



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

JUNE 30, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:15 AM IN THE HOLMES CHAPEL

10:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

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.

Prelude

Galliard Battaglia
Rondeau
Brother James' Air
Three Pieces
Minuet

Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)
Jean-Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)
James Bain (1860-1925)
Johann Pezel (1639-1694)
George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Welcome and Announcements

Debbie Katz

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

Nigerian Fanfare

Frank Boles (b. 1955)

Introit

Jesus, We Want to Meet

Nigerian Folksong
arr. Frank Boles

Jesus, we want to meet on this thy holy day.
We gather round thy throne on this thy holy day.
Thou are our heavenly friend,
Hear our prayers as they ascend;
Look into our hearts and minds today,
On this thy holy day.

We kneel in awe and fear on this thy holy day.
Pray God to teach us here on this thy holy day.
Save us and cleanse our hearts, lead and guide our acts of praise,
And our faith from seed to flower raise, on this thy holy day.

Call to Worship

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

Jesus calls to the crowds with warnings.
Jesus calls to the converts to follow him.
Jesus calls to the resisters with parables of rejection.
Jesus calls to you: "Proclaim the kingdom of God."
And the people answer:

**Thanks be to God
For life and health and all goodness.**

Hymn in Procession, No. 416

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY
arr. Rich Mays (1952-2014)



Psalm

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

Chant: Bruce Neswick (b. 1956)

¹I will cry aloud to God; I will cry aloud, and he will hear me. ²In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire; I refused to be comforted. ¹¹I will remember the works of the Lord, and call to mind your wonders of old time. ¹²I will meditate on all your acts and ponder your mighty deeds. ¹³Your way, O God, is holy; who is so great a god as our God? ¹⁴You are the God who works wonders and have declared your power among the peoples. ¹⁵By your strength you have redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph. ¹⁶The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; the very depths were shaken. ¹⁷The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed to and fro; ¹⁸The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook. ¹⁹Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, yet your footsteps were not seen. ²⁰You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Poem

The Gift Outright

Robert Frost (1874-1963)

The land was ours before we were the land's.
She was our land more than a hundred years
Before we were her people. She was ours
In Massachusetts, in Virginia,
But we were England's, still colonials,
Possessing what we still were unpossessed by,
Possessed by what we now no more possessed.
Something we found it was ourselves
We were withholding from our land of living,
And forthwith found salvation in surrender.
Such as we were we gave ourselves outright
(The deed of gift was many deeds of war)
To the land vaguely realizing westward,
But still unstoried, artless, unenhanced,
Such as she was, such as she would become.

Gospel Acclamation

The people stand.



Gospel Lesson

The people stand.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 9:51-62

⁵¹When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' ⁵⁹To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' ⁶¹Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' ⁶²Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Acclamation





Sermon

And Jesus Set His Face Toward Jerusalem

Dr. Airhart

Hymn

Creation Sings

WHATLEY

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

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.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Craig Phillips^{††} (b. 1961)

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Serve with mirth, His praise forth tell;
Come before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise,
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

Presentation of the Gifts

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
arr. Craig Phillips

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

Take these gifts, O God, for the work of this church.
Let them stand as signs of your love and faithfulness.
In the name of the one who gave himself for us, 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

O Spirit, All Embracing
The people stand to sing. Hymn can be found on page 12.

THAXTED
arr. Robert Hobby (b. 1962)

Benediction and Choral Response

Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee.

Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)

Closing Voluntary

Coronation March

Giacomo Meyerbeer (1791-1864)
arr. Rich Mays

*Immediately following the service, please join us for Meet & Mingle "Light" in the Holmes Room.
Thank you to our sponsors today, Doug and Laurel Braun, and today's host, Jane Hamilton.*

Worship Leaders

Dr. Cameron Airhart, Guest Preacher
Debbie Katz, Director of Christian Education
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
Rebecca Montague, Liturgist
Jennifer Shin, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar
The Westminster Choir
Buffalo Brass
Matt Miraglia and Mark Filsinger, trumpet
Tim Schwartz, horn
Robert King, trombone
James Pace, tuba
Andrew Ziemba, percussion

Deacons Serving Today

Wisdom Afealete, Peter Ahrens, Stephen Johnson, Donald Etulo, Candace Marr, Jane Morris,
Roberta Nickelsen, Joan Rice, Roy Stewart

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given by Fred Cooley in memory of his sister, Elizabeth Cooley Pinto.

