



**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 31, 2015**  
**Trinity Sunday**



*Nicodemus Visiting Jesus - Study*

Artist: Henry Ossawa Tanner

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

- John 3:16

## **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.*

*Today and running through the month of June, there is childcare available in the WECP building from 8:30AM to 12:30PM for children 3 years old and under.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

Mark Aquino

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

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

## **Opening Voluntary**

Fantasy on NICAIA

Jerry Westenkuehler (b. 1966)

## **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 150

George S. Talbot (1875-1918)

O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.  
Praise him in his noble acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness.  
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet; praise him upon the lute and harp.  
Praise him in the cymbals and dances; praise him upon the strings and pipe.  
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals; praise him upon the loud cymbals.  
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.  
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.

## **Call to Worship**

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

We praise God the Creator, giver of life and grace.

**May we be instruments of grace for all God's creation.**

We praise God the Redeemer, healer of broken souls.

**May we, like the Son, bring healing and never hurt.**

We praise God the Sustainer, who comforts and guides.

**May we, like the Spirit, lift up the lost.**

**Let us worship our Triune God.**

## Hymn in Procession, No. 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

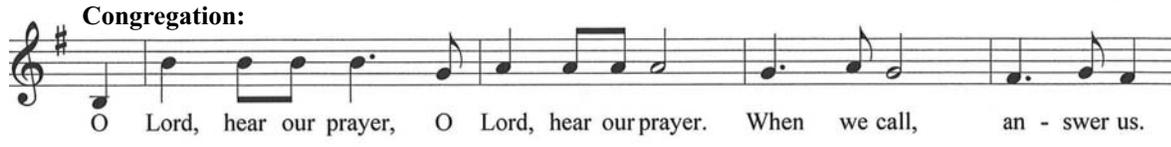
### Call to Confession

*Cantor:*

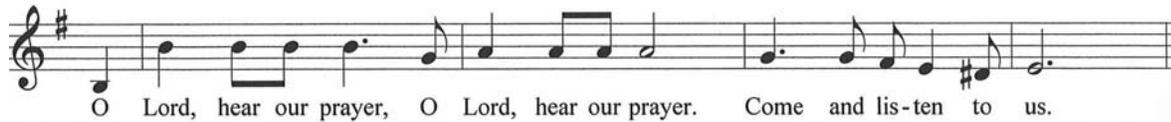


Be with us now, O Lord, qui-et us, cen-ter us, hear us.

**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 God, we know that you are always there to lead us,  
yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear.  
We confess that we have stumbled,  
and we recognize our need for you to lift us up  
and help us start again.  
Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength,  
and reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other,  
through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit. Amen.

*Time for silent prayer*

### Kyrie

*The people sing.*

John Weaver, 1984



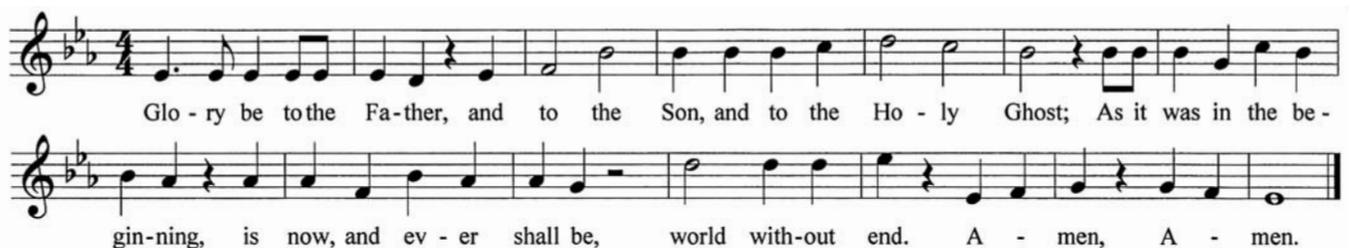
Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

### Assurance of Pardon

### Response

*The people 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.

## **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**

## **Scripture Lesson**

John 3:1-17

## **Anthem**

O Sing to the Lord a New Song

John Purifoy (b. 1952)

O sing to the Lord a new song,  
for He has done great things!  
His right hand and His holy arm  
have won the victory.  
Make a joyful noise to the Lord ye lands,  
break forth into joyful song and sing His praises!  
Sing praise to the Lord with the Lyre and sound of melody,  
With trumpet and the sound of the horn,  
make a joyful noise before the Lord, the king.  
Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world,  
and those who dwell therein.  
Let the floods clap their hands.  
Let the hills sing for joy together!

