



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

May 22, 2016  
Trinity Sunday  
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary



*The Holy Trinity*  
Artist: Armen Avagyan

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth...

- John 16:12-13

# Welcome to this place of Christian worship.

*Welcome to this place of Christian worship. Do not wait for someone else to begin worship.*

*Pray silently for yourself, for those about you, for the poor and the oppressed, for those unable to be present, for those who will shortly lead our common worship. 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

Dr. Yorty

## Order of Worship - 11:00AM

### 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

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Her, BWV 662

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

### Call to Worship

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

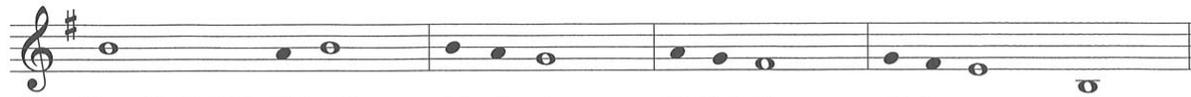
### Hymn, No. 288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

### 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

**O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth.  
Yet we put aside your majesty,  
seeking our own power and gain.  
We set aside our responsibility for the earth entrusted to our care.  
By both carelessness and design, we pollute air, land, and waters.  
In our greed, we use more resources than we rightly need.  
We confess that we do not fully comprehend the damage  
we have done to the birds of the air, the creatures of the sea,  
and the animals that live in forests and fields.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Let your majesty fill our senses, and pervade our actions,  
that we may become better stewards of creation.  
Call us, in every infant's cry,  
to care for one another so that all your people flourish.  
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

## Kyrie

*The people sing.*

John Weaver

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

## Words of Assurance

### Response to the Assurance

GLORIA PATRI

*The people stand to sing.*

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).*

## Time with Children

Recognizing Graduating Seniors: Eric Forrest, Mia Stevens, and Mary Zenger

TALLIS CANON

Go with them, Lord, and guide their way through this and ev - ery com - ing day,  
that in Your Spir - it strong and true their lives may be a gift to You.

*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 Lesson

John 16:12-15

<sup>12</sup>I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

<sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

## Voluntary

Give to My Eyes, Lord

Roland Corp (b. 1951)

Give to my eyes the blessing of seeing your face in all around me, the light of your glorious grace.  
Help me to see the needs of your people and be ready to go, Lord, wherever your Spirit leads me.

Give to my hands the blessing of doing your will, bringing your touch where it's needed to soother every ill.  
Help me to heal the pain of your people and be ready to serve, Lord, wherever your Spirit leads me.

Give to my feet the blessing of walking your way, going wherever you lead me throughout the whole day.  
Show me the paths that lead where your people need me; mine your own footsteps, wherever you lead me.

Give to my mouth the courage to speak of your cross, boldly proclaiming your death was a gain not a loss.  
That through your blood, true justice and mercy be building your Kingdom, wherever your Spirit leads me.

Give to my heart the grace to rejoice in your love, showing forgiveness and mercy and grace from above.  
That by your word I'll share in the joys you give free, help me to go, Lord, wherever your Spirit leads me.

Jesus, Lord, take me, I offer my whole life to you and by my service I'll show that I'm faithful and true.  
Help me to live and praise you, please Lord set me free that you may use me, wherever your Spirit needs me.

## Sermon

Manifestations of the Holy

## Hymn

God Marked a Line and Told the Sea

TRURO

*The people stand to sing.*



1. God marked a line and told the sea Its  
2. God set one lim - it in the glade Where  
3. The line, the lim - it and the law Are  
4. But, dis - con - tent with fi - nite pow'rs, We  
5. We are not free when we're con - fined To



surg - ing tides and waves were free To  
temp - ting, fruit - ed branch - es swayed, And  
pat - terns meant to help us draw A  
reach to take what is not ours And  
ev' - ry wish that sweeps the mind, But



trav - el up the slop - ing strand But  
that first lim - it stands be - hind The  
bound be - tween what life re - quires And  
then de - fend our claim by force And  
free when free - ly we acc - ept The

## Invitation to the Offering

## 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.*

How Can I Keep from Singing

arr. Alan Bullard (b. 1947)

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation;  
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing;  
It finds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing.

What though the tempest loudly roars, I know my Saviour liveth;  
Although the darkness binds me close, deep in the night sweet songs he giveth.  
His inner peace makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing;  
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing.