Notes on Today's Poem

While Tom and Carol travel along the road of the Romantic poets on a Lilly National Clergy Renewal Grant, we will read, each Sunday before the Scripture reading for the day, lines from a romantic poet. Tom and Carol are in Belfast, Ireland.



†**Robert Frost** Robert Frost was 86 years old when he recited *The Gift Outright* at John F. Kennedy's inaugural in January 1961. He intended to read a new poem for the occasion, but he had composed the poem on a typewriter with a worn ribbon, and in the bright sunlight he could not make out the words, in spite of attempts to shield the page with a hat. Instead, he delivered *The Gift Outright* from memory.

Notes on Today's Music

****Craig Phillips** is the Director of Music at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Beverly Hills, California. He maintains an active concert schedule, and has appeared as soloist with members of the Eastman Philharmonia, the Oklahoma Symphony, the Los Angeles Mozart Orchestra, and the Corona del Mar Baroque Music Festival. He has been a finalist in several organ playing competitions.

Phillips is a noted composer, having received numerous commissions, including those from the National Cathedral, the Association of Anglican Musicians, the University of California, Riverside, the duo-organ team The Chenaults, and Episcopal cathedrals in Buffalo, Portland, and Atlanta.

Phillips was born in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1961. He received a B.M. from Oklahoma Baptist University, and a M.M. D.M.A., and Performer's Certificate from the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, where he studied with the late Russell Saunders.

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WORSHIP AND PREACHING SCHEDULE

• Summer Worship • One service at 10:00 AM in the Holmes Chapel

July 7 • Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Westminster Senior Highs will preach
Communion Celebrant: The Reverend Beth Hennessy
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 14 • Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The Reverend Dr. Skip Ferguson, Preacher
Luke 10:25-37

July 21 • Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The Reverend Beth Hennessy
Luke 10:38-42

July 28 • Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Preacher, TBA
The Reverend Beth Hennessy, Worship Leader
Luke 11:1-13

NEWS AND NOTES

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our programming or mission, please fill out a Welcome Card (found in the pews) and return it to a deacon or staff member.

- As a More Light church, we invite all persons of the LG-BTQIA+ community to membership and full participation in all ministries of Westminster.
- We light our Peace Candle to pray for peace—both in our own neighborhoods and across the world.
 - Bibles and children's worship guides are available at the Sanctuary entrances.
- For the hearing impaired, wireless receivers are available in the Church Conference Room.
 - Childcare for children 5 years old and younger is available from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM in the school building (across the garden).
- If you need assistance at any time, please ask a Deacon.
- Please pick up your generosity envelopes, which are available on the table in the Holmes Room.

CHURCH LIFE

INQUIRER CLASS

July 28 after the Worship Service

Friends and visitors interested in learning more about Westminster and the ministries we support are invited to attend a meeting immediately following worship. We will share details of Westminster's history, discuss current outreach and mission programs in the city and region, and answer any questions. At the conclusion of the meeting, those who so desire will be received into the membership of the church. For more information, please contact Sawrie Becker, 884-9437, ext. 315, sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org

Westminster's Alcohol/Other Drug Education and Referral service provides support to assist members and friends with issues and questions related to abuse of alcohol or other drugs. If you or someone you love needs help, call for free and confidential advice. Jen Read (228.7526) and Elizabeth Stewart (585.217.7878), Co-Chairs; Dave Carstensen (884.5403), Jane Morris (571.481.839), Ellen Smith (882.2064), Phil Stevens (839.3357).

If you are recovering from an illness/surgery, 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 Adamczyk at jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org, 884-9437, ext. 326.

