



**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Buffalo, New York**

*Gratitude in Every Season*

*We continue to show our gratitude to God by sharing the blessings bestowed on us.*

**June 28, 2015**  
**5th Sunday after Pentecost**



*No Child Left Behind*

Artist: Gary Wolfe

I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance.

As it is written,

‘The one who had much did not have too much,  
and the one who had little did not have too little.’

2 Corinthians 8:13-15

## 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. **Today and throughout the month of June, childcare is available in the WECP building from 8:30AM to 12:30PM for children 3 years old and under.***

### Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

### Order of Worship - 11AM

*The 8:45AM worship service can be found on pages 9 &10 of this bulletin.*

### Opening Voluntary

Variations on HOLY MANNA

Charles Callahan

### 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.*

### Call to Worship

*The people stand and remain standing for the Hymn.*

### Hymn, No. 414

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

FOREST GREEN

### 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

Trusting you does not always come easy  
when each day we are faced with the ugliness  
of the world.

We do not believe that love conquers fear.  
We are not convinced that power comes  
through weakness.

We cannot conceive how you could heal us.

Forgive our lack of faith, O God,  
and renew our trust in you,  
for we would be disciples of Jesus,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Time for silent prayer*

## Kyrie

*The people sing.*

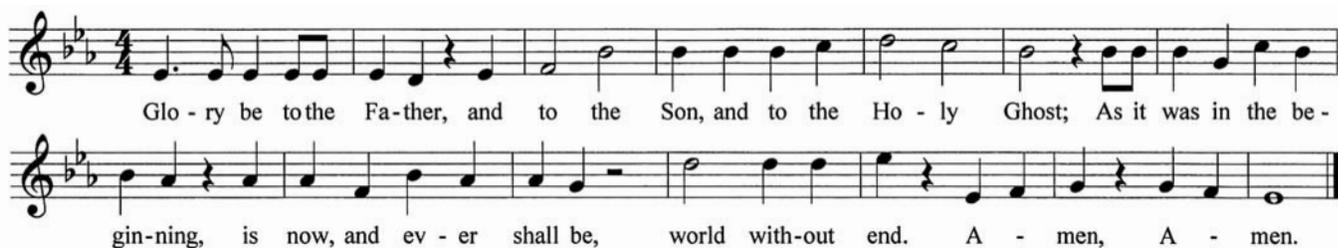
John Weaver, 1984



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

## Assurance of Pardon

### Response



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).*

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered today to Helena Wilhelmine Israel, daughter of Anna-Caroline Israel and Ferdinand Schweser.

*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 497, Stanza 4

ST. CLEMENT

**Accept, O Lord, our dedication to fill with love the growing mind,  
that in this church and congregation the young a faith for life may find.**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scripture Lesson**

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

### **Voluntary**

Near to the Heart of God

arr. Ralph Manuel

There is a place of quiet rest near to the heart of God,  
A place where sin cannot molest near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet near to the heart of God,  
A place where we our Savior meet near to the heart of God.

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,  
Hold us who wait before thee near to the heart of God.

Max Pipinich, tenor

### **Sermon**

Generosity: The Engine of the Early Church

### **Hymn, No. 413**

All Who Love and Serve Your City

CHARLESTOWN

*The people stand to sing.*

### **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. 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.*

At the River

arr. Aaron Copland

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angels feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful river.  
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

Max Pipinich, tenor

## Presentation of the Gifts

*The people stand to sing 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 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 to Commission the Maine Mission Group and Today's Offering

**God, your blessings upon us never cease, your love for us is never-ending.**

**We present these gifts to you this day as well as our pledge  
of time and talent for the days to come.**

**Especially we entrust into your care these young people  
and their adult advisors who journey to Maine.**

**Be with them as they work on your behalf and represent our congregation.**

**Strengthen and uphold them. Bless the work of their hands  
and hearts that they may bear much fruit.**

**Deepen the gifts of your Spirit in each of them  
and all of us as we are sent out from here today into your world.**

**Use each of us, and these gifts, to announce your good news of new life  
to those struggling against the forces of doubt and despair. 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. Amen.**

## Sending Hymn, No. 415

Come, Labor On  
*The people stand to sing.*

ORA LABORA

## Benediction

## Closing Voluntary

Fanfare

Healey Willan

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*We commission our youth and their advisors who are participating in this year's  
Maine Mission Trip to Hartford and East Sumner, Maine:  
Youth: Emily Reynolds, Emily Smith, Sarah Reynolds, Jo Stevens, Madeleine Cherr, Griffin Saiia,  
Callan Izatt, Eric Forrest, and Christian Wyse.  
Adult advisors: Austin Sanders, Adam Utley, Mark Aquino and Debbie Katz*

## Worship Leaders

**Preacher:** The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty  
**Reader:** Elaine Mattar  
**Organist:** Garrett Martin  
**Tenor:** Max Pipinich

