

WESTMINSTER

BUFFALO



September 24, 2017
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Pastor

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, 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

An Evocation of *Urbs beata Jerusalem*

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

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

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

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

With a Voice of Singing

Kenneth Jennings (b. 1925)

With a voice of singing declare ye, and tell this; utter it even to the end of the earth. Hallelujah!
The Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob. Hallelujah!
Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands.
Sing forth the honor of his name, make his praise glorious.
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 that follows.

Hymn in Procession, No. 420

God of Grace and God of Glory

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Call to Confession

Prayer Of Confession

Gracious God,
We have sought after things, but we have not sought after you.
We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity.
We have not been gracious or grateful.
We have failed to remember all that you have done.
Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts
And strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Time for silent prayer.

Kyrie

The people sing.

Thomas Pavlechko (b.1962)

The musical notation for the Kyrie consists of two staves of music. The first staff is divided into three sections: 'Cantor' (Lord, have mer - cy.), 'Congregation' (Lord, have mer - cy.), and 'Cantor' (Christ, have mer - cy.). The second staff is divided into three sections: 'Congregation' (Christ, have mer - cy.), 'Cantor' (Lord, have mer - cy.), and 'Congregation' (Lord, have mer - cy.). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Assurance of Pardon

Response

Thomas Pavlechko

The people stand to sing.

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 share the peace of Christ with your neighbors.

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered today to Nicholas Kevin McKenna and Kara Abel McKenna, children of Britta and Matthew McKenna.

The following prayers are said in unison when indicated by the leader:

O God, who called us from death to life: we give ourselves to you, and, with the church through all the ages, We thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy God: remind us of the promises given in our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will, and to serve you with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people remain seated to sing

Baptism Hymn

ST. CLEMENT

Ac- cept, O Lord, our ded - i - ca-tion To fill with love the grow - ing mind, That
in this church and con - gre - ga-tion The young a faith for life may find.

At this time, children 3 years and older may attend Sunday School. When the children leave, please make sure they take their belongings with the

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm Lesson

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

William Crotch (1775-1847) and James Turle (1802-1882)

¹Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples. ²Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works. ³Glory in his holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. ⁴Search for the Lord, and his strength; continually seek his face. ⁵Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth. ⁶O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen. ³⁷He led out his people with silver and gold; in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled. ³⁸So Egypt was glad of their going, because they were afraid of them. ³⁹He spread out a cloud or a covering and a fire to give light in the night season. ⁴⁰They asked, and quails appeared, and he satisfied them with bread from heaven. ⁴¹He opened the rock, and water flowed, so the river ran in the dry places. ⁴²For God remembered his holy word and Abraham his servant. ⁴³So he led forth his people with gladness, his chosen with shouts of joy. ⁴⁴He gave his people the lands of the nations, and they took the fruit of others' toil. ⁴⁵That they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Hallelujah.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 20:1-16

¹For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Sermon

A Copernican Revolution of Faith

Hymn

When God Restored Our Common Life

The people stand to sing. Please see insert for hymn.

RESIGNATION

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.

Let the People Praise Thee, O God

William Mathias (1934-1992)

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad:
For thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
And govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase
God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
God shall bless us and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us,
And shew us the light of his countenance and be merciful unto us:
That thy way may be known upon earth thy saving health among all thy nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee.
Glory be to Father and to the Son and the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end, Amen.

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 blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:
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

For the Fruit of All Creation
The people stand to sing. Please see insert for hymn.

AR HYD Y NOS

Benediction and Choral Response

God Be In My Head

John Rutter[†] (b. 1945)

God be in my head and in my understanding.

God be in mine eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking.

God be in mine heart and in my thinking.

God be at my end and in my departing.

Closing Voluntary

Trumpet Air

Paul Bryan (b. 1950)

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

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor

Sherrie Bernat, Liturgist

Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries

Käthe Wright Kaufman, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar

The Westminster Choirs

Deacons Serving Today

Cameron Airhart, Kate Dierenfield, Doug Fabian, Kathleen Kelly, Kirsten Kifner-Kennedy,

Donald Kitungano, Becky Read-Lukan, Jennifer Russell, Nancy Stevens

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given by Sue Adams in honor of Lenore Neiler, in appreciation and many thanks for EVERYTHING she does for our congregation.

