



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

September 17, 2017
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Concert for Anarchy, 1990
Artist: Rebecca Horn

I and the public know
What all schoolchildren learn,
Those to whom evil is done
Do evil in return.

- W.H. Auden, September 1, 1939

Worship in the Sanctuary - 10:30 AM

Welcome to this Place of Christian Worship

Do not wait for someone else to begin worship. Pray silently for yourself, for those about you, for the poor and the oppressed, for those unable to be present, and for those who will shortly lead our common worship. Latecomers may enter the Sanctuary during the singing of the first hymn or during the Response to the Assurance. Ushers are available for assistance. Please turn off all cell phones.

Opening Voluntary

Antiphon V: *How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou*

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

It is the tradition of this congregation to remain silent during the Prelude as we collectively prepare for worship.

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.

Introit

Eternal Light

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts, Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil,
Eternal Power, be our support, Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Call to Worship

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

Everyone who serves God come and offer thanks.

Thank you God for your love to me.

Everyone who has gathered in this place, lift your hands and praise God.

Thank you God for your love in this place

Shout praises to God for you are God's servants, so shout praises.

Thank you God for your love to others.

All who serve in this place, who serve our God, come and shout praises.

Thank you God for your love that we can share.

Praise the name of our God who is kind and good.

Thank you God for your love endures forever.

Hymn in Procession, No. 461

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Call to Confession

Prayer Of Confession

Gracious and loving God,
You lived for us—we have not lived for you.
You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others.
You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves
Nor have we loved one another.
Take pity on us and forgive us, God.
Help us to forgive.
Help us to live for you.
Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time for silent prayer

Kyrie

The people sing.

Thomas Pavlechko (b.1962)

Musical score for Kyrie, featuring Cantor and Congregation parts. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, this Good News is for all the world.

Christ was born, lived and died, and rose again that we would be freed from sin and death.

Know that indeed you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Response

Thomas Pavlechko

The people stand to sing.

Musical score for Response, featuring a single melodic line. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: Glo-ry to the Cre - a - tor, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost, as it was in the be - gin - ning is now and for - ev - er. 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.

Time with Children

Musical score for Time with Children, featuring a single melodic line. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 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

Psalm Lesson

Psalm 103

H. Walford Davies (1869-1941)

¹Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy Name. ²Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. ³He forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities. ⁴He redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and loving kindness. ⁵He satisfies you with good things, and your youth is renewed like an eagle's. ⁶The Lord executes righteousness and judgment for all who are oppressed. ⁷He made his ways known to Moses and his works to the children of Israel. ⁸The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness. ⁹He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. ¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him. ¹²As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us. ¹³As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who fear him. ¹⁴For he himself knows where of we are made; he remembers that we are but dust. ¹⁵Our days are like the grass; we flourish like a flower of the field; ¹⁶When the wind goes over it, it is gone, and its place shall know it no more. ¹⁷But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures forever on those who fear him, and his righteousness on children's children; ¹⁸On those who keep his covenant and remember his commandments and do them. ¹⁹The Lord has set his throne in heaven, and his kingship has dominion over all. ²⁰Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, and hearken to the voice of his word. ²¹Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will. ²²Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul.

Scripture Lesson

Romans 14:1-12

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²²Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Sermon

The World Turned Upside Down

Dr. Airhart

Hymn, No. 347

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive
The people stand to sing.

DETROIT

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.

I Thank You God For Most This Amazing Day

Eric Whitacre[†] (b. 1970)

I thank you God for most this amazing day.
For the leaping greenly spirits of trees
And the blue true dream of sky;
And for everything which is natural
Which is infinite, which is yes.

(I who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday.
This is the birthday of life and love and wings.
And of the gay great happening illimitably earth.)

How should tasting, touching, hearing,
Seeing, breathing any - lifted from the no of all nothing -
Human merely being doubt unimaginable you?
Now the ears of my ear awake,
Now the eyes of my eyes are opened.

Presentation of the Gifts

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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! A - men.

Prayer of Dedication

O God,
We thank you for these gifts.
Multiply them, and enable the work of love
And the righteousness of your kingdom
In the world. We thank and praise you.
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

We All Are One in Mission

COMPLAINER

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

Benediction and Choral Response

Nunc Dimittis, from *Evening Service in C*

Roland Martin (b. 1955)

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

Sortie

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

Immediately following worship, please join us at Meet & Mingle in the Holmes Room for refreshments and fellowship.