## Deacons Serving Today

Shea Akers, Kate Dierenfield, Warren Emblidge, Carol Huber, Kathleen Kelly, Florence Kilambo Kalumbu,  
Earl McColgin, Roh-Yu Shen, Roy Stewart

## Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in loving memory of Robert Trimble and Doris and Allan Merkle  
from Nancy and Amy Trimble

*To purchase Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends. Sign up on the "Flower Calendar" on the Kiosk in the Gallery Room  
You may also call Marilyn Bassett at 634-4211 to choose a date.*

## PREACHING SCHEDULE

*Summer Worship Time: 10:00AM in the Holmes Chapel*

July 5 - Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Lay Preacher: Bill Devine

*(Dr. Yorty is preaching at Holloway Bay Chapel, Point Abino, Canada)*

Communion Celebrant: The Rev. Beth Hennessy

July 12: Maine Mission Youth Group Leads Worship

July 19 - The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

*David's Political Hubris: A Lesson for Our Time I; 2 Samuel 7:1-14a*

July 26 - The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

*David's Personal Hubris: A Lesson for Our Time II; 2 Samuel 11: 1-15*

## SUMMER WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

**July 5 through September 6  
ONE SERVICE  
at 10:00AM in the Holmes Chapel**

**Join us this summer for an intimate Worship service in the Holmes Chapel.  
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 13)**



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 in the Case Library immediately following our worship service on any of the following dates: August 9, October 11, December 13. Thomas Yorty, Pastor of the congregation will tell the story of our church as well as 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.

# 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 who are serving in the Armed Forces. 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.

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## 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.

The West Side Bazaar: Take friends and family over to 25 Grant Street for a delicious lunch and do some shopping! Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 11AM – 8PM, Friday 11AM-8PM, Saturday 10AM- 8PM. Sunday & Monday: Closed. Bazaar Bucks on sale now. Plenty of FREE PARKING!

**Summer ENERGY is Coming Soon!** Summer vacation begin soon for our ENERGY students. After a few weeks of vacation, boredom will be setting in, neighborhoods will be stifling, and the children will be ready for fun, reading, games, and field trips. ELL children (English Language Learners) benefit greatly with continued summer learning, reading and writing. If you're looking for a meaningful summer experience, consider volunteering for Summer ENERGY. For more information, contact Carol Greetham, carol@wedibuffalo.org.

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, Jim Wieland 523-0217.

## WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL

### Starting again next September!

*The Apprentice Choir* is for children ages 4-6 years old. Children will be taught fundamental music and choral skills. 4:30 - 5:15PM in the Holmes Chapel. For information, contact Garrett Martin, Director of Music Ministries, gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org or 716-884-9437, ext. 318.

*The Senior Choristers* (ages 7 and above) rehearse on Wednesdays, September through May, 5:30-6:30PM in the Holmes Chapel. Participation in the program is not limited to Westminster members. For more information, contact Garrett Martin, Director of Music Ministries, gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org or 716-884-9437, ext. 318.

Passages: A Program for Older Adults - Enjoy your summer and plan to join us when we resume lunch and first program on Tuesday, October 6, 2015. If you would like more information on the Passages program, please call Debbie Katz at 884-9437, ext. 329.

WOW Lunchtime Bible Study is meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 12:15PM in the Case Library. Join us as we look at Paul's advice to the church in Corinth and consider what we have in common with Paul and his community of believers. Questions? Contact Debbie Katz, Director of Christian Education at dkatz@westminster-bflo.org, 884-9437, ext. 329.

Westminster Member - Life Changes? If you are 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 AT WESTMINSTER

**Sunday School and Rotation Workshops will resume in the fall.**

*Today and throughout the month of June, childcare is available in the WECB building from 8:30AM to 12:30PM for children 3 years old and under.*

### Sunday School at WPC this Fall

- 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* - in Parish Hall

*Hollywood* - 1st room in the Parish Hall Balcony

*Apostles Playhouse* - in Parish Hall

- Our 6th & 7th graders meet with their teacher, Marta Butzer, each Sunday in the last classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- Our 8th grader confirmation class meets from 9:45-10:45AM in the Parish Hall balcony classroom.
- Our Senior Highs (9th through 12th graders) meet each Sunday at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall kitchen for Dialog Diner.

## SUNDAY MORNING ADULT LEARNING

### Case Library Conversations

9:35AM in the Case Library

*East Side Breakthroughs You Don't Know About!*

These presentations show how organizations that serve the East Side are working to improve life and economic opportunities in at-risk neighbor

hoods. Presented by Westminster's Partnering Ministry, whose purpose is to serve youth in these at-risk neighborhoods. By helping youth we also support programs that rebuild the community by strengthening efforts of families, churches, civic institutions and businesses.