WEDI AND MISSION

WEST SIDE BAZAAR

Check out The West Side Bazaar, 25 Grant Street, for lunch and shopping. Sunday and Monday: Closed. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 11 AM - 7 PM. Friday: 11 AM - 8 PM. Saturday: 10 AM - 8 PM.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Year of the Bible Class provides participants the opportunity to read through the entire Bible, cover to cover, over the course of the year. Led by The Rev. Dr. Skip Ferguson, the summer schedule switches to Monday evenings only

starting on July 8 at 7 PM and runs through August 26 with no class on September 2, Labor Day. It's not too late to get started, so come join the group of more than 50 who have already begun! 15 minutes of reading each day is all it takes. By the end of the year, you will have read through the entire Bible! More important, you will grow spiritually in countless ways as you deepen your understanding of God's Written Word.

CASE LIBRARY SUMMER BOOK SERIES

July 14, 21, 28 • Sundays, 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Climate Church, Climate World by Jim Antal

Rev. Antal's book argues that climate change is the greatest moral challenge humanity has ever faced; it multiplies all forms of global social injustice: hunger, refugees, poverty, inequality, deadly viruses, and war.

Environmental leader, Rev. Jim Antal presents a compelling case that it's time for the church to meet this moral challenge, just as the church addressed previous moral challenges. He calls for the church to embrace a new vocation so that future generations might live in harmony with God's creation. After describing how we have created the dangers our planet now faces, Antal urges the church to embrace a new vocation, one focused on collective salvation and an expanded understanding of the Golden Rule. He suggests ways people of faith can reorient what they prize through new approaches to worship, preaching, witnessing, and other spiritual practices that honor creation and cultivate hope. Books are \$25, please join us for this important series.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Spiritual Life will resume on Sunday, September, 15, 9 AM-10:15 AM in the Heritage Room. All are welcome!

Spiritual Life creates opportunities for Westminster members and friends to explore and reflect together upon the interior life of faith. Discoveries and questions come from topics such as deep listening, gratitude, compassion, grace, and grieving. Poetry and art are frequently woven into a presentation. We are always interactive and supportive, looking for ways to apply important spiritual concepts to our daily lives. As a Christian congregation, we are also open to learning about other faith traditions and practices that nurture, sustain, and challenge the "inward journey."

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

KNITTING GROUP

Our group meets on various Tuesdays, 7 PM - 9 PM throughout the year and works on their individual projects, as well as prayer shawls, scarves and other handmade items for members of the church. contact Fran Holmes for more information and dates, mfranholmes@verizon.net. Beginners are welcome!

MEET AND MINGLE

Sundays, following 10:30 AM Worship. Enjoy snacks and fellowship in the Holmes Room with friends old and new!

LIVE STREAM WORSHIP SERVICES EACH SUNDAY

Can't make it to Worship on Sunday or to a special event/concert? You can still connect to Westminster. Simply visit our website: www.wpcbuffalo.org and click on the link to LiveStream on our homepage.

PLANT-BASED FOOD LOVERS UNITE!

Are you a vegan or vegetarian who would like to share an occasional supper with like-minded Westminster friends? A Foyer Dinner Group is forming just for you! For more information, contact Mindy Airhart, Mindy.airhart@gmail.com

HEAVENLY GROUNDS CAFE

Sundays, 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Stop by the Oak Room for a cup of coffee or tea as you make your way to Adult Education programs between the worship services, or sit and enjoy with friends after worship.

ATTENTION GARDENERS!

The Garden Group welcomes new participants. They meet on Tuesdays, from 10 AM - Noon to work in the church gardens. They dig, plant, deadhead, and perform other gardening chores; and after, share lunch. Work continues through the fall; for more information, please contact Dot Brown.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Westminster is a vibrant faith community because of the time and commitment our members dedicate. We are thankful for our volunteers, and encourage everyone to consider participating in our church life by volunteering your time and talent. If you are interested in the following opportu-

nities please contact Sawrie Becker, 884-9437, ext. 315, or email sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org

Meet & Mingle Coordinator: 1 - 2 hours a month. Reach out to members to schedule hosts/shoppers/donors for the Meet & Mingle weekly fellowship hour.

