



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

July 10, 2016
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. in the Holmes Chapel



The 2016 Maine Mission Group

Left to Right:

Dave Carstensen, Debbie Katz, Callan Izatt, Jack Zenger, Christian Wyse, Eric Forrest, Sarah Reynolds,
Emily Reynolds, Emma Steadman, Jo Stevens, Emily Smith, Marcia Buhl and Mark Aquino.

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. Please silence all cell phones.

Childcare is available in the Westminster Early Childhood Programs building for children 5 years old and younger.

Welcome and Announcements

Mark Aquino

Order of Worship

Chiming of the Trinity

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

Opening Voluntary

Meditation

Peter Hurford (b. 1930)

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn that follows.

Jack Zenger

Hymn

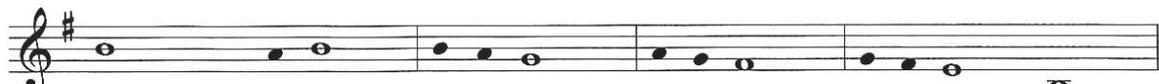
I Danced in the Morning

The hymn can be found on page 9 of this bulletin.

SIMPLE GIFTS

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

Emily Smith

**Loving God, we know you call us to be your loving servants.
We know we are fearful when you call us to open our hearts.
We know we can fall back into a pattern of being judgmental and competitive,
when you can see in our hearts the patience and love with which you made us.
We think we know best but you call us to trust your word as a true foundation
that will hold us through the storms of life.
As we pray silently, may we feel your presence in our hearts. Amen.**

Time for silent prayer.

Kyrie *The people sing.*

John Weaver



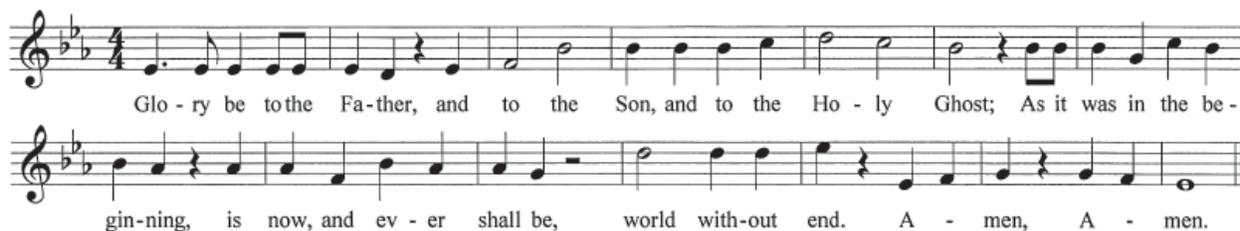
Words of Assurance

Emily Reynolds

Response to the Assurance

GLORIA PATRI

The people stand to sing.



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

Sarah Reynolds

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 7:24-27

²⁴Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!

Voluntary

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel

Traditional Spiritual

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel?
And why not every man?

He delivered Daniel from the lion's den and Jonah from the belly of the whale
And the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace; why not every man?

The moon runs down in a purple stream and the sun refused to shine
And every star did disappear; yes, freedom shall be mine.

Hymn

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

The people stand to sing. The hymn can be found on page 10 of this bulletin.

Invitation to the Offering

Jo Stevens

Offertory

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.

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child

Traditional Spiritual

Sometime I feel like a motherless child, a long ways from home.

Presentation of the Gifts

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Je-sus Christ, whose pow'r up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho-ly Spir - it!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of Dedication

Callan Izatt

**God has given us all we have,
both materially and spiritually.
We are now giving back to God what is God's.
We offer these gifts in thanks for the earth, the sun,
for each other and all our blessings.
We pray that God will accept our offering
and bless us again tomorrow and for all eternity. 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 and ever. Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Lift High the Cross

The people stand to sing. The hymn can be found on page 11 of this bulletin.

CRUCIFER

Benediction

Eric Forrest and Christian Wyse

Closing Voluntary

Scherzo

Peter Hurford*



All are invited to gather for fellowship and refreshments in the Oak Room, following the Service.