Worship Leaders

Dr. Cameron Airhart, Lay Preacher
Mark Aquino, Youth Coordinator
Cornelia Dopkins, Liturgist
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
Käthe Wright Kaufman, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar
The Westminster Choirs

Deacons Serving Today

Russell Braun, Teddie Granville, Kathleen Kelly, Florence Kilambo Kalumbu, Joan Kunzia,
Jennifer Russell, Jo Stevens, Nancy Stevens

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lords's Table are dedicated to Mary Elizabeth, Hank Williams, Josephine and Louis Boj dak from Sarah Williams, Bob Boj dak and family.

If you would like to purchase 2018 Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends, you may contact Sue Adams at 883-7597 or hugwalker1@gmail.com

Notes on Today's Music

Grammy-winning composer and conductor **Eric Whitacre**[†] is one of the most popular musicians of our time. His concert music has been performed throughout the world by millions of amateur and professional musicians alike, while his ground-breaking *Virtual Choirs* on YouTube have united singers from over 110 different countries. A graduate of the prestigious Juilliard School of Music, Eric was recently appointed Artist in Residence with the Los Angeles Master Chorale having completed a five-year term as Composer in Residence at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge University, UK. As conductor of the Eric Whitacre Singers he has released several chart-topping albums including 2011's bestselling *Light and Gold*. A sought-after guest conductor, Eric has conducted choral and instrumental concerts around the globe, including sold-out concerts with the London Symphony Orchestra, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the Minnesota Orchestra.

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WORSHIP AND PREACHING SCHEDULE

Worship at 8:15 AM in the Holmes Chapel with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary.

September 24 - The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

A Copernican Revolution of Faith; Matthew 20:1-16

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, September 17

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
8:00 AM Senior Choristers
8:15 AM Worship/Communion
9:00 AM Case Library Conversations
9:00 AM Spiritual Life
9:00 AM Adult Bible Class
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:00 AM Sunday School Mtg.
9:00 AM Pictures/Membership Directory
9:00 AM Distribute Nametags
9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:40 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
11:45 AM Confirmand/Sponsors/
Parents/Teachers
4:00 PM AGO Evensong
5:30 PM Evensong Reception

Tuesday, September 19

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
8:45 AM Centering Prayer
9:00 AM Management Mtg.

10:00 AM Garden Group
4:30 PM ENERGY Volunteer Orientation
5:00 PM Personnel Mtg.
6:00 PM WECP Parent Board Mtg.
6:00 PM Zen Dharma
7:00 PM New Parent Orientation

Wednesday, September 20

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.
12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
12:00 PM Wednesdays @ Westminster
12:00 PM Enews Info. Deadline
1:30 PM Staff Mtg.
4:30 PM ENERGY Volunteer Orientation
4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, September 21

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
12:15 PM WOW Bible Study
4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal
4:30 PM ENERGY Volunteer Orientation
6:00 PM Handbells

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 22

12:30 PM John Eckles Recital

Saturday, September 23

4:00 PM WECP Fall Fest

Sunday, September 24

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
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8:15 AM Worship/Communion
9:00 AM Case Library Conversations
9:00 AM Adult Bible Class
9:00 AM Spiritual Life
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:00 AM Pictures/Directory
9:00 AM Distribute Nametags
9:00 AM Board of Deacon's Q3 Mtg.
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
10:40 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
11:45 AM Confirmand/Mentor Lunch
12:30 PM Inquirer's Class

News & Notes

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.

CHILDCARE AT WESTMINSTER

Childcare for children 5 years old and younger is available from 8:00AM to 11:30AM in the WECP (school) building.

MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

ENERGY is always in need of plastic folders, spiral note books, notebook paper, pink erasers, dry erase markers, black Sharpie markers, glue sticks, white glue, and Crayola watercolor sets. Additionally, ENERGY can use sturdy paper plates, 7 oz. cups, napkins, plastic forks, cake mix, and frosting cans. Donations may be left on the kitchen counter in the basement ENERGY rooms. 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, Jane Morris 571-481-1839, 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

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL

The Senior Choristers, ages 12-18, rehearse each Wednesday and Thursday, 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM. At 6:00 PM on Wednesdays, the Choristers sing Choral Evensong in the Holmes Chapel, open to everyone. The Junior Choristers, ages 7-11, rehearse simultaneously, joining the Senior Choristers for the service of Choral Evensong at 6:00 PM.

The Apprentice Choristers, ages 4-6, rehearse each Sunday through during the 10:30 AM Sunday School in the Holmes Chapel. The Apprentice Choristers are taught fundamental music and choral skills, with the assistance of Dr. Val Cooley and Mrs. Julie Zenger. Participation in the program is not limited to Westminster members; all are welcome to join. 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 24th** at 12:00 PM. 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 Sawrie Becker, sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org, ext. 315 or Karen Keaton, khkeaton@verizon.net, or any staff member.