Laundry Angel: 1 - 2 hours a month. Assist with tablecloth maintenance around events by laundering linens and returning them to the church.

WECP Coffee & Donuts: 2 hours a month. Greet WECP Parents with coffee, a donut, and a smile on the second Thursday or Friday of each month.

URGENT NEED: FUNDS FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS AT VIVE LA CASA

Vive La Casa has been overwhelmed with a sudden and unexpected influx of asylum seekers. While they have already received sufficient clothes and personal items, their biggest challenge now is feeding everyone. You may help by making a check out to "Jericho Road Community Health Center" and put "Vive" on the memo line and mail to: VIVE, 50 Wyoming Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14215. You may make a credit card donation at Jrchc.org\donate. Jericho Road is accepting bags of rice or beans, etc., dropped off at their location.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, June 30		6:00 PM	Zen Dharma	Friday, July 5	
8:00 AM	Infant/Toddler Care	7:00 PM	Zen Dharma	7:00 AM	WECP & WPC Closed
8:15 AM	Worship/Communion				
9:00 AM	Heavenly Grounds	Wednesday, July 3		Sunday, July 7	
9:15 AM	Year of the Bible	1:00 PM	Newsletter Deadline	9:30 AM	Infant/Toddler Care
10:30 AM	Worship	5:30 PM	Pathways To Peace	10:00 AM	Worship/Communion
11:30 AM	Meet & Mingle	7:00 PM	Youth Group	11:00 AM	Meet & Mingle Light
			returns from Maine		
Monday, July 1		8:00 PM	AA Meeting		
7:00 PM	Year of the Bible				
		Thursday, July 4			
Tuesday, July 2		7:00 AM	WECP & WPC Closed		
7:15 AM	Wake Up Group	7:00 PM	David Higgs, organ		
10:00 AM	Garden Group		concert		
1:00 PM	Michael Hey, organ				
	concert				

SUMMER WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

**One Worship Service • 10:00 AM in the air conditioned Holmes Chapel
July 7 through September 1**

Join us this summer for worship.

The doors of the Chapel will be open allowing a wonderful view of the Kratz Garden.
(Fall hours resume on Rally Day, September 8).

AN INTERFAITH DAY AT CHAUTAUQUA • TUESDAY, AUGUST 6



The Reverend Dr. Barbara Brown Taylor *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*

Please join us for what promises to be an exciting interfaith day at Chautauqua Institution. Renowned preacher and New York Times bestselling author, Dr. Barbara Brown Taylor will discuss her new book, *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*.

Learning from other traditions requires empathy, understanding, respect, and a lot of effort. It requires us to learn what other people believe, why they believe these things, and what aspect of God they address.

- Carpooling from the Westminster Parking Lot leaves promptly at 10:30 AM. **You must sign up if you intend on carpooling.**
- **For carpooling, please sign up on the Information Table in the Gallery Room or contact Jamie, 884.9437, ext. 326, jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org**
- At Chautauqua, we will park in the Main Lot (\$10) and purchase half day admission tickets (\$15). Please bring a bag lunch for a picnic on the Hall of Philosophy lawn before the lecture begins at 2 PM in the Hall.
- After, we are cordially invited to UB Professor Claude Welch's Chautauqua cottage for refreshments and socializing.
- Participating Organizations: Buffalo Unitarian Universalist Church, Congregation Havurah, Muslim Public Affairs Council, North Presbyterian Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, and Westminster Presbyterian Church.

DID YOU KNOW...

The Sanctuary Organ... continued from last week...

Our historic Sanctuary organ contains 4,761 pipes made from various metals and woods. In the late 1980's, approximately 30 years after the installation of the current sanctuary organ, leather that is used in wind-chests, reservoirs, and switching systems began to fail; new technology had recently become available to aid in the functionality of the console.

In 1991, organ builders re-leathered the organ, updated the switching systems to solid state, and added three new ranks of reed pipes, seen on display on the inside of the cases that face the choir.

