



**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Buffalo, New York

**March 15, 2015**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**



For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light,  
so that their deeds may not be exposed.  
But those who do what is true come to the light,  
so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.

- John 3: 20-21

## **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, and 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.*

### **Opening Voluntary**

Rhapsody

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Dr. Yorty

### **Order of Worship - 11AM**

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*The 8:45AM worship service can be found on page 9 &10 of this bulletin.*

### **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**

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Plainchant Tone V.2

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
and his mercy endures forever.  
Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.  
He gathered them out of the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.  
Some were fools and took to rebellious ways;  
they were afflicted because of their sins.  
They abhorred all manner of food  
and drew near to death's door.  
Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.  
He sent forth his word and healed them  
and saved them from the grave.  
Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy  
and the wonders he does for his children.  
Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

### **Call to Worship**

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

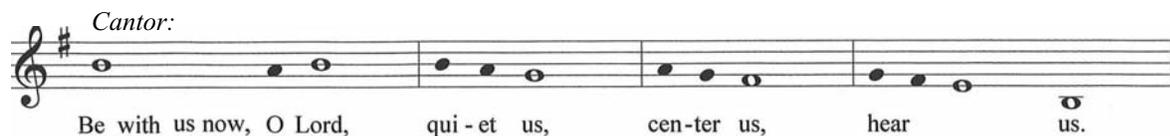
### **Hymn in Procession**

God Hath Spoken by the Prophets  
*See insert for hymn.*

EBENEZER

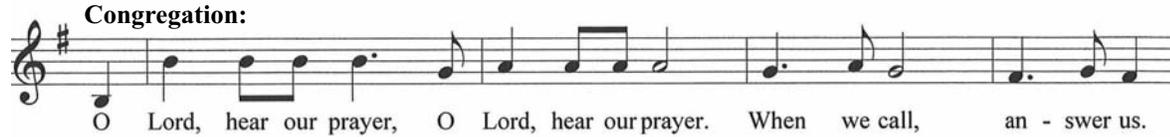
## Call to Confession

*Cantor:*

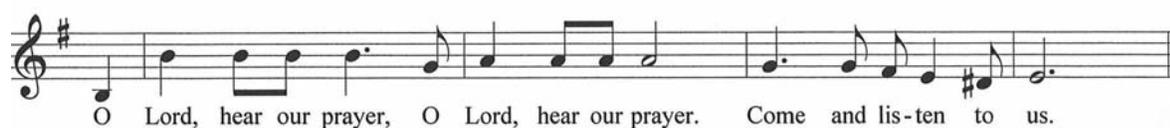


Be with us now, O Lord, qui-et us, cen-ter us, hear us.

*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

Merciful God,  
we confess the folly of our sin  
and the hypocrisy of our complaints.  
We grumble about the evils in our world,  
even as we commit injustices  
and profit through deceit.  
We fret about the scarcity of resources  
while hoarding earth's goods  
and cheating the poor.  
We protest the problems of our world,  
but we do not actively work to address them.  
Merciful God, expose our sins  
before the light of your grace.  
Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways  
that we may know the joy of eternal life  
in Jesus Christ,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Time for silent prayer*

## Kyrie

*The people sing.*

John Weaver, 1984



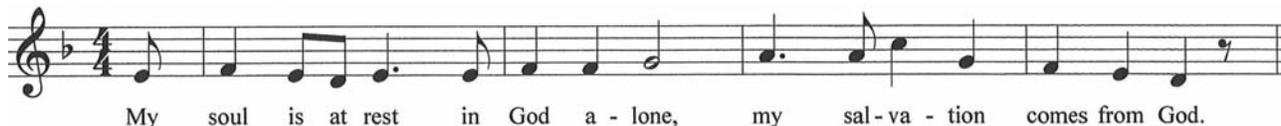
Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

## Assurance of Pardon

### Response

*The people stand to sing.*

PSALM 62



My soul is at rest in God a-lone, my sal-va-tion comes from God.

