

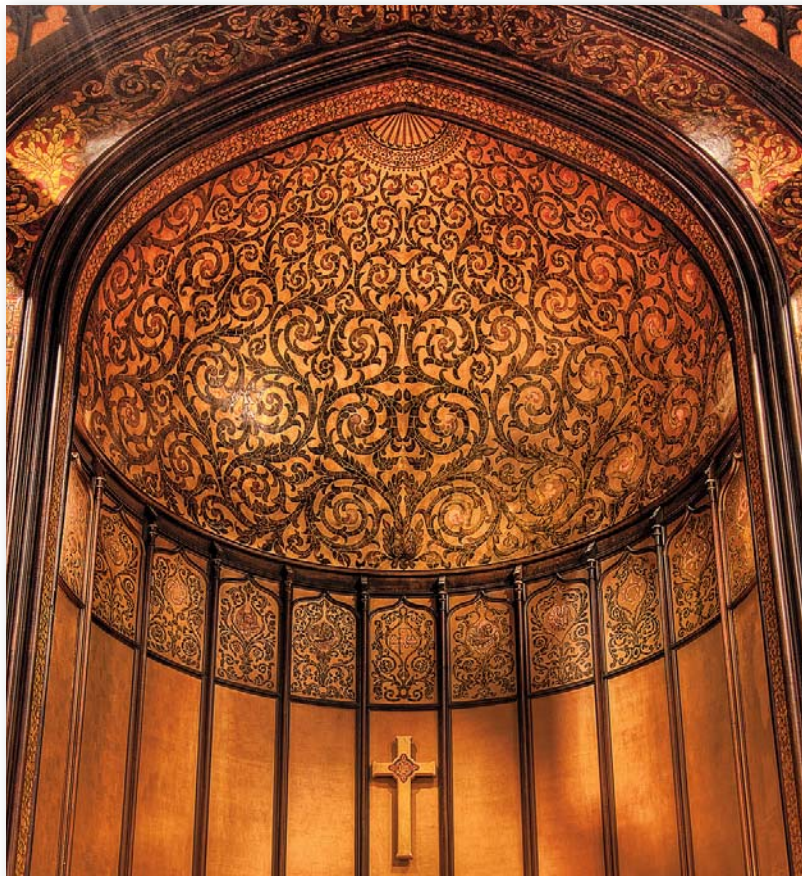


WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Gratitude in Every Season

We continue to show our gratitude to God by sharing the blessings bestowed on us.

May 3, 2015
Fifth Sunday of Easter



Tree of Life

- The Chancel of the Westminster Sanctuary -

In 1903 the Sanctuary was renovated by Tiffany Studios,
who stenciled Christian symbols in gold throughout the Chancel.
The designer was René Théophile de Quélin.

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.

Prelude - 10:45AM

Grand Chœur Dialogué

Eugéné Gigout (1844-1925)

The Singers (1946)

John Wesley Work III (1901-1967)
Orch. Paul Ferington

God sent his Singers upon earth
With songs of sadness and of mirth,
That they might touch the hearts of men,
And bring them back to heaven again.

The first, a youth, with soul of fire,
Held in his hand a golden lyre;
Through groves he wandered, and by streams,
Playing the music of our dreams.

The second, with a bearded face,
Stood singing in the market-place,
And stirred with accents deep and loud
The hearts of all the listening crowd.

A gray old man, the third and last,
Sang in cathedrals dim and vast,
While the majestic organ rolled
Conitron from its mouths of gold.

And those who heard the Singers three
Disputed which the best might be;
For still their music seemed to start
Discordant echoes in each heart,

But the great Master said, "I see
No best in kind, but in degree;
I gave a various gift to each,
To charm, to strengthen, and to teach.

These are the three great chords of might,
And he whose ear is tuned aright
Will hear no discord in the three,
But the most perfect harmony." (text: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, 1807-1882)

Order of Worship - 11AM

The 8:45AM worship service can be found on pages 13&14 of this bulletin.

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

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.