As we approach the next 30 year mark, components of our magnificent instrument are reaching the end of their usable life, especially the console, wiring, switching, and leathers. Most organs the age of ours are on their second (or third!) console. We have been blessed with an instrument that has led our worship in times of our greatest joys and also our greatest sorrows. This historic and acclaimed instrument must continue to lead our worship for the next half a century and beyond.

The Sanctuary and Chapel organs will be supported and sustained by the Capital Campaign which will be formally launched later this year.

Please stop by the DID YOU KNOW... table during Meet & Mingle this week and find out more.

PASTORAL CARE

During Tom's sabbatical, if you are in need of pastoral care, please contact The Reverend Beth Hennessy, Pastoral Care Associate, at 716-697-0919.

Creation Sings WHATLEY

Shirley Erene Murray

Tracy Jacob Shirk



1. Cre - a - tion sings! And we are in the mu - sic,
2. The Spi - rit sings! Through love and la - men - ta - tion,
3. Cre - a - tion groans at our dis - cor - dant clash - ing:
4. O God, you draw the me - lo - dy from si - lence,



the move - ment of God's en - er - gy and art,
from Pen - te - cost to joy of Eas - ter Day
the Spi - rit comes with mu - sic as our friend
you make of us the in - stru - ments of song!



a lit - ur - gy that links our life to an - gels,
the u - ni - verse is re - so - nant with mu - sic,
to bring the har - mo - ny of peace and beau - ty,
We of - fer thanks in wor - ship and in won - der



a lit - a - ny that ris - es from the heart.
the small - est crea - ture dan - ces to its play.
to teach the tex - tures of the way to blend.
that such a gift to hu - man souls be - long.

WESTMINSTER *Presents*
Music and the Arts

Don't miss the final concerts of the 2018-2019 Westminster Presents season!

Michael Hey, organ • July 2, 1 PM in the Sanctuary

From St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC, Michael Hey performs as one of the featured recitalists of the 2019 AGO Regional Convention. Tickets are available at the door for \$25.

David Higgs, organ • July 4, 7 PM in the Sanctuary

Professor of Organ at the Eastman School of Music, David Higgs performs as one of the featured recitalists of the 2019 AGO Regional Convention. Tickets are available at the door for \$25.

Visit wpcbuffalo.org/westminster-presents for our fall schedule.

O Spirit All-Embracing

THAXTED

Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Gustav Holst, 1874-1934



1. O Spir - it all - em - brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,
2. O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,
3. Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



Un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies:
You show your - self a maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.
And give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart



Un - fail - ing is your treas - ure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;
To know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



Sur - pass - ing world - ly pleas - ure, the rich - es you af - ford.
You fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.
To seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;
For vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;



Come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
Un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your Church a - new.
In prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.



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

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

Lente from Sonata No. 6, BWV 530

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Airhart

Call to Worship

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

Jesus calls to the crowds with warnings.
Jesus calls to the converts to follow him.
Jesus calls to the resisters with parables of rejection.
Jesus calls to you: "Proclaim the kingdom of God."
And the people answer:

**Thanks be to God
For life and health and all goodness.**

Hymn in Procession, No. 416

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Prayer Of Confession

**Merciful God,
We confess that we desire
what is not your will.
We fear failure and cling to
unquestioned habits.
We are truly sorry and repent
Of what we have done
and what we have not done.
Show us the path of your prophetic way.
Open our eyes to new ventures.
Help us love our neighbors as ourselves.
Forgive us and renew us,
In the name of life abundant,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Time for silent prayer.



Gospel Lesson

The people stand.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 9:51-62

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The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Meditation

And Jesus Set His Face Toward Jerusalem

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 the communion station, receive the elements, and return to your seat by a side aisle. If you are unable to receive the elements by coming forward to the elders, please raise your hand for the roving elder to come to your pew to serve the bread and wine.

Sending Hymn

O Spirit, All Embracing
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Benediction

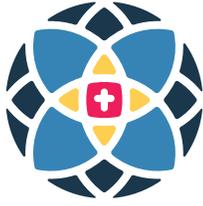
Closing Voluntary

Vivace from Sonata No. 6, BWV 530

J.S. Bach

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