Worship Leaders

Maine Mission Group: Eric Forrest, Callan Izatt, Emily Reynolds, Sara Reynolds (Junior Advisor), Emily Smith, Jo Stevens, Emma Steadman, Christian Wyse, Jack Zenger

Adult Advisors: Mark Aquino, Marcia Buhl, David Carstensen, Debbie Katz

Organist: Käthe Wright Kaufman, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar

Soloist: Bina Pawley, soprano

Deacons Serving Today

Cameron Airhart, Russell Braun, Carol Huber, Kathleen Kelly, Jennifer Russell, Roy Sutz

Chancel Flowers

The flowers this Sunday are given by the Session of Westminster in gratitude for the leadership of our young people and their adult advisors who represented us in Maine.

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.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

*One Service will be offered July 3 through September 4, 10:00 AM in the Holmes Chapel
Fall Hours resume on Rally Day, September 11*

July 17

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Holy Unexpectedness!
Luke 10:25-37

July 24

Lay Preacher: Cameron Airhart

July 31

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
What Makes A Life?
Luke 12:13-21



A covenant between Presbyterians and Jews in pursuit of a more just world: Israel, Palestine, Divestment, and Longing for Peace. An opportunity for discussion and fellowship.

- Westminster Presbyterian Church
- Temple Beth Zion
- North Presbyterian Church
- Congregation Shir Shalom

A Picnic Dinner will follow:

- All ages are welcome!
- Activities for children!
- Hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers and refreshments provided
- Bring casseroles, desserts to share!
- Donations of paper towels/bathroom tissue, toothpaste, etc. for the Town Square Food Pantry is appreciated.

The picnic will be held in the backyard of Shir Shalom
4660 Sheridan Drive, Williamsville, New York 14221

RSVP: Call Congregation Shir Shalom, 716-633-8877

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 and 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

MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Summer ENERGY is back! Four weeks of helping our students from refugee families prevent summer learning loss by introducing them to new sights and experiences in WNY. Consider volunteering for any amount of days/weeks that you can offer. Drivers are needed for Friday Field Trips (Drivers must be over 20 years old) Minimum commitment is 3-4 days. For more information, contact Carol Greetham, carol@wedibuffalo.org.

Visit The WestSide Bazaar, 25 Grant Street, for summer lunch and shopping.

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, Elizabeth Stewart, 585-217-7878, Jim Wieland 523-0217.

Westminster can provide a simple meal for those in need. If you are a member recovering from an illness/surgery, a caregiver with an ill family member, or have had a new baby, please contact Jamie at 884-9437, ext. 326 or email jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org

CHILDCARE AT WESTMINSTER

Childcare is available for children 5 years and younger, from 9:30 - 11:30am at the WECP (school) building.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES ON RALLY DAY, SEPT. 11TH

- 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, need their coats.
- 1st-5th graders: Each month their class rotates through our three Rotation Workshops: Creation Station, Holywood and Apostles Playhouse
- 6th & 7th graders meet with their teacher, Marta Butzer, each Sunday in the last classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- 8th grader Confirmation Class meets 9:45-10:45AM in Parish Hall balcony
- Our Senior Highs (9th through 12th graders) meet each Sunday at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall kitchen for Dialogue Diner.

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL

The Senior Choristers, ages 12-18, rehearse each Wednesday, August through May, 4:30-6PM in the Holmes Chapel. The Senior Choristers produce a high volume of quality choral repertoire each week for use in worship and concert.

The Junior Choristers, ages 7-11, rehearse simultaneously with the Senior Choristers each Wednesday, September through May, 4:30-6PM in the Holmes Chapel, with the assistance of Ms. Hillary Hunt. The Junior Choristers further their ability to read music and various languages while shaping the voice into a beautiful treble instrument.

The Apprentice Choristers, ages 4-6, rehearse each Sunday, September through May, during Sunday School in the 11am service in the Holmes Chapel. The Apprentice Choristers are taught fundamental music and choral skills, with the assistance of Dr. Val Cooley. Participation in the programs is not limited to Westminster members; all are welcome to join. Rehearsals will resume in September. For more information, please contact Garrett Martin, Organist and Director of Music gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org 884.9437 ext. 318.

