



**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.*

**September 13, 2015 - Rally Day**  
**16th Sunday after Pentecost**



*Take Up Your Cross*

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them,  
'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves  
and take up their cross and follow me.'

-Mark 8:34

# 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.*

## Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

### Order of Worship - 11AM

*The 8:45AM worship service can be found on pages 10 & 11 of this bulletin.*

## Opening Voluntary

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

## 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

The Heavens Declare

Richard Shephard (b. 1949)

The heavens declare the glory of God;  
And the firmament showeth His handiwork.  
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
Be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord,  
My strength and my redeemer.

## Call to Worship

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

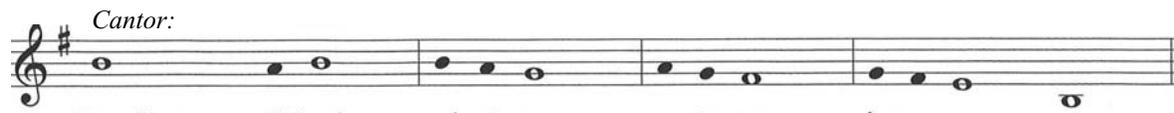
## Hymn in Procession, No. 442

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## Call to Confession

*Cantor:*

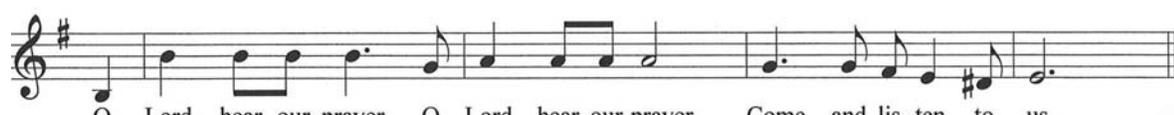


Be with us now, O Lord, qui - et us, cen - ter us, hear us.

*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

You have called us, O God, and we have refused to listen;  
you have stretched out your hand and we have not taken it.  
We have taken what you have given us and used those gifts  
to hurt others and defy you.  
We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom.  
Forgive our inability to recognize you and live out the reality of your gospel.  
Give us the insight we need to understand your place in our lives  
so that our words and actions reflect the glory of God in the lives of others.  
In the name of the Messiah we pray. Amen.

*Time for silent prayer*

## Kyrie

*The people sing.*

John Weaver, 1984



## Assurance of Pardon

### Response

*The people sing.*

GLORIA PATRI

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be -  
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

## Passing the Peace of Christ

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

*Please turn to your neighbor and share the peace of Christ. It is appropriate to say, "The peace of Christ be with you", and to respond, "And also with you." The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity (Col. 1:20-21).*

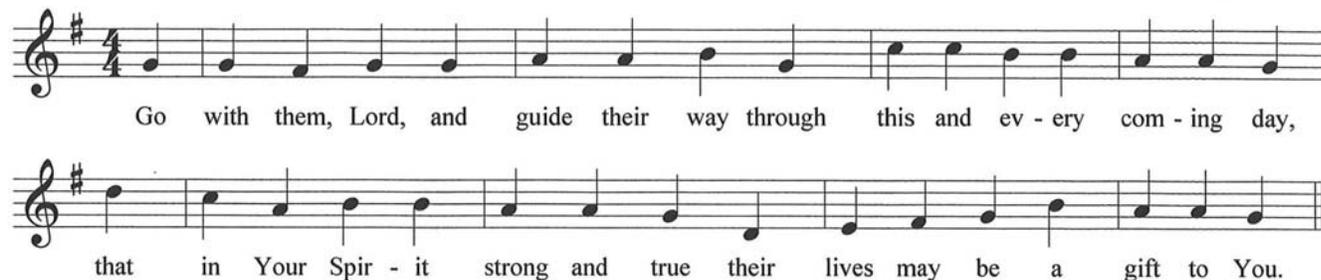
*What's more, in the midst of divisions we symbolize our unity through handshakes and hugs (Eph. 2:14-21).*

*Likewise, when we regularly pass the peace we practice God's call to make every effort to maintain the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3).*

## Time with Children

### Blessing of the Backpacks

God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the teachers and students who fill them each day. We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled. We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again. Help us remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers. Today we give you thanks for our children, and ask you to bless them with curiosity, understanding and respect. May their backpacks be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year in school and in Sunday School. May they be guided by your love. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught us by story and example your great love for us. Amen



Go with them, Lord, and guide their way through this and every coming day,  
that in Your Spirit strong and true their lives may be a gift to You.

*At this time, parents may decide to have their children 3 years and older leave with their teachers.  
When the children leave, please make sure they take their belongings with them.*

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Lesson

Mark 8:27-38

### Psalm Lesson

*The choir will introduce the first Antiphon and the congregation is invited to join.*

*The following Antiphones will be sung by all.*

#### *Antiphon*



The sta-tutes of the Lord are just and re-joice the heart.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.  
One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.  
Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,  
Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

#### *Antiphon*

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord  
is clear and gives light to the eyes.

#### *Antiphon*

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgments of the Lord  
are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

#### *Antiphon*

Above all keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord my strength and my redeemer.

#### *Antiphon*

## **Anthem**

Five Mystical Songs  
III. Love Bade Me Welcome

Ralph Vaughan Williams† (1872-1958)

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back.  
Guiltie of dust and sinne.  
But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack  
From my first entrance in,  
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning  
If I lack'd anything.

A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here:  
Love said, You shall be he.  
I the unkinde, ungrateful? Ah, my deare,  
I cannot look on thee.  
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,  
Who made the eyes but I?

Truth Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame  
Go where it doth deserve.  
And know you not, sayes Love, who bore the blame?  
My deare, then I will serve.  
You must sit down, sayes Love, and taste my meat:  
So I did sit and eat. (text: George Herbert, 1593-1633)

Victor Schuel, baritone

## **Sermon**

Preaching for a Decision

## **Hymn, No. 393**

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said  
*The people stand to sing.*

BOURBON

## **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.*

Five Mystical Songs  
V. Antiphon: *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*

Ralph Vaughan Williams†

Let all the world in every corner sing: My God and King.

The heavens are not too high,  
His praise may thither flie;  
The earth is not too low,  
His praises there may grow.

The Church with psalms must shout,  
No doore can keep them out;  
But above all, the heart  
Must bear the longest part. (Text: George Herbert)

## Presentation of the Gifts

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

O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day and  
sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay; for we can on-ly  
won-der at ev - 'ry gift you send, at bless-ings with-out num-ber and  
mer-cies with-out end: we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