SUNDAY MORNING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Adult Bible Study

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM first classroom on the Parish Hall Balcony
Join our continuing conversation as we explore the Sunday scripture passages. This discussion moves from what the biblical passage means to what this passage might mean in our lives. Our class is led by Debbie Katz and other class members. Our curriculum is *Feasting on the Word*. Please come to these classes as your schedule permits.

Case Library Conversations

Sundays, 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM in the Heritage Room
September 24th: *Reflections On My Summer Reading*
Presenter: Tom Yorty

In the past, we have enjoyed hearing Tom's reflections on his summer reading. Join us as he presents yet another interesting book list. This is a joint offering with Spiritual Life.

Spiritual Life

Sundays, 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM in the Heritage Room
September 17th: *Open Discussion of This Year's Program*
Get an overview of all the offerings this year. Join us for this informative session.
September 24th-in the Case Library: *Reflections On My Summer Reading*

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PASSAGES: A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS

Join us in October when Passages will resume. 12:30 PM: Lunch in the Oak Room and 1:15 PM: Program in the Case Library. Program details, speakers, and topics will be listed in the September newsletter and on our website: www.wpcbuffalo.org. Stay tuned for another informative and fun Passages program year

WOW KNITTING GROUP

The knitting group meets on various Tuesdays from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, this month on September 26th. The group works on individual projects as well as prayer shawls, scarves, and other handmade items for members of the church. Beginners welcome! Contact Fran Holmes at mfranholmes@verizon.net for information.

MEET & MINGLE

Please join us in the Holmes Room immediately following the 10:30am worship service for a relaxed and inviting fellowship opportunity. *Meet & Mingle* offers beverages, light healthy snacks, and provides a meaningful time of gathering and bonding for our congregation. Continue to stop by the **Heavenly Grounds Café** in the Oak Room which is open from 9AM to noon with coffee service until 10:30AM.

We need YOUR help! In order to keep it running successfully we are looking for YOU to help in one of the following ways:

1. Be a shopper – Purchase the food from a list provided and bring to church for storage. Bring receipts for reimbursement.
2. Be a host for the week. The hosts come early to church to make the punch, put the food on serving plates before the 10:30 service; monitor the need to refill punch or food platters; clean up dirty dishes, put unused food away, and take home tablecloths to be laundered and returned.
3. Be a sponsor – Make a donation to WPC to cover the weekly costs. Please contact Debby LaMendola (716-983-4993) if you can help!

Thank you to this weeks sponsors and hosts, Christ and Debby LaMendola

NOMINATIONS WANTED

All members are invited to submit names of candidates for openings on the Board of Deacons and the Session. New Deacons and Elders are needed to

facilitate the many wonderful ministries of Westminster. Forms are available on the Information Table in the Gallery Room. Place your suggestion form in the Nominating Committee mailbox in the Business Office.

WESTMINSTER PRESENTS

Wednesdays @ Westminster: Midday Music & Musings

Our Wednesdays@Westminster program was designed to give friends and neighbors an uplifting moment in the day; to feed the spirit and the body; and to delight in the beauty of our historic Sanctuary. Each Wednesday, local Buffalo artists perform a 30 minute lunchtime presentation in Westminster's historic Sanctuary, September 13th-December 13th and January 17th-May 16th. Free. Donations benefit the Westminster Friends of Music.

Poetry

September 20: Tom Yorty, poet

October 11: Rebekah Keaton, poet

Music

October 4: Chromatic Club--Community Music School Showcase

October 18: Garrett Martin, organ

Performance

September 27: ATG Table Read, led by Neil Wechsler

October 25: ATG Table Read, led by Neil Wechsler

Wednesday Choral Evensong

Wednesdays, Beginning September 27th through May 16th, 6:00 PM in the Holmes Chapel. The Senior Choristers of the Westminster Choir School lead this weekly service of music and Scripture readings.

Staff Singer Concert

Friday, September 29th, 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary

The Westminster Choir's staff singers will share some of their favorite songs from different genres. You've enjoyed hearing them in worship each week, but have you heard them sing jazz, Broadway, or opera? This is your chance!

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 1st, 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary

St. Francis was known as the patron saint of animals. The Westminster Choir welcomes all two-legged and four-legged creatures to this special service of evensong. Afterwards, join us for a reception on the south lawn with the horses of the Buffalo Police Department.

Taize Worship

Friday, October 20th. Start your weekend with this evening service of calming prayer and meditation on the third Friday of each month at 5:30 PM in the Holmes Chapel.