## **Sermon**

Nic at Night

## **Hymn, No. 443**

O Christ, the Great Foundation  
*The people stand to sing.*

AURELIA

## **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.*

Te Deum

Charles Villers Stanford† (1852-1924)

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.  
To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.  
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee. The noble army of martyrs praise thee.  
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,  
The Father, of an infinite majesty; thine honourable, true, and only Son,  
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ; thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.  
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,  
Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.  
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.  
Govern them and lift them up forever.  
Day by day we magnify thee, and we worship thy Name ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.  
O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

## Presentation of the Gifts

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow: praise God, all creatures here be -  
low: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our  
gifts! Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly  
Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

## Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, your love overflows in the gift of your Spirit.  
Bless these gifts that we offer that they may spread your blessing  
in a world of hurt and need; in Christ's name. 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, No. 132

Come, Great God of All the Ages  
*The people stand to sing.*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

## Benediction and Choral Response

Nunc Dimittis

George Dyson†† (1883-1964)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word;  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast 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

Sonata II: Allegro Maestoso

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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## Worship Leaders

**Preacher:** Mark Aquino, Youth Coordinator

**Reader:** Mary Beth Parrinello

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

## Deacons Serving Today

Zandy Barrett, Mary Callaghan, Kate Dierenfield, Cathy Forrest, Eric Forrest, Carol Huber, Becky Read-Lukan.  
Mike Reynolds, Sarah Reynolds

## Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in memory of Margaret Mostato and Charlotte and Albert Gough  
by Heidi Fors and Douglas Kohler.

*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 Charles Villiers Stanford** was an Irish composer, music teacher, and conductor. Born to a well-off and highly musical family in Dublin, Stanford was educated at the University of Cambridge before studying music in Leipzig and Berlin. He was instrumental in raising the status of the Cambridge University Musical Society, attracting international stars to perform with it.

While still an undergraduate, Stanford was appointed organist of Trinity College, Cambridge. In 1882, aged 29, he was one of the founding professors of the Royal College of Music, where he taught composition for the rest of his life. From 1887 he was also Professor of Music at Cambridge. As a teacher, Stanford was skeptical about modernism, and based his instruction chiefly on classical principles as exemplified in the music of Brahms. Among his pupils were rising composers whose fame went on to surpass his own, such as Gustav Holst and Ralph Vaughan Williams. As a conductor, Stanford held posts with the Bach Choir and the Leeds triennial music festival.

Stanford composed a substantial number of concert works, including seven symphonies, but his best-remembered pieces are his choral works for sacred use, chiefly composed in the Anglican tradition. He was a dedicated composer of opera, but none of his nine completed operas has endured in the general repertory. Some critics regarded Stanford, together with Hubert Parry and Alexander Mackenzie, as responsible for a renaissance in music from the British Isles. However, after his conspicuous success as a composer in the last two decades of the 19th century, his music was eclipsed in the 20th century by that of Edward Elgar as well as former pupils.

††**George Dyson** was born in Halifax, Yorkshire, on 28 May 1883. He attended the Royal College of Music and was a winner of the Mendelssohn Scholarship in 1905, which enabled him to spend some years in Italy and Germany. In 1914 he joined the Royal Fusiliers, and during this time wrote a widely used training pamphlet on the use of grenades. After being invalided home with shell-shock in 1916 and recovering, he joined the Royal Air Force where he completed the RAF March Past drafted by Walford Davies. In 1921 he took up posts as music master at Wellington College and as professor of composition at the Royal College of Music. He worked as a school music teacher (at Rugby, Wellington and Winchester), before being appointed as Director of the Royal College of Music in 1937. Notably, he granted classical guitarist, Julian Bream a full scholarship in his role as the Director, a pivotal moment in the young guitarist's path to greatness. He received a knighthood in 1941 and was made a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (KCVO) in 1953.

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## PREACHING SCHEDULE

### Sunday, June 7 - More Light Sunday

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty will preach

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, May 31

12:00 AM Maine Cookie Baking Lock-in  
6:30 AM 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  
9:30 AM Maine Shares Sale  
11:00 AM Worship  
12:30 PM Part 1 SH Maine Planning

### Monday, June 1-WPC Closed

### Tuesday, June 2

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
10:00 AM Garden Group  
6:00 PM WOW Hat Dinner  
6:00 PM Zen Dharma

7:00 PM Zen Dharma

### Wednesday, June 3

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

### Thursday, June 4

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
7:30 AM Ministry of Generosity  
8:30 AM Centering Prayer  
10:30 AM Buffalo Sem Rehearsal  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

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6:30 AM Maintenance-Reinaldo

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

9:30 AM Maine Shares Sale

9:30 AM Deacon Meeting

9:35 AM Case Library Conversations

9:35 AM Spiritual Life

9:35 AM Adult Bible Class

10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal

11:00 AM Worship W/ Communion

11:00 AM Youth Service

11:10 AM Sunday School

12:30 PM Part 1- SH Lunch & Maine Planning

1:00 PM Virginia Paul Piano Recital

# 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 who are serving in the Armed Forces. 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 - Passages will not meet in June. Enjoy your summer and plan to join us when we resume lunch and first program on Tuesday, October 6, 2015. If you would like more information on the Passages program, please call Debbie Katz at 884-9437, ext. 329.