## 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 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, you have poured out so much for us-  
the beauty of the world,  
the care of family and friends,  
meaningful labor,  
and the gift of the church.  
We give you thanks for these and many other gifts.  
Most especially,  
we thank you for pouring your love  
into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.  
Through these offerings,  
may your love spill over in glad abundance  
that brings relief, renewal, and hope to those in need.  
In Christ's name we pray. 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, 285

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets  
*Stand to sing.*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

## Benediction

## Closing Voluntary

Improvised Verset

Marcel Dupré\* (1886-1971), trans. David Stech (b. 1944)

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

## Worship Leaders

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

**Reader:** Ray Herman

**Organist:** David Snyder

**Soleist:** Victor Schuel, baritone

## Deacons Serving Today

Russell Braun, Patty Charlier, Kathleen Kelly, Florence Kilambo Kalumbu, Johnpatrick Marr, Earl McColgin,  
Jo Stevens, Roy Stewart

## Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given by Marie Costa, with heartfelt appreciation  
for the Westminster community.

## Notes on Today's Music

\***Marcel Dupré** was born in Rouen (Normandy, France). Born into a musical family, he was a child prodigy. His father Albert Dupré was organist in Rouen and a friend of Aristide Cavallé-Coll, who built an organ in the family house when Marcel was 14 years old. He entered the Paris Conservatoire in 1904, where he studied with Louis Diémer and Lazare Lévy (piano), Alexandre Guilmant and Louis Vierne (organ), and Charles-Marie Widor (fugue and composition). In 1914, Dupré won the Grand Prix de Rome for his cantata, *Psyché*. In 1926, he was appointed professor of organ performance and improvisation at the Paris Conservatoire, a position he held until 1954. Dupré became famous for performing more than 2000 organ recitals throughout Australia, the United States, Canada and Europe, which included a recital series of 10 concerts of the complete works of Johann Sebastian Bach in 1920 (Paris Conservatoire) and 1921 (Palais du Trocadéro), both performed entirely from memory. The sponsorship of an American transcontinental tour by the John Wanamaker Department Store interests rocketed his name into international prominence. Dupré's "Symphonie-Passion" began as an improvisation on Philadelphia's Wanamaker Organ.

In 1924, he was elected as an honorary member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity, by the Fraternity's Alpha Chapter at the New England Conservatory in Boston. In 1934, Dupré succeeded Charles-Marie Widor as titular organist at St. Sulpice in Paris, a post he held until his death in 1971.

From 1947 to 1954, he was director of the American Conservatory, which occupies the Louis XV wing of the Château de Fontainebleau near Paris. In 1954, on the death in a road accident of Claude Delvincourt, Dupré became director of the Paris Conservatoire; but he held this post for only two years before the prevailing national laws forced him to retire at the age of 70. He died in 1971 in Meudon (near Paris). His wife died in 1978.

As a composer, he produced a wide-ranging oeuvre of 65 opus numbers, and also taught two generations of well-known organists such as Jehan Alain and Marie-Claire Alain, Jean-Marie Beaudet, Pierre Cochereau, Françoise Renet, Jeanne Demessieux, Rolande Falcinelli, Jean-Jacques Grunenwald, Jean Guillou, Jean Langlais, Carl Weinrich and Olivier Messiaen, to name only a few. Aside from a few fine works for aspiring organists (such as the 79 *Chorales* op. 28) most of Dupré's music for the organ ranges from moderately to extremely difficult, and some of it makes almost impossible technical demands on the performer (e.g., *Évocation* op. 37, *Suite*, op. 39, *Deux Esquisses* op. 41, *Vision* op. 44).

His most often heard and recorded compositions tend to be from the earlier years of his career. During this time he wrote the *Three Preludes and Fugues*, Op. 7 (1914), with the First and Third Preludes (in particular the G minor with its phenomenally fast tempo/figurations and pedal chords) being pronounced unplayable by no less a figure than Widor. Indeed, such is their difficulty that Dupré was the only organist able to play them until several years later.

In many ways Dupré may be viewed as a 'Paganini' of the organ - being a virtuoso of the highest order, he contributed extensively to the development of technique (both in his organ music and in his pedagogical works) although, like Paganini, his music is relatively unknown to musicians other than those who play the instrument for which the music was written. A fair and objective critique of his music should take into account the fact that, occasionally, the emphasis on virtuosity and technique can be detrimental to the musical content and substance. However, his more successful works combine this virtuosity with a high degree of musical integrity, qualities found in works such as the *Symphonie-Passion*, the *Chemin de la Croix*, the *Preludes and Fugues*, the *Esquisses* and *Évocation*, and the *Cortège et Litanie*.

As well as composing prolifically, Dupré prepared study editions of the organ works of Bach, Handel, Mozart, Liszt, Mendelssohn, Schumann, César Franck, and Alexander Glazunov. He also wrote a method for organ (1927), 2 treatises on organ improvisation (1926 and 1937), and books on harmonic analysis (1936), counterpoint (1938), fugue (1938), and accompaniment of Gregorian chant (1937), in addition to essays on organ building, acoustics, and philosophy of music. As an improviser, Dupré excelled as perhaps no other did during the 20th century, and he was able to take given themes and spontaneously weave whole symphonies around them, often with elaborate contrapuntal devices including fugues. The achievement of these feats was partially due to his unsurpassed genius and partially due to his hard work doing paper exercises when he was not busy practicing or composing.