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

†**John Rutter** is an English composer known especially for his sacred choral works and for his founding of and long association with the choral group the Cambridge Singers. Rutter was educated at Clare College, Cambridge, where he also served as director of music from 1975 to 1979, at which point he determined to focus his energy on composition. In 1981 he founded the Cambridge Singers, which he also conducted. Although initially Rutter had formed the group in order to record a collection of choral works—both his own and those of others—the group began giving live performances as well. Of Rutter's own works, the great majority are sacred choral pieces, especially Christmas carols. Within this genre, he has crafted dozens of new arrangements of existing carols and written many original carols, some at the request of the BBC, for the purpose of television broadcast. His larger-scale choral works include a *Gloria* (1974), a *Requiem* (1985), and a mass, *The Mass of the Children* (2003). He also crafted a new edition of Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*. His other compositions include a two-piano concerto on themes of the Beatles; works for chamber orchestra, notably the *Suite Antique* (inspired by J.S. Bach's *Brandenburg Concertos*); and some imaginative musical "fables" for narrator, chorus, and 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.

**October 1, 2017 - The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
World Communion Sunday**

Blessing of the Animals, 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary

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.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, September 24

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
 8:00 AM Senior Choristers
 8:15 AM Worship/Communion
 9:00 AM Adult Bible Class
 9:00 AM Case Library Conversations
 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
 9:00 AM Spiritual Life
 9:00 AM Pictures/Directory
 9:00 AM Distribute Name tags
 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 1st Confirmand/Mentor Lunch
 12:30 PM Inquirer's Class

Monday, September 25

5:00 PM CMH Board Mtg.
 7:00 PM WOW Book Review

Tuesday, September 26

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 Picnic
 6:00 PM Zen Dharma
 7:00 PM Knitting Group

Wednesday, September 27

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 1st Day/ENERGY Program
 4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal
 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
 6:00 PM Session Mtg.
 6:00 PM Evensong
 8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, September 28

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 7:30 AM Budget & Finance Mtg.
 4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal
 4:30 PM ENERGY Program
 6:00 PM Handbells

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 29

7:30 PM Staff Singer Concert

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 9:00 AM Adult Bible Class
 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
 9:00 AM Spiritual Life
 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
 10:00 AM Youth Service/Sunday School
 10:30 AM Worship/Communion
 10:40 AM Sunday School
 11:30 AM Racial Justice Mtg.
 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
 2:30 PM Evensong Rehearsal
 4:00 PM Blessing of the Animals

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 WECF (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.

October 1st: *Jane Addams Settlement House*

Presenter: Ellen Kennedy

Settlement houses taught adult education and English language classes, provided schooling for immigrants' children, organized job clubs, offered after school recreation, initiated public health services, and advocated for improved housing for the poor and working classes. Join us to learn more about this topical subject.

Spiritual Life

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Presenter: Tom Yorty

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October 1: *Discernment Listening Guidelines*

Presenter: Allan Hayes.

The goal of Spiritual Discernment is to receive God's guidance. We will discuss 10 principles, including: Take time to become settled in God's presence; Listen to others with your entire self; and Do not interrupt.

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!

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

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, 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.

Taizé 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.

"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.

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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Call to Worship

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Hymn, No. 420

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

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)

The musical notation for the Kyrie consists of two staves. The first staff is for the Cantor and the second for the Congregation. 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

The people stand to sing.

The musical notation for the Response consists of three staves. 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.

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm Lesson

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Text can be found on page 4.

William Crotch (1775-1847) and James Turle (1802-1882)

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 20:1-16

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Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art;
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Meditation

A Copernican Revolution of Faith

Dr. Yorty

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

For the Fruit of All Creation

AR HYD Y NOS

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Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Trumpet Air

Paul Bryan (b. 1950)

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Senior Choristers of the Westminster Choir School
Hillary Hunt and Veronica Shanchuk, Chorister Trainers

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 will soon be available on the Information Table in the Gallery Room. You may also call or email Jamie at 716-884-9437, or email jadamczyk@westminster-bflo.org to make a reservation.



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