**Sunday, June 28:**

Members of the SHOFAR Mission and Outreach committee of Elim Christian Fellowship, 70 Chalmers Pl., Buffalo, NY, will tell us how they work with the community near the old Central Park Plaza through their Restorative Justice Peace Center which is one of six on the East Side.

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

**Sunday, June 28**

- 8:45AM - Maine recognition
- 9:30AM- Dialogue Diner
- 9:30AM- Maine Shares
- 11AM- Maine Commissioning
- 12PM - Maine Shares Sale

Monday 6/29/15 to Sunday 7/5/15 - Maine Mission Trip.

**Calling all 6th - 8th Graders and their Parents:** Please save the dates of Monday August 17th - Thursday August 20th, 2015 for the Middler Work Camp. Contact Debbie Katz or Mark Aquino for details. We look forward to a week of faith, mission, fellowship and fun

**WESTMINSTER GOES TO CHAUTAUQUA**

Wednesday, August 5, 2:00PM, Hall of Philosophy. Sign up on the Information Table in the Gallery Room. Car Pooling from the Church Parking Lot - depart at 10:30AM sharp! Bring a Bag Lunch. Presentation by Phil Zuckerman, Department of Sociology, Pitzer College, Claremont, California, Winner of Foreword Magazine's Silver Book of the Year Award. "Irreligion Rising: Why More Americans Are Becoming Secular." Afternoon Gate Pass (access noon - 8pm): \$15.

**DONATIONS NEEDED**

The Heavenly Grounds Cafe is in need of donations of baked goods/cookies (store bought or homemade) for Sunday mornings. 4 Dozen pieces are needed and we will need 1 volunteer for each service to bring their donation by 9:30 am. Please sign up in the Cafe on Sundays or weekdays on the Information Table in the Gallery Room.

**THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER**

**Sunday, June 28**

- 6:30 AM Maintenance-Reinaldo
- 8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care
- 8:45 AM Worship W/Communion
- 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
- 9:30 AM Selling Maine Shares
- 9:35 AM Case Library Conversations
- 11:00 AM Worship Baptism/Maine

Commissioning

**Monday, June 29- WPC Closed**

Maine Mission Trip

**Tuesday, June 30**

- 7:15 AM Wake Up Group
- 10:00 AM Garden Group
- 11:00 AM Reserved/Carol Timmerman-Yorty
- 5:15 PM Personnel Committee Mtg.
- 6:00 PM Zen Dharma

**Wednesday, July 1**

- 9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.
- 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
- 1:00 PM Newsletter Deadline
- 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

8:00 PM AA Mtg.

**Thursday, July 2**

- 7:15 AM Wake Up Group
- 7:30 AM Ministry of Generosity

**Friday, July 3**

7:30 AM WECP & WPC Closed/July 4th

**Sunday, July 5 - Name Tag Sunday**

- 9:30 AM Infant /Toddler Care
- 10:00 AM Worship W/ Communion
- 11:00 AM Cookies & Punch



Maine shares to fund the Senior Highs Mission Trip to Maine are being sold TODAY after the 8:45AM service and before and after the 11AM service.

Frank Lloyd Wright's  
**Darwin Martin House Tour**  
 Sunday, July 19th - following 10AM service  
 Light Lunch at the church  
 Tour starts promptly at 12:15  
 Cost: (tour/ lunch) \$17 payable at time of RSVP  
 \*TOUR LIMITED TO 20 PEOPLE\*  
 RSVP in the Gallery Room on the Information Table

# 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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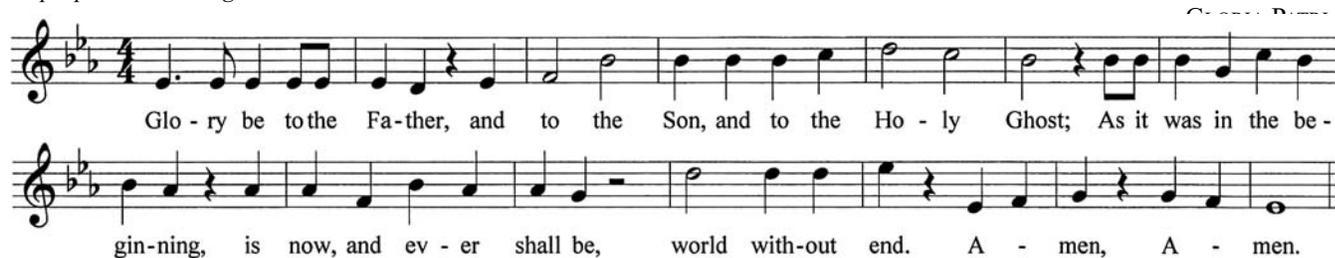
David Johnson

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## Scripture Lesson

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## Meditation

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Dr. Yorty

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