## 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

### 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.

Visit The West Side Bazaar: 25 Grant Street for 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 Members 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

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare is available for children under the age of 5 years from 9:30AM to 12:30AM in the WECF building. Childcare providers will meet with parents and children at the entrance to the Westminster Early Childhood Programs (WECF) school building. Weather permitting, the children will be able to play in the playground.

- 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, Hollywood 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.

### PASSAGES: A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS

Lunch at 12:30PM in the Oak Room, 1:15PM program in the Case Library on the first Tuesday of each month. Join us on June 7th as we welcome gardening expert, Richard Price and his presentation on Culinary Herbs. Richard will talk about herbs that can be grown in containers in your kitchens, and ones that thrive better in your garden. There will time for questions and handouts of recipes. Sign in on the Information Table in the Gallery Room or call Jamie at 884-9437 before May 23rd.

### THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL

*The Senior Choristers*, ages 12-18, rehearse each Wednesday, September 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. Rehearsal 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, June 12. 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)

Sunday, May 22: 9:30AM - Dialogue Diner (Parish Hall Kitchen)  
Sunday May 29: No Youth Activities-Enjoy Memorial Day Weekend

### SUNDAY MORNING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

#### CASE LIBRARY SUMMER SERIES

This year our six week Sunday series, July 10th to Aug 14th, will compare and contrast two short Christian books. 8:30 - 9:45AM in the Case Library:  
*What's the Least I Can Believe and Still be a Christian: A Guide to What Matters Most* by Rev Martin Thielan. This 156 page paperback emphasizes good beliefs and God.

*Long Live Salvations by Works: A Humanist Manifesto* by Rev Harry Cook. This 157 page paperback emphasizes good works and humanism.

We will read 20-30 pages from each book each Sunday and then discuss our findings with each other and volunteer facilitators (to be determined). Reading the books, while encouraged, is not mandatory. And each session will provide standalone material so, while encouraged, it is not necessary to attend all six sessions. The sessions will be held in the Case Library and run from 8:30am to 9:45am each Sunday before summer Worship.

There will be a sign up sheet in the Gallery Room so we can determine how many books to order. This series has been organized by Debbie Katz, John McClive and Jerry Kelly.

#### 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.

## September 18 and 25

Reflections on my Summer Reading

Presenter: Tom Yorty

For many years we have enjoyed hearing Tom's reflections on his summer readings. Recent topics focused on "Finding My Voice" and "How the Arts Can Save Your Life".

## ADULT BIBLE

9:45AM - 10:45AM in the first room on the balcony on the 3rd floor.

Join our Sunday morning Adult Bible class at 9:45AM in the Case Library from May 8th thro June 26th. We will study Jesus' Parables in light Amy-Jill Levine' book Short Stories by Jesus, The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi. We will look at the parables through the lens of Jesus' audience of 1st century people of Galilee and Judah. Levine's approach explores Jesus' parables, reveals hidden depths, exposes misinterpretation and mostly importantly shows how these stories can challenge and provoke us thousand years later.

## WESTMINSTER GOES TO THE BALLPARK!

Friday, June 3, Buffalo Bisons vs. Syracuse Chiefs, 7:05PM at Coca-Cola Field. Join is for a picnic at the church before the game at 5:00PM and fireworks at the park after the game! Tickets are \$11.00 each and you can purchase them from George Gates before and after worship on Sundays, starting on April 3. We'll supply the hot dogs & pop. Please bring a dish to share!! Parking is available at the United Way parking lot.

## WESTMINSTER PRESENTS

The Wisconsin Children's Choir, Margaret Hadley, Director will be performing on June 15 at 7PM in the Sanctuary. The Wisconsin Children's Choir is dedicated to providing opportunities for youth to grow personally and musically as they integrate their talents within the community. WCC believes children build self-esteem by being recognized for learning and mastering challenging and diverse choral music. Choristers find their greatest rewards in sharing this music with their community and beyond.

## YOU'RE INVITED....

Please join us for a reception honoring Karen Dearing and Priscilla Maddock as they retire from Westminster Early Childhood Programs after many years of dedicated service. Friday, June 10, from 5-7PM in Parish Hall. Light hors'd'oeuvres will be served. Everyone is welcome! In lieu of gifts, donations may be made to the Westminster Early Childhood Programs Endowment. www.wpcbuffalo.org/wecp/giving-opportunities.

## WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

8:45AM in the Holmes Chapel with Communion and  
11:00AM in the Sanctuary with Communion offered  
on first Sunday of every month

May 29

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty  
"Surprising Encounters" Luke 7:1-10

## Worship This Summer!

July 3 through September 4, 10:00AM in the Holmes Chapel  
Join us this summer for an intimate Worship service. The doors of the Chapel will be open allowing a wonderful view of the Kratz Garden.

What a great way to start a summer Sunday morning!

(Fall hours resume on Welcome Back Sunday, September 11)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS...

Today in worship, we recognize our graduating High School Seniors. Wish them well as they start on their new path!

Eric Forest - UB for electrical engineering

Mia Stevens - The College of Wooster for biology or biochemistry

Tyler Hallen - NCCC for general studies

Mary Zenger - Loyola Chicago for English with minors in  
business and foreign language

Christian Wyse - UB for pre-med

*Good Luck to All!*

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, May 22

Jeff on Duty

8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care

8:45 AM Worship/Communion

9:30 AM Dialogue Diner

9:30 AM Heavenly Grounds

9:35 AM Adult Bible Class

11:00 AM Worship- Recognize

Graduating High

School Seniors

11:10 AM Sunday School

12:00 PM Sacred Sites Tour

1:30 PM Chan Piano Recital &  
Reception

5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

8:00 PM AA Meeting

### Thursday, May 26

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

7:30 AM Budget &

Finance Meeting

8:30 AM Centering Prayer

10:00 AM Membership

Update Meeting

2:30 PM 3 Church Meeting

### Friday, May 27

WPC Closed

### Monday, May 23

WPC Closed

### Saturday, May 28

9:30 AM Ruth Niswander

Memorial Service

10:30 AM Ruth Niswander

Reception

### Tuesday, May 24

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

5:30 PM Personnel Committee  
Meeting

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

### Sunday, May 29

8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care

8:45 AM Worship/Communion

9:30 AM Heavenly Grounds

11:00 AM Worship

### Wednesday, May 25

7:00 AM Plant Sale Pick Up

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

1:30 PM Staff Meeting



## Going Deeper: The Current Issues Driving Israeli-Palestinian Relations



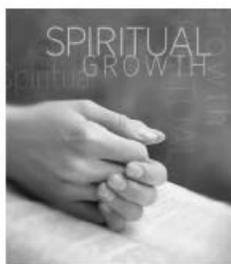
We will continue our four congregation conversations with North Presbyterian Church, Temple Beth Zion, and Congregation Shir Shalom. The next event will explore some of the pressing issues that led to the decision

of the Presbyterian Church to divest of three corporations doing business in Israel that aid or maintain the construction of the fence of separation and more generally issues driving Israeli-Palestinian relations today.

*The event today, May 22*, will take place at Congregation Shir Shalom at 7PM. A brief documentary titled, “The Promise” will be presented. This documentary explores the theme of Israeli and Palestinian narratives. The film interviews an Israeli teenager and a Palestinian teenager who describe their experiences of the tensions between their people quite differently. We will discuss issues the documentary raises as well as other issues raised in the previous 2 sessions.

These conversations are designed to equip participants with a deeper understanding of the complex issues that affect the State of Israel and to prepare those who also intend to make the four-congregation trip to Israel (to be scheduled for winter of 2017) to make the best use of our visit to Israel and the opportunity to meet the voices ‘on the ground’ in Israel that are affected by and influencing Israeli-Palestinian relations.

# GRATITUDE IN EVERY *Action*



### GIVING 2016

Pledges received as of 5/20/2016

Number of Pledges Received	Total Pledges Received	Dollars to Goal
265	\$524,979	\$75,021

We ask that you consider the blessing that Westminster is in your life and with a grateful heart send your Intention Card with support for 2016. Giving your financial pledge will enable Westminster to continue to show our gratitude to God by sharing our blessings within our church home and our community. Return your intention card by mail or make your pledge online at [www.wpcbuffalo.org/pledge2016](http://www.wpcbuffalo.org/pledge2016) or email Sawrie Becker, Director of Development, [sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:sbecker@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.*

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We set aside our responsibility for the earth  
entrusted to our care.  
By both carelessness and design,  
we pollute air, land, and waters.  
In our greed, we use more resources  
than we rightly need.  
We confess that we do not fully comprehend  
the damage we have done to the birds of the air,  
the creatures of the sea,  
and the animals that live in forests and fields.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Let your majesty fill our senses,  
and pervade our actions,  
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Call us, in every infant's cry,  
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*Time for silent prayer.*

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*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 16:12-15  
*Text can be found on page 3*

Meditation

Manifestations of the Holy

Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sending Hymn, 285

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets  
*Stand to sing.*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Improvised Verset

Marcel Dupré\* (1886-1971), trans. David Stech (b. 1944)

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