Call to Worship

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

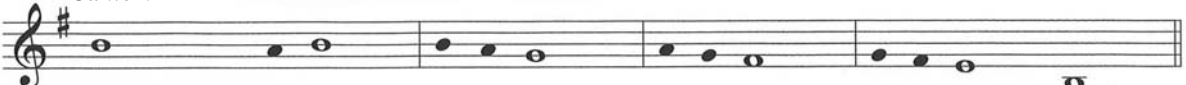
Hymn in Procession, No. 455

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN


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

God of mercy,
we confess that we have not borne
the fruit of the Spirit.
We have not loved others
as you have loved us.
We have denied the promises of baptism
and cut ourselves off from you.
Forgive us, restore us,
that we may abide in your love
and live out your mercy,
for the sake of Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

Kyrie

Mass of the Children (2003)
I. Kyrie

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Awake my soul, and with the sun
Thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
To pay the morning sacrifice

Redeem thy mis-spent time that's past,
Live this day as if 'twere thy last;
Improve thy talent with due care
For the great Day thyself prepare. (text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711)

Kyrie eleison. *Lord have mercy.*
Christe eleison. *Christ have mercy.*
Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*

Assurance of Pardon

Response

Mass of the Children
II. Gloria

John Rutter

Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to all those of good will.
We praise you. We bless you. We worship you. We glorify you.
We give thanks to you according to your great glory.
Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father almighty.

Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
You who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
You who takes away the sins of the world, hear our prayer.
You who sits at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us.
For you alone are Holy. You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ.

With the Holy Spirit in the Glory of God the Father.
Amen.

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)

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

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 pass it to others in the pew.

Look at the World (1996)

John Rutter

Look at the world, everything all around us
Look at the world and marvel every day.
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,
So many miracles along our way.

Praise to Thee, O Lord for all creation.
Give us thankful hearts that we may see
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,
All things come of Thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower,
Look at the sky the sunshine and the rain.
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,
Valley and flowing river, field, and plain.

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer,
Bringing the harvest before winter's cold.
Everything grows, everything has a season,
Till it is gathered to the Father's fold.

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish,
Comes from the Lord in token of His love.
We are His hands, stewards of all His bounty
His is the earth and His the heavens above.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

John 15:1-8

Meditation

Family 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:

Mass of the Children

John Rutter

III. Sanctus and Benedictus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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.**

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) of the same aisle.

Voluntary

Mass of the Children

John Rutter

IV. Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Little lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life and bid thee feed,
By the stream and o’er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing, woolly bright;

Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice;
Little lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little lamb, I’ll tell thee;
He is called by thy name,
For he calls himself a Lamb:
He is meek and he is mild,
He became a little child:
I a child and thou a lamb,
We are called by his name.
Little lamb, God bless thee. (text: William Blake, 1757-1827)
Have mercy upon us.

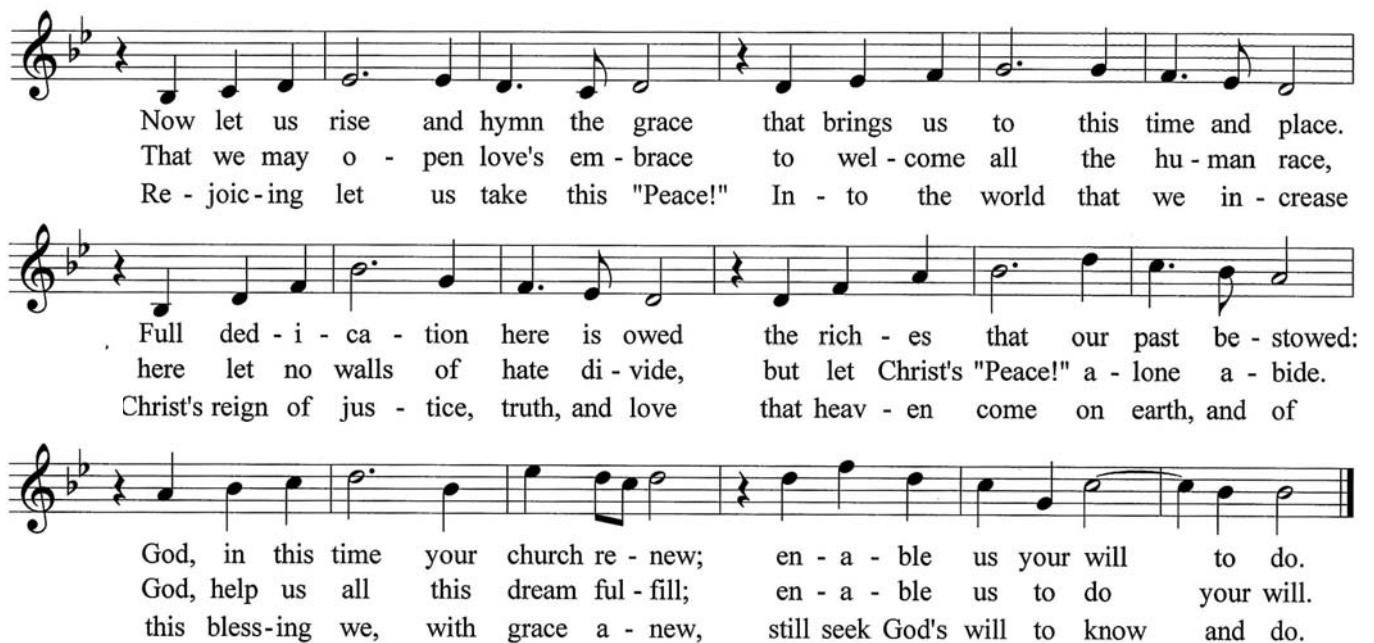
Prayer of Thanksgiving

O Lord our God,
we rise from this table
knowing a love beyond our deserving.
Thank you for giving us
a place at your table;
for serving us the bread of life;
for offering to us,
even to us, the cup of salvation.
In humility and hope,
we go now from this night
to your promised day.
In Christ we pray.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

Now Let Us Rise and Hymn the Grace
The people stand to sing.

OWEN



Now let us rise and hymn the grace that brings us to this time and place.
That we may o - pen love's em - brace to wel - come all the hu - man race,
Re - joic - ing let us take this "Peace!" In - to the world that we in - crease

Full ded - i - ca - tion here is owed the rich - es that our past be - stowed:
here let no walls of hate di - vide, but let Christ's "Peace!" a - lone a - bide.
Christ's reign of jus - tice, truth, and love that heav - en come on earth, and of

God, in this time your church re - new; en - a - ble us your will to do.
God, help us all this dream ful - fill; en - a - ble us to do your will.
this bless - ing we, with grace a - new, still seek God's will to know and do.

Benediction and Choral Response

The people are seated.

Mass of the Children
V. Dona Nobis Pacem

John Rutter

Lord, Open Thou mine eyes that I may see Thee;
Lord, open Thou my lips that I may praise Thee;
Lord, open Thou my heart that I may love Thee,
Serve Thee with joy, fear none above Thee.
Christ be my sword and shield, my strong defender;
Christ be my light and my Redeemer.
Lord, be with me this day in each endeavor;
Lord, keep my soul with thee, now and forever. (text: Based on Lancelot Andrews, 1555-1626)

Dona Nobis Pacem. *Grant us peace.*

Christ, be my guide today, my guide tomorrow;
Christ in my days of joy, my days of sorrow;
Christ in the silent hours when I lie sleeping,
Safe in His holy angels' keeping.
Christ be within the hearts of all who love me;
Christ all around, and Christ above me.
Christ in my thought and prayer and my confessing;
Christ, when I go to rest, grant me your blessing. (text: Based on St. Patrick's Breastplate, 5th c.)

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Glory to Thee, my God this night
For all the blessings of the light;
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Beneath Thine own almighty wings.

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. (text: Thomas Ken)

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

Choirs:

Westminster Presbyterian Choir, Garrett F. Martin, conductor

Senior Choristers of the Westminster Choir School, Garrett F. Martin, conductor

Buffalo State Philharmonia, Paul Ferington, conductor

Buffalo State College Chorale, Buffalo State College Choirs, John Fleischman, conductor

Buffalo State College Chamber Choir: Victoria Furby, conductor

Soloists: Holly Bewley, soprano

John Fleischman, baritone

Elders Serving Today

Bob Bojdak, Maureen Boyd, Debbie Erwin, Ellen Kennedy, Sandy Laub, Brad Smith, Tom Warszawski

Deacons Serving Today

Cathy Forrest, Eric Forrest, Janet Kifner-Arnatt, Florence Kilambo Kalumbu, Earl McColgin,
Becky Read-Lukan, Sarah Reynolds, Austin Sanders, Roh-Yu Shen, Roy Stewart

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in memory of Ruth V. Erickson by Marilyn Bassett.

*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.*

Buffalo State Philharmonia

Paul Ferington, conductor

FIRST VIOLIN Sarah Rice, Co-Concertmaster Richard Kay*, Co-Concertmaster Alana Carr Jacquie Rondinelli Jalayah Linton Jessica Cain Charles Coughlin Mike Kukla Dmitry Gerikh + Mari Nihira + Amy Vredenburg + Antonie LeFebvre +	Amanda Paruta Rachel Browning Margaret Propek	BASS CLARINET Kacy Harrison	PERCUSSION Harrison Graser Dominic Scaduto Colin Sperrazza
SECOND VIOLIN Evan Courtin, Co-Principal Robert Prokes*, Co-Principal Mandy Parrish-Sams Sarah Fuchs Elizabeth Ruth Nicholas Leo Amberlynn Hejza Joanna White Gretchen Fisher + Claire Fisher + Kiersten Fisher +	CELLO Katie Weissman, Co-Principal Ariel Bauerlein, Co-Principal Katherine Russell Sr. Jeanette Schregel Shelby Sipos Nona Gerikh + DOUBLE BASS Jacob Thurston, Co-Principal Paul Zapalowski*, Co-Principal Ben Levitt Allyson Lindell Rob Webster James Bender HARP Peter Smith FLUTE Maria Aquino Tatiana Brewer Jeannine Giffear	BASSOON Mary Britton A.J. Neubert Ellen Barnum* OBOE Brianna Corgel Kristen Stadelmaier* *English Horn HORN Kirstie Cummings Mary Gorman Sarah Newton Erin McGarry TRUMPET Matt Caputy Jeremy Nesbitt Christopher Nichols TROMBONE Eric Carvill Teresa Leone Nicholas Torres	TUBA Travis Hendra + LIBRARIAN Kristen Stadelmaier PIANO Teresa Leone PERSONNEL MANAGER Ellen Barnum* STAGE MANAGER Amanda Paruta The Music Library of the BSC Philharmonia is generously supported by the Fatta Foundation. Wind and Percussion section parts are rotated among section members for each selection.
VIOLA Patricia Prokes*, Co-Principal Emily Bauerlein, Co-Principal Sarah Filkhorn Karly Masters Nick D'Amaro	CLARINET Rachel Birkman Kacy Harrison Caitlin McCaslin		* BSC Faculty/Staff + Guest Musician

Westminster Choir

Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Choirmaster
Matthew Marco, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar

Melinda Achtziger Elaine Apczynski William Blakeslee Dorothy Brown David Butler Kenneth Carter Alexei Carstensen John Collyer Valerie Cooley Christine Curtis Rhys Curtis Avis Devine Bill Devine MaryAlice Devine	Anne Marie Faltisco John Fleishman Heidi Fors Jaime Goldfuss Sarah Gordon Kacy Harrison David Hohn Lucinda Hohn Hillary Hunt Clio Jabine Douglas Kirkpatrick Doug Kohler David Lewis Cynthia Mayo	Walter S. Mayo Lauren Mason Paula Mazur Scott Nachbar Bobbie Billings Neal Deanne O'Day Brian Page Robin Douglas Paget Justine Parmele Roger Parris Bina Pawley Donna Paxson Karen Peck Max Pipinich	Chuck Rice James Rusk Victor Schuel Hanford Searl, Jr. Elenora Seib Hannah Taylor A. Reed Taylor David Tear Adam Utley Kathy Vitagliano Nancy Van Baak Jim Wieland Julie Zenger Maggie Zindle
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Senior Choristers of the Westminster Choir School

Garrett F. Martin, Choirmaster

Julia Anderson Alex Renzoni	Mia Stevens Bryan Renzoni	Jack Zenger Maddie Cherr	Clio Jabine Lauren Mason
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Buffalo State College Chorale

John Fleischman, Director

Susan Schuman, Accompanist

Emily Abbey	Jessica Donovan	Kally Kennedy	Katherine Santoro
Kathryn Allison	Thomas Gil	Emily Langton	Dominic Scaduto
Matthew Bannister	Dylan Goldman	Emily Leminger	Timothy Schmidt
Mayane Barnes	Danielle Grimm	Benjamin Martin	Christopher Sherman
James Benders	Jamie Grimm	Kara Mayeu	Samuel Speciale
Breanna Booze	Rebecca Hall	Susan McDonald	Taylor Stuewe
Rachel Browning	Jessica Hamilton	Kristine Murnieks	Brianna Tatum
Nolyn Brunner	Kacy Harrison	Amanda Paruta	Joshua Vacanti
Angela Carriero	Nubia Hill	Zivko Popovski	Jennifer Vanduzer
Melanie Case	Hillary Hunt	Paige Ronan	Jennifer Vasquez
Amber Chinn	Lillian Inglut	Marcus Roper	Casey Jo Wojcik
Nicholas D'Amaro	Nicholas Irion	Rebeca Ruesch	
Stephen Deck	Brianna Jenkins	Elizabeth Ruth	

Buffalo State College Chamber Choir

Victoria Furby, Director

Ivan Docenko, Accompanist

Matthew Bannister	Ruth Gifford	Elliott Michki	Samuel Speciale
Nicholas D'Amaro	Lindsay Holland	Marissa O'Connor	Brianna Tatum
Ryan Darnell	Hillary Hunt	Zivko Popovski	Sarah Tripi
Stephen Deck	Sameerah Jabrhamdan	Rebecca Reusch	Joshua Vacanti
Taniesha Facey	Benjamin Martin	Robert Sherman	Jennifer VanDuzer

Buffalo-Niagara Youth Chorus Chamber Choir

John Fleischman, Director

Catherine E. Sutherland, Accompanist

Kaitlyn Bartz	Sofia Ive	Michael Pratts	Virginia Teeft
Emily Bishop	Astrid Larson	Brianna Puma	Evan Waggoner
Ashleigh Brown	Alexandra McGowan	Samantha Schaab-Rozbicki	Kayla Zuger Mayer
Alyssa Germano	Hope Newell	Caroline Schettler	
Charlie Improta	Matthew Orgek	Cassandra Spriegel	
Jack Improta	Jesse Orrange	Nina Stoelting	

Notes on Today's Music

Many of the great composers have, over the centuries, created settings of the "ordinary" of the Mass. These five parts - Kyrie, Gloria In Excelsis, Credo (Creed), Sanctus/Benedictus, and Agnus Dei - are a regular, unchangeable part of every Mass just as they are, in somewhat modified forms, a regular part of our own communion liturgy.

Today, our choirs incorporate musical settings of these "ordinary" texts by contemporary English composer John Rutter into our worship service. This Mass (actually *Missa Brevis*; omitting a sung Creed) was written in late 2002/early 2003 and premiered at Carnegie Hall with the composer conducting (and the Western New York Children's Chorus participating.) Rutter writes: "The text of the Mass of the Children is that of a standard Latin *Missa Brevis* to which several relevant English poetic texts have been added. The first and last of these are taken from Bishop Thomas Ken's renowned morning and evening hymns (17th c.) for the scholars of Winchester College, giving the whole work the framework of a complete day, from waking to sleeping, within which other texts and moods appear like events in that day or landmarks in a life.

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PREACHING SCHEDULE

Dr. Yorty will continue our journey through the Gospel of John in these weeks of Easter as the church, in utero, begins to form. Before the birthday of the church on Pentecost, John compares us to a family tree, reminds us that God chose us before we chose God, literally connects us to one another from the disparate people we are and brokenness we bring, and finally animates the Body of Christ with the breath of the Holy Spirit.

May 10

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Chosen First; John 15:9-17

May 17

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Remembering Who We Are; Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

May 24

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Re-connected; Ezekiel 37:1-14, John 15:26-27, 16: 12-15

May 31

LayPreacher, Mark Aquino, Youth Coordinator

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, May 3

7:00AM Name Tag Sunday
8:00AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
8:30AM Heavenly Grounds
8:30AM Infant /Toddler Care
8:45AM Worship W/Communion
9:30AM Dialogue Diner
9:35AM Spiritual Life/Adult Bible/
Case Library
9:35AM 6th & 7th Graders Meet
10:00AM Choir Rehearsal
11:00AM Youth Service/Sunday School
(First Sunday)
11:00AM Worship W/Communion
11:00AM Worship/Mass For the Children

Monday, May 4 - WPC Closed

6:00PM Four Congregation Interfaith Dinner

Tuesday, May 5

7:15AM Wake Up Group

12:30PM Passages Lunch
1:15PM Passages Program
4:00PM ENERGY Program
5:00PM Spiritual Life Committee Mtg.
6:00PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, May 6

9:30AM Worship Planning Mtg.
12:00PM Bulletin Deadline
1:00PM Newsletter Deadline
1:30PM Staff Mtg.
4:00PM ENERGY Program
4:30PM Choir School
5:30PM Pathways To Peace
8:00PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, May 7

7:15AM Wake Up Group
7:30AM Ministry of Generosity
8:30AM Centering Prayer
4:00PM ENERGY Program

6:00PM Handbells
7:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, May 9

6:00PM Gay Bingo

Sunday, May 10

8:00AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
8:30AM Heavenly Grounds
8:30AM Infant /Toddler Care
8:45AM Worship W/ Communion
9:30AM Dialogue Diner
9:35AM Spiritual Life/Adult Bible/
Case Library
9:35 AM 6th & 7th Graders Meet
10:00AM Choir Rehearsal
11:00AM Worship
11:10AM Sunday School

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: June 21, August 9, October 11, and December 13, 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. Contact Carol Greetham at 507-8216 or carol@wedibuffalo.org for more information, to donate or to 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. Plenty of FREE PARKING!

Westminster's Alcohol and Drug Education and Referral Service 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.

WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL

The Apprentice Choir 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) 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.

ENRICHMENT & FELLOWSHIP

Passages: A Program for Older Adults - Join us on May 5th when our speaker will be Janice Nowak, a nutritionist who will talk about healthy menus for seniors. 12:30PM-speaker at 1:15PM. Sign up on the Information Table or call the church office, 884-9437.

WOW Lunchtime Bible Study is meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 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

Save the Date: Westminster Goes to the Ballpark! Saturday, June 13, Buffalo Bisons vs. Charlotte Knights, 7:05PM at Coca-Cola Field. You are invited to join fellow church members for a pre-game picnic at the church at 4:30PM and fireworks at the park after the game! We'll supply the hot dogs. Please bring a dish to share. Tickets are \$10.75 and you can purchase them from George Gates before or after worship on Sundays. **Please Note: Parking is available in the United Way lot.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT WESTMINSTER

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:

Sunday, April 19

Creation Station - in Parish Hall -4th & 5th grade classes

Hollywood - 1st room in the Parish Hall Balcony -3rd grade class

Apostles Playhouse - in Parish Hall-1st & 2nd 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.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT LEARNING

Case Library Conversations, Spiritual Life & Adult Bible Study Joint Presentation

Sundays, May 3, 10, 17

9:35AM in the Case Library

The Four Gospels

Presenter: The Rev. Geri Lyon

But it says so in the Bible.... really? Which two gospels have birth narratives? How are the disciples portrayed? What is the original short ending of the gospel of Mark? Why do they call Matthew, Mark and Luke the synoptic gospels? Who were the audiences which are addressed in

each gospel, and do you have a favorite? Come, and let's have a three-week search for these and some other gospel questions. It's a search that can take a life-time, but you have to start somewhere and no experience is necessary!

Sunday, May 31

9:35AM in the Case Library

Case Library Conversations

presents: L. Nathan Hare, President, Community Action Organization of Western New York (CAO) Mr. Hare will speak on the work of 17 Community Action Organization facilities throughout WNY.

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

Sunday, May 3: 9:30AM – Dialogue Diner, 11AM – Youth Service

Sunday, May 10: 9:30AM– Dialogue Diner, Happy Mother's Day!

BUFFALO ZEN DHARMA COMMUNITY

Once again the Buffalo Zen Dharma Community is pleased to offer a unique weekend of Zen Buddhist teachings and practice events on May 7-10. This year we have the great pleasure of bringing a fresh and very accomplished voice to Western NY. Ron Hogen Green, a Dharma Holder in the Mountains and Rivers Order.

If you have an interest in what Buddhism may offer you in terms of a more satisfactory and authentic life, please don't miss this opportunity to discover your inner resources with the aid of Hogen Green over the course of the event-filled weekend which is being held at Episcopal Diocese of WNY Ministry Center, 1064 Brighton Rd., Tonawanda, NY 14150 We'll examine this profound teaching through zazen (Zen meditation), lectures and question-and-answer sessions. The Thursday talk will focus on the Buddha Treasure, Friday on the Dharma Treasure, and Saturday on the Sangha Treasure. Talks can be attended individually, or as a series.

For information, visit: <http://mro.org/smr/buffalo/specialevents/>

WESTMINSTER PRESENTS

Friday, May 15: Experience a Taizé Service. Westminster will offer a Taizé service of music, prayer and contemplation on the third Friday of each month from 5:30-6PM in the Holmes Chapel.

Saturday, May 16: Choral Evensong with the Choristers of the Westminster Choir School and the Choristers of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Whitemarsh, PA, at 4PM.

Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus *DIVA* Concert Series, at 8PM. Tickets are available at buffalogaymenschorus.com

Sunday, May 17: Let the Bells Resound with *Jazz!* 4PM in the Sanctuary. Kelly Bucheger, a Buffalo saxophone performer and composer, will join the Westminster Handbell Choir and a trio of piano, bass, and drums in this unique concert. A \$5 donation is requested at the door.

Friday, May 29: Hugo Wolf: *Italienisches Liederbuch* 7:30PM in the Sanctuary. Matt Marco, piano, Laura Noack, soprano, James Wright, baritone

Sunday, May 31: Choral Evensong at *Calvary Episcopal Church*, Williamsville, at 4PM with the Choirs of Westminster Presbyterian Church and the Choir of Calvary Episcopal Church.

Prelude Recital, Flint Dollar, organ, at 3:30PM.

NRC APPRECIATION DINNER

The Network of Religious Communities will be holding their 35th Annual Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday, May 12, 6PM at Salvatore's Italian Gardens, 6461 Transit Rd, Depew, NY 14043. The featured speaker will be The Rev. Darius Pridgen, Pastor, True Bethel Baptist Church and President, Buffalo Common Council. This year, Westminster members, Ardrey Manning and Sarah Reynolds are two of the award recipients. If you would like to congratulate them and attend the dinner, tickets are \$40 each. The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, May 4th. To RSVP, please contact Margaret Craig, 884-9437, ext. 306 or mrcraig@wpcbuffalo.org. Checks should be made out to Westminster and mailed to the church, 724 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209. You may specify a vegetarian plate when making your reservation.

MPAC - WNY ANNUAL BANQUET

11th Annual MPAC-WNY Banquet, Saturday, June 13th at the Adam's Mark Hotel. Westminster has purchased a table for 10 people. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the Information Table in the Gallery Room or call the church office at 884-9437.

The key note speaker will be Arsalan Iftikhar, an international human rights lawyer and global media commentator.

MPAC-WNY is a local institution consistently working for the improvement of the community we live in. We hope you can join us.

We've Reached Our Goal!

GIVING 2015

GRATITUDE IN EVERY SEASON

Number of Pledges Received	Total \$\$ Received
309	\$576,385!

Pledges received as of 04/30/2015

Thank you to all who generously donated in support of Westminster's mission and ministries. And, to our wonderful chairs Jeff Renzoni and Mike Reynolds and our Ministry of Generosity for their commitment and dedication to Westminster.

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

Worship in the Holmes Chapel

8:45AM

*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.*

Opening Voluntary

Sonate IV
III. Allegretto

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Call to Worship

Hymn, No. 455

All Creatures of Our God and King
The people stand to sing and sit for the following prayer.

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,
we confess that we have not
borne the fruit of the Spirit.
We have not
loved others as you have loved us.
We have denied
the promises of baptism
and cut ourselves off from you.
Forgive us, restore us,
that we may abide in your love
and live out your mercy,
for the sake of Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

Time for silent prayer

Kyrie

The people sing.

David Johnson

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

Assurance of Pardon

Response

The people stand to sing.

GLORIA PATRI

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be -
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

John 15:1-8

Anthem

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Traditional, arr. Richard Allain

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.

Meditation

Family Tree

Dr. Yorty

Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sending Hymn

Now Let Us Rise and Hymn the Grace

OWEN

The people stand to sing.

Hymn can be found on page 6 of this bulletin.

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Sonate IV
I. Allegro con brio

Felix Mendelssohn

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

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

Matthew Marco, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar

Choir: Senior Choristers of the Westminster Choir School



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