FAITH SONGS - SPIRIT VOICES

The Network of Religious Communities presents a multi-cultural, multi-faith celebration of religion and spirituality. Sunday, September 17, 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM, Montante Center at Canisius College. Music and dance, storytelling, exhibits, ethnic foods and more! \$10 donation per person. Tickets and information: 882.4793 or nrc@religiousnet.net. Tickets are also available at the door.

KENAN SPEAKER SERIES

Sister Joan Chittister, O.S.B, September 23, 3:00 PM, First Presbyterian Church, Lockport. Sister Joan will draw from her new book, "Radical Spirit: Twelve Ways to Live a Free and Authentic Life." A book signing will follow her presentation. To register in advance, call 433-2617. Go to kenancenter.org for more information.

TODAY! AGO EVENSONG SERVICE

Opening service for the Buffalo Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary, Prelude Recital with Garrett Martin and Käthe Wright Kaufman at 3:30 PM.

Worship in the Holmes Chapel - 8:15 AM

*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

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Opening Voluntary

Antiphon V: *How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou*

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

It is the tradition of this congregation to remain silent during the Prelude as we collectively prepare for worship.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Hennessy

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.

Hymn, No. 461

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Prayer Of Confession

Gracious and loving God,
You lived for us; we have not lived for you.
You have forgiven us; we have not forgiven others.
You have loved us; we have not loved ourselves Nor have we loved one another.
Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive.
Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time for silent prayer.

Kyrie

The people sing.

Thomas Pavlechko (b.1962)

Musical notation for the Kyrie, featuring Cantor and Congregation parts. The lyrics are: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Words of Assurance

Response

Thomas Pavlechko

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Musical notation for the Response, featuring a single melodic line. The lyrics are: Glo-ry to the Cre - a - tor, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost, as it was in the be - gin - ning is now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm Lesson

Psalm 103

Text can be found on page 4.

Scripture Lessons

Romans 14: 1-12; Matthew 18: 21-35

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Anthem

I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

I will sing of thy great mercies, O Lord, my Saviour, and of thy faithfulness evermore.

Meditation

A World Turned Upside Down

Dr. Airhart

Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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. All of the bread distributed is gluten free. Please take the center aisle to one of the communion stations, receive the elements, and return to your seat by a side aisle.

Sending Hymn

We All Are One in Mission

COMPLAINER

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Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Sortie

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

Worship Leaders

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The Reverend Beth Hennessy, Communion Celebrant
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
Käthe Wright Kaufman, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar
Senior Choristers of the Westminster Choir School
Hillary Hunt and Veronica Shanchuk, Chorister trainers

We All Are One in Mission

COMPLAINER

Rusty Edwards

W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835



1. We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3. Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
To touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



To plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
So ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Faith

W.O.R.K.S

Through our Gifts & Talents

Save the Date: Sunday, October 15, 2017

During worship service on Sunday, October 15, 2017 our congregation will be dedicating the wonderful Music Ministry of Westminster and launching our 2018 "Faith Works" Generosity Campaign. We invite everyone to join us on that day and to plan to attend a family picnic event immediately following worship in the "Thomas Penney Stewart Park" hosted by Westminster staff members and the Ministry of Generosity. Come and celebrate the many "gifts and talents" of our Westminster church family:

*Watercolor Painting displays by church members

*Readings by Reed Taylor & More!

God's church depends on our time, talent and treasure - sharing these artistic expressions is one way "Faith Works" at Westminster Reserve your spot today! Cost: In advance, \$5.00 per person - up to a maximum of \$20.00 per family. At the door, \$7.00 per person - up to a maximum of \$28.00 per family. Reservation forms are available on the Information Table in the Gallery Room. Please return form with your check, payable to Westminster and mail to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 724 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, NY 14209. You may also leave payment at the church office. Any questions, please contact Sawrie at 884-9437, ext. 315, sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org

"Picture Yourself" at Westminster

It's time for a new Pictorial Membership Directory of our Westminster Family! We invite you and your family to stop by the Oak Room to get your picture taken, October 1st (more dates will be announced!) It will only take a moment and, with our own Jen Callaghan as the photographer, you can be sure that it will be fun and comfortable too! We ask that you make every effort to "Picture Yourself" at Westminster and get your picture taken. Adding pictures to our membership directory of contact information for our church members is a very important part of being a welcoming and nurturing church and helps all of us to feel at "home." If you can't make it on one of the dates, we invite you send in a picture via email to jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org or call Sawrie Becker at 884-9437, ext. 315 to explore other options.



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