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. Our next date is Sunday, September 18, 2016. 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.

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

August 8-14: The Maine group in Buffalo
Save the Date! Wednesday, August 10. Westminster is hosting a picnic honoring the Maine youth group in Parish Hall from 6- 8PM. All Congregation Members and Friends are Welcome!

SUNDAY MORNING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

The Case Library Summer Series, July 10 to August 14, 8:30 to 9:45AM
A Discussion of Two Books by Christian pastors, The Rev. Martin Thielen and The Rev. Harry Cook. *What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?* – 156-page paperback that emphasizes Beliefs, Jesus & God. *Long Live Salvation by Works: A Humanist Manifesto* – A 157-page paperback that emphasizes Works and Humanism. We will read chapters of each book (20-30 pages per book) and discuss our findings each Sunday before the 10:00am Summer Service. While encouraged, reading is not required to attend, learn, and participate in the sessions. Contact Jerry Kelly gerald@geraldkelly.com for books. And while encouraged, it is not necessary to attend all the sessions as each one will have stand-alone material. Feel free to join us at any time!

Session One, July 10-Discussion Leader: John McClive

What's the Least I Can Believe? (Thielen)

Chapter 1: Does God Cause Catastrophes?

Chapter 2: Do Good Christians Doubt?

Chapter 3: Can Christians Believe in Evolution?

Long Live Salvation by Works (Cook)

Chapter 1: Faith and Works: Are They Compatible?

Chapter 2: Salvation: What Does It Mean?

SPIRITUAL LIFE, 9:30AM - 10:45AM in the Heritage Room
Join Spiritual Life again in September for programs which are designed to nurture and enhance the spiritual life of members and friends of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Grounded in scripture and from the perspective of our Presbyterian faith, we strive to develop opportunities for reflection, experiential learning and, conversational sharing that magnifies our witness to the Divine. All are welcome; everyone is encouraged to attend.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will resume in September.
9:45AM - 10:45AM in the first room on the balcony on the 3rd floor.
Our class welcomes adults who are interested in exploring the Christian story, by studying the scripture and applying those lessons learned to our present lives. Come as your schedule permits. This class uses Feasting on the Word curriculum which explores the Bible passages used in worship.

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WESTMINSTER DAY AT CHAUTAUQUA - August 3rd

This year Westminster is excited to join with the Buffalo Unitarian Universalist and Trinity Episcopal churches for a Three Church Venture with all three of our pastors at Chautauqua!

- Half Day Gate Pass: \$16. All-day Gate Pass: \$40.
- Carpool from WPC parking lot leaving promptly at:
Full Day Trip: 7:00AM, Half Day Trip: 10:30AM.
- All are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch.
- We will meet at 12:30PM for a three-church picnic!
- A sign up sheet is in the Gallery Room. You must sign up if you intend to carpool.

The half-day pass will hear Rev. William Barber II, national chair of NAACP's Legislative Political Action Committee. People who choose the all-day pass will also hear the Rev. John Philip Newel, author in the field of Celtic spirituality.

LET'S STAY CONNECTED!

We need your help in keeping our church records up-to-date. By doing so, we can:

- Ensure your family is kept informed about all that's happening at Westminster
- Continue to design effective & interesting programming
- Provide timely Pastoral Care.

Forms to update your information can be found on the Information Table in the Gallery Room or at www.wpcbuffalo.org/lets-stay-connected

Thank you for your help in keeping our church family connected!

FOLLOW WESTMINSTER ON FACEBOOK!

Get the latest and greatest information on what is happening at WPC!

