zones to Compassion

Dr. Yorty

## Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

## Sending Hymn, No. 358

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## Benediction and Choral Response

Amen

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**Senior Choristers of the Westminster Choir School:** Garrett F. Martin, Choirmaster

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*Westminster Members and Friends,  
The 8:45AM Worship Service can be found on page 9 of this bulletin*

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## PREACHING SCHEDULE

**February 8**

Sermon: *Isaiah's Turn*, Isaiah 40:21-31

**February 15**

*The Gift of Revelation*, Mark 2:2-9

**February 21**

*God Places a Bet*

Genesis 9:8-17, Mark 1: 9-15

**March 1**

*Let there be Light*

Genesis 1:1-5; Mark 8:31-38

**March 8**

*Reclaiming Our Spirituality*

Exodus 20:1-17; John 2:13-22

**March 15**

*Reclaiming Our Spirituality II*; John 3:14-21

**March 22**

*When Christ Transcends Religion*

Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 12:10-33

**March 29**

*Meeting the Jesus We Never Met*

Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-11

### Ash Wednesday, February 18

The traditional service of imposition of ashes and celebration of the Lord's Supper. 12 Noon and 6PM in the Holmes Chapel.

## Westminster Presbyterian Church

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