## 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).*

## Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered today to Walter Andreas Lukan, son of Rebecca Read-Lukan and James Lukan

*The following prayers are said in unison when indicated by the leader:*

O God, who called us from death to life:  
we give ourselves to you, and, with the church through all the ages,  
we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy God: remind us of the promises given in our own baptism,  
and renew our trust in you.

Make us strong to obey your will, and to serve you with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The people remain seated to sing*

Baptism Hymn 497, Stanza 4

ST. CLEMENT

**Accept, O Lord, our dedication to fill with love the growing mind,  
that in this church and congregation the young a faith for life may find.**

*At this time, parents may decide to have their children 3 years and older leave with their teachers.  
When the children leave, please make sure they take their belongings with them.*

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Lessons

Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-21

## Anthem

God so Loved the World

John Stainer<sup>†</sup> (1840-1901)

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,  
That whoso believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;  
But that the world through Him might be saved.

## Sermon

The Body of Christ: Stepping From Darkness Into the Light

## Hymn, No. 76

My Song is Love Unknown  
*The people stand to sing.*

LOVE UNKNOWN

## 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.*

Set Me As a Seal

René Clausen†† (b. 1953)

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.  
Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.

## Presentation of the Gifts

*The people stand as the Deacons come forward and remain standing for the Prayer of Dedication.*

HAMBURG



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low;  
Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; Cre - a - tor, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## Prayer of Dedication

Merciful God,  
we thank you for your wonderful works among humankind.  
Accept this offering with the dedication of our lives  
and help us be for the world an emblem of your steadfast love,  
in Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

Concluding with 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 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. Amen.

## Sending Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light  
*The people stand to sing.*  
*See insert for hymn.*

HOUSTON

## Benediction and Choral Response

The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee

Jean Berger <sup>1</sup>(1909-2002)

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.  
Thou openest thine hand, and satisfies the desire of every living thing.

## Closing Voluntary

Verset de Procession sur L'ADORO TE

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

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## Worship Leaders

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

**Reader:** Elaine Mattar

**Organists:** Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music

Matthew Marco, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar

## Deacons Serving Today

Zandy Barrett, Mary Callaghan, Doug Fabian, Carol Huber, Kathleen Kelly, Janet Kifner-Arnett,  
Florence Kilambo Kalumbu, Joan Kuznia, Roy Stewart

## Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given by Monique Brannon and family in memory of her father, Ross Albee; by Lenore Neiler in honor of her husband, Rob and her sons, James and Patrick, and by Loretta McKenna and family in honor of graces received.

*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.*

## Notes on Today's Music

†**Sir John Stainer** was an English composer and organist whose music was very popular during his lifetime. His work as choir trainer and organist set standards for Anglican church music that are still influential. He was also active as an academic, becoming professor of music at Oxford.

††**René Clausen**, on his anthem, *Set Me As a Seal*: "Some time ago my wife suffered 4 consecutive miscarriages. She finally carried a child into the fifth month, all was well, and the doctor suggested she undergo an amniocentesis, as she was past 35. During the procedure the doctor inserted the needle accidentally into the umbilical cord, and killed the baby in her womb. As she was so far along, she had to deliver the dead baby normally. For some reason I will never understand, the hospital placed her in a birthing room on the maternity floor, directly next to the nursery. As she underwent the labor through the night, we heard the crying babies next door in the nursery.

I wrote *Set Me As A Seal* the next evening. Normally, when I am asked about the "inspiration" process, I laugh and deny inspiration in favor of work and effort. In this case, however, I just sat down and wrote the piece. I don't know what is wrapped up inside these few, simple notes. I can say actually very little about the piece. Whenever I return to it, however, I am struck by the phrase "for love is strong as death", because when I wrote it my actual feeling was "for love is stronger than death"; abiding, all-encompassing love absorbs even the pain of death. If the piece is about anything, it is about the simple but powerful conviction of permanent love that seeks to overflow the boundary between life and death."