Visit us at www.facebook.com/westminsterBflo

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, July 10

- 8:30 AM Case Library Conversations
- 9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care
- 10:00 AM Worship
- 10:00 AM Tom@Worship Service/
Holloway Chapel
- 11:00 AM Punch and Cookies

Monday, July 11

No Scheduled Activities

Tuesday, July 12

- 7:15 AM Wake Up Group
- 10:00 AM Garden Group
- 5:30 PM Worship, Music & Arts
- 6:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, July 13

- 9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.
- 10:00 AM Marilyn McTaggart
Memorial Service
- 11:00 AM McTaggart Reception
- 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
- 12:00 PM Enews Info. Deadline
- 1:30 PM Staff Mtg.
- 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
- 8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, July 14

- 7:15 AM Wake Up Group
- 8:00 AM Generosity Mtg.
- 10:00 AM Membership Data Outreach

Friday, July 15

No Scheduled Activities

Saturday, July 16

- 10:00 AM Youth Mission Trip/
Kirkwood, Missouri

Sunday, July 17

- 8:30 AM Case Library Conversations
- 9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care
- 10:00 AM Worship
- 11:00 AM Punch and Cookies

I Danced in the Morning

SIMPLE GIFTS

Sydney Carter, 1963

American Shaker melody



1. I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, And I
2. I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, But
3. I danced on the Sab - bath and I cured the lame; The
4. I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black; It's
5. They cut Me down and I leap up high;



danced in the moon and the stars — and the sun, And I
they would not dance and they would not fol - low Me; I
ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They
hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They
I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die; I'll



came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth; At
danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John; They
whipped and they stripped and they hung Me high, And
bur - ied My bod - y and they thought I'd gone: But
live in you if you'll live in Me:



Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
came with Me and the dance went on.
left Me there on a cross to die.
I am the dance and I still go on.
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.



Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said He, And I'll



lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

Edward Mote, c. 1834

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus' blood and
2. When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un -
3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood Sup - port me in the
4. When He shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in



right - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, But whol - ly lean on
chang - ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, My an - chor holds with -
whelm - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, He then is all my
Him be found, Dressed in His right - teous - ness a - lone, Fault - less to stand be -

Refrain



Je - sus' name. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; All
in the veil.
hope and stay.
fore the throne.



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

George William Kitchin

Sidney Hugo Nicholson, 1916

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till all the world a -

Fine



His sa - cred name.

1. Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
2. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo-rious tree,
4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain



The Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died.
Your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Notes on Today's Music

***Peter Hurford** is a British organist and composer. Hurford was born in Minehead, Somerset, and educated at Blundell's School. He later studied both music and law at Jesus College, Cambridge, graduating with dual degrees, subsequently obtaining a reputation for both musical scholarship and organ playing. Hurford subsequently studied in Paris under the blind French organist André Marchal, exploring music of the Baroque period.

He is best known for his interpretations of Bach, having recorded the complete Bach organ works for Decca and BBC Radio 3. His expertise also encompasses recordings of the Romantic literature for organ, performances notable for attention to stylistic detail. His playing style is noted for clean articulation, beauty of expression, and a sense of proper tempi.

Hurford was appointed organist of Holy Trinity Church, Leamington Spa from 1956 to 1957. For the same period he was Music Master at Bablake School, Coventry. He was then organist and choirmaster of St Albans Cathedral Choir in 1958, serving with great distinction in this capacity for exactly twenty years. He conceived the idea of an organ competition in 1963, partly to celebrate the new Harrison & Harrison organ designed by Ralph Downes and himself. This venture was successful mainly because of the young Hurford's rapidly growing stature in Britain and overseas as a result of his refreshing notions of authentic performing style. This has grown into the St Albans International Organ Festival, a world-renowned festival of organ music with competitions whose past winners include many of the great names in modern organ music including Dame Gillian Weir, David Sanger, Thomas Trotter and Kevin Bowyer.

He is the holder of a number of Honorary Doctorates, was appointed an Honorary Fellow of Jesus College in 2006, is a past President of the Royal College of Organists and received its Medal in 2013, and has been appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE). He has written a book: *Making Music on the Organ* and published a great deal of choral music for the Anglican liturgy, much of it issued by leading publishers Novello and Oxford University Press. His *Litany to the Holy Spirit*, to a famous text by Robert Herrick, is sung worldwide.



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