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, May 24, 31 and June 7. **Please Note: Parking is available in the United Way lot.**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AT WESTMINSTER

**Sunday School and Rotation Worships will resume in the fall.**  
*Today and running through the month of June, there is childcare available in the WECF building from 8:30AM to 12:30PM for children 3 years old and under.*

### Sunday School at WPC this Fall

- 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:

*Creation Station* - in Parish Hall

*Hollywood* - 1st room in the Parish Hall Balcony

*Apostles Playhouse* - in Parish Hall

- 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

9:35AM in the Case Library

*East Side Breakthroughs You Don't Know About!*

These five presentations show how organizations that serve the East Side are working to improve life and economic opportunities in at-risk neighborhoods. Presented by Westminster's Partnering Ministry, whose purpose is to serve youth in these at-risk neighborhoods. By helping youth we also support programs that rebuild the community by strengthening efforts of families, churches, civic institutions and businesses.

### Sunday, May 31

Presenter: 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.

**Sunday, June 7:** Sam Radford, Director CAO Masten Resource Center How CAO serves young people from their local neighborhood near Fillmore and East Ferry Streets

**Sunday, June 14:** Speakers: Jerome Wright, A.J. Hamilton, Brian Talley, Marilyn Smith and Latisha Randle

*The Mentoring and Nurturing Program (M.A.N.)* Mentor Training and follow-up work with students at Bennett High, Court Advocacy, etc., plus the concept and work of the Broken Chains Ministry of Hopewell Baptist Church, Fillmore Ave.

**Sunday, June 21:** Screening of the Canisius College Video Institute film *East Side: A Community of Hope* and discussion with a Canisius College professor about what students learned from neighborhood residents as a result of the immersion trip featured in the film.

**Sunday, June 28:** Members of the SHOFAR Mission and Outreach committee of Elim Christian Fellowship, 70 Chalmers Pl., Buffalo, NY, will tell us how they work with the community near the old Central Park Plaza through their Restorative Justice Peace Center which is one of six on the East Side.

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

Sunday May 31: Maine cookie baking lock-in  
9:30AM – Dialogue Diner and Sell Maine Shares (Holmes Room)  
12PM – Sell Maine Shares

**Purchase a Maine Share in the Holmes Room during the month of June**  
Help support our Senior Highs with their mission trip to Maine this summer.

### WESTMINSTER PRESENTS

**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.

### 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.

### STAINED GLASS WINDOW TOUR

Saturday, June 13 and Sunday, June 14. During the Allentown Art Festival, Westminster will open its doors to the public to view our magnificent Stained Glass Windows and Sanctuary.

Docents are needed to guide visitors for informal Sanctuary tours. Shifts are for 1 ½ hours, on Saturday between noon and 3 PM (2 shifts), and Sunday from 12:30 - 2 PM.

If you would like to learn about our windows and share them with others, please contact Janet Kowalski: [janetk300@gmail.com](mailto:janetk300@gmail.com) There will be Docent Training following worship on Sunday, June 7.

*Don't Miss our Spectacular Hat Dinner!! Sign Up today on the Information Table in the Gallery Room*



## WOW - Women Of Westminster Annual Hat Potluck Appetizer & Dessert Dinner

Tuesday, June 2nd at 6PM  
in the Oak Room

Heavenly, humorous, historic, hideous, or humble...each year the Women of Westminster don chapeaus of various shapes, sizes, virtue, and lineage! This is an evening of food and fun, spanning all ages of women in our congregation. Just one requirement: the head must be attired! Come hear the hat stories! Bring an appetizer or dessert to share (plus \$1 to cover the cost of paper goods).

*A sign up sheet is available on the Information Table in the Gallery Room.*

# 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.*

## 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

Fantasy on NICAEA

Jerry Westenkuehler (b. 1966)

## Call to Worship

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**May we be instruments of grace for all God's creation.**  
We praise God the Redeemer, healer of broken souls.  
**May we, like the Son, bring healing and never hurt.**  
We praise God the Sustainer, who comforts and guides.  
**May we, like the Spirit, lift up the lost.**  
**Let us worship our Triune God**

## Hymn, No. 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
*The people stand to sing and sit for the following prayer.*

NICAEA

## Prayer of Confession

Holy God,  
we know that you are always there to lead us,  
yet we somehow lose our way  
and fall back into fear.  
We confess that we have stumbled,  
and we recognize our need for you  
to lift us up and help us start again.  
Forgive us our failings,  
restore us to strength,  
and reconcile us with you,  
ourselves, and each other,  
through the power of Christ  
and the gift of your Spirit. 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.*

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gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Lesson

John 3:1-17

### Anthem

Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee

C. S. Lang (1891-1971)

Jesu, the very thought of thee, with sweetness fills the breast;  
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.  
No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the memory find  
A sweeter sound than Jesu's name, the savior of mankind.  
Jesu, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;  
In thee be all glory now, and through eternity.

### Meditation

Nic at Night

Mark Aquino

### Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Sending Hymn, No. 132

Come, Great God of All the Ages  
*The people stand to sing.*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

### Benediction and Choral Response

Nunc Dimittis

*Service in G*, Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word;  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast 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

Sonata II: Allegro Maestoso

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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**Lay Preacher:** Mark Aquino, Youth Coordinator

**Communion Celebrant:** Beth Hennessy

**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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