<sup>1</sup>**Jean Berger** was a German-born pianist, composer, and music educator. He composed extensively for choral ensemble and solo voice. Berger was born *Arthur Schloßberg* into a Jewish family in Hamm, Westphalia, and grew up in Alsace-Lorraine. He studied musicology at the universities of Vienna and Heidelberg, where he received his Ph.D. in 1931, and studied composition with Louis Aubert in Paris. While working as the assistant conductor at an opera house in Mannheim, he was forcibly removed from a rehearsal by Brown Shirts (the original parliamentary wing of the Nazi party). After the Nazi Party seized power in Germany in 1933, he moved to Paris, where he took the French name Jean Berger, and toured widely as a pianist and accompanist. From 1939 to 1941, he was assistant conductor at the Municipal Theater in Rio de Janeiro and on the faculty of the Brazilian Conservatory; he toured widely throughout South America. In 1941, he moved to the United States and served in the U.S. Army starting in 1942; in 1943, he became a US citizen.

# 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

## 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: 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. 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, March 15: 9:30AM - Dialogue Diner

Friday, March 20: 5PM-9PM - Dinner and fellowship with Deerhurst Presbyterian Youth group

Friday, March 20th - Sunday March 22nd, 2015 -Tentative SR. High Retreat at WPC

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

## WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS

*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 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 or 716-884-9437, ext. 318.

Experience a Taizé Service, Friday, March 20. Westminster will offer a Taizé service of music, prayer and contemplation on the third Friday of each month from 5:30-6:00PM in the Holmes Chapel.

## ENRICHMENT & FELLOWSHIP

Passages, A Program for Older Adults: Tuesday, April 7: Please join us when our speaker will be Karen Davis, the Consumer Fraud Representative from the Office of Consumer Affairs in the NYS Attorney General's Office. Karen will talk about current scams and offer ways for us to be on our guard. Lunch at 12:30PM - speaker at 1:15PM. . Sign Up on the Information Table or call the church office, 884-9437.RSVP necessary by March 29.

*Save the date!* Tuesday, May 5th when our speaker will be Janice Nowak, a nutritionist who will talk about healthy nutrition for seniors. RSVP necessary by April 26.

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, 884-9437, ext. 329.

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

Knitting Group: Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 24. The group meets on various Tuesdays throughout the year from 7PM to 9PM. The group works on their individual projects as well as prayer shawls, scarves and other handmade items for members of the church. Beginners welcome! Contact Fran Holmes: mfranholmes@verizon.net for more information and dates.

Easter Reception: Sunday, April 5 following the 11am service. Join us for a time of fellowship at a reception in the Case Library. This is an opportunity to gather with members, friends, and guests. We welcome donations of finger foods such as vegetables and hummus /dip, fruit, cheese and crackers or baked goods. A sign- up sheet will be available in the Gallery Room. Thank you in advance for sharing in this Westminster Family occasion. Questions, contact Laurel Braun at 716-830-5692, dlrbraun@gmail.com Sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee.

## WESTMINSTER PRESENTS

Good Friday, April 3: 12 Noon: Improvisations on the *Stations of the Cross* Garrett Martin, organ

7:44PM: (Sundown) Tenebrae Service: Choral Masterpieces, scripture readings, and meditation



# 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 WECP 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 Workshops.

### March Rotation Workshop: Down thro' the Roof Sunday, March 15



Creation Station - in Parish Hall  
3rd grade class



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



Apostles Playhouse - in Parish Hall  
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.

Case Library Conversations,  
Spiritual Life &  
Adult Bible Study welcome  
**Rev. Dr. Lance Brown**  
Sundays, February 22  
through March 22

Dr. Brown will teach a special five-week Lenten Series in the Case Library



The Case Library, Spiritual Life and Adult Bible Study will join together for these small-group conversation style sessions led by Dr. Brown, who will be following the lectionary – so his topics will follow what Rev. Yorty will be preaching. Dr Brown is the retired pastor from First Presbyterian Church, Tonawanda and a favorite teacher at the Lay Academy of Western New York where he has taught Old Testament, Reformed Theology and New Testament courses. Dr. Brown brings a wealth of experience to this study. Besides his years in parish ministry, Lance served as a member

and Chair of the General Assembly's Advisory Council on Discipleship and Worship during the creation of our current Book of Common Worship, the Presbyterian Hymnal, and the Directory of Worship in our Book of Order.

## This Week at Westminster

### Sunday, March 15 - Lent IV

Maintenance - Jeff

8:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal

8:30 AM Heavenly Grounds

8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care

8:45 AM Worship W/Communion

9:30 AM Dialogue Diner

9:35 AM Case Library/Adult Bible/Spiritual Life

9:35 AM 6th & 7th Graders Meet

9:45 AM Confirmation Class

10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal

11:00 AM Worship-Lukan Baptism

11:10 AM Sunday School

12:30 PM New Officer Training

### Monday, March 16: WPC Closed

### Tuesday, March 17

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

4:00 PM ENERGY Program

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

6:00 PM Mission Outreach Mtg.

7:00 PM Knitting Group

7:00 PM WECP Parent Board Mtg.

### Wednesday, March 18

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.

9:30 AM Directors as Leaders Exchange

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

1:30 PM Staff Mtg.

4:00 PM ENERGY Program

4:30 PM Choir School

5:00 PM Spiritual Life Mtg.

5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

6:00 PM Lenten Program Dinner/ Program

8:00 PM AA Mtg.

### Thursday, March 19

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

8:30 AM Centering Prayer

12:15 PM WOW Bible Study

4:00 PM ENERGY Program

6:00 PM Handbells

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, March 20

5:30 PM Taize Worship

8:00 PM Youth Lock-In

### Saturday, March 21

2:00 PM Against The Grain Theater Festival

### Sunday, March 22 - Confirmation Sunday

Maintenance - Carlos

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8:45 AM Worship W/ Communion

9:35 AM Case Library/Adult Bible/Spiritual Life

9:35 AM 6th & 7th Graders Meet

9:45 AM Breakfast/Confirmands & Elders

10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal

11:00 AM Worship W/ New Members

11:10 AM Sunday School

12:00 PM Youth Comm. Mtg.

## PREACHING SCHEDULE

*A Lenten Worship, Study, Art Experience –  
“The Body of Christ”*

Dr. Yorty will preach through Lent on the theme of *The Body of Christ*, otherwise known as the Church. We are the hands and feet, the mind and heart of Christ in the world after the Resurrection and Pentecost when the Holy Spirit formed the Church. The Scripture lessons for Lent trace the development of God’s people from the beginning of God’s promise to Noah to never again destroy creation, through the setting apart of the work of God’s people in the world, through the invitation to become new and whole people through our encounter today in real time with the Risen Christ. During the weeks of Lent, we will invite all who join us in worship to complete a rose colored prayer/service slip, filled out during morning prayers on Sunday, for placement in the Christ figure on the cross. This sculpture, created by WNY artist, Rose Popper, will be placed by the Lectern and we will witness the body of Christ literally forming before our eyes as it takes shape from the pledges of service and ministry we make.

The Reverend Dr. Lance Brown will be leading Bible Study each Sunday morning during Adult Education in the Case Library focusing on the sermon texts for each week. Dr. Brown is a gifted Biblical scholar and teacher. Join him and others as he leads study on the Body of Christ in the selected readings for each Sunday.

### March 8

Exodus 20:1-17; John 2:13-22  
*The Body of Christ: Trouble the Waters, Heal the World*

### March 15

Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-21  
*The Body of Christ: Stepping From Darkness Into the Light*

### March 22

Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 12:20-33  
*The Body of Christ: Changed Within*

### March 29

Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-11  
*The Body of Christ: Meeting the Jesus We Never Knew*

## WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

We will hold our annual dinner/discussions on Wednesday evenings in the Holmes Room.

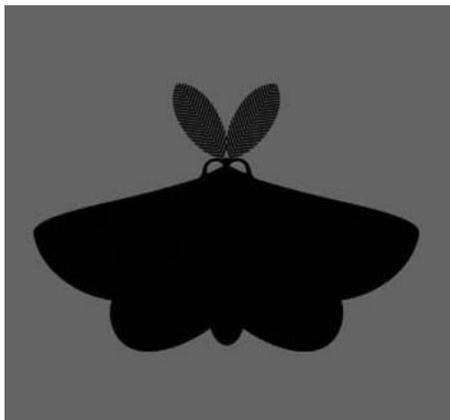
- Dinner is at 6pm • Presentation is at 6:30pm
- Discussion is at 7:00pm • Concludes at 7:30pm

RSVP is Necessary. Please sign up at the Information Table in the Gallery Room

On Wednesday March 4, Eva Hassett, Executive Director of the International Institute (our neighbor on Delaware Ave.) will talk to us about Buffalo’s history of immigration and our current burgeoning population of new immigrants and refugees (many of whom we work with on the West Side through the Westminster Economic Development Initiative).

On Wednesday March 11, Citizen Action and on Wednesday March 25, VOICE-Buffalo will explore local efforts to implement a restorative justice approach to discipline in our schools as well as with first offenders. Citizen Action will describe what a restorative justice approach is all about, and how it can bring positive results in our Buffalo Public Schools. VOICE-Buffalo will show how restorative justice can be applied in the criminal justice system.

On Wednesday March 18, Professor Rick Su of the UB Law School, an immigration expert, will give us an overview of US immigration policy historically and what the issues are today that lawmakers find so challenging to address. Professor Su will offer his suggestions for cogent, fair immigration reform. He is a new young faculty member who our own UB Distinguished Professor Claude Welch describes as one of the new bright lights of the University. Our goal is to examine these issues using a “justice lens” to help us understand the problem and lead us to solutions. Each of these presentations will not only provide new knowledge, but will suggest ways we can participate in the solutions as individuals and as a congregation.

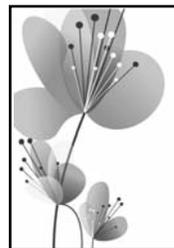


**Looking into a Broken Mirror:**  
The Watchman,  
The Emperor,  
The Storyteller,  
and The Queen

March 21 at 2PM in the Holmes Chapel and the Holmes Room. Free and open to the public

Our story series presents literature in dynamic ways with actors, storytellers, artists and scholars in locations throughout Buffalo. The third installment of our Story Series will explore the actor's process for developing characters. The event will feature discussions and readings of passages from Aeschylus's Agamemnon, Utai Kimmō Zuye's Genjo, Lady Gregory's The Gaol Gate, and Shakespeare's Antony and Cleopatra.

Sponsors: Westminster Presbyterian Church and Talking Leaves Books



# Simplify Your Life

Spring Cleaning for the Soul!

March 21, 9:30AM to 12:30 PM  
North Presbyterian Church, 300 N. Forest Rd.  
Williamsville, NY, \$5.00 donation

Make space for God. Learn how to practice simplicity in your home. Declutter - You can do it!

Treasure Trove

Bring an item you no longer want or need and we will donate it (no items larger than a bread box, no clothing or food items, please).

Sponsored by:

The Center for Christian Growth of WNY

For reservations or questions:

Mary Mohlke, 716-631-0979

## **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.*

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He gathered them out of the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.  
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they were afflicted because of their sins.  
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and drew near to death's door.  
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### **Hymn**

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### **Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin  
and the hypocrisy of our complaints.  
We grumble about the evils in our world,  
even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit.  
We fret about the scarcity of resources  
while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor.  
We protest the problems of our world,  
but we do not actively work to address them.  
Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace.  
Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways  
that we may know the joy of eternal life  
in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*Time for silent prayer*

## Kyrie

*The people sing.*

John Weaver, 1984



## Words of Assurance

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Lessons

Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-21

## Anthem

God so Loved the World

John Stainer† (1840-1901)

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,  
That whoso believeth in him, should not perish but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;  
But that the world through Him might be saved.

## Meditation

The Body of Christ: Stepping From Darkness Into the Light

Dr. Yorty

## Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

## Sending Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

*The people stand to sing.*

*See insert for hymn.*

## Benediction

## Closing Voluntary

Verset de Procession sur l'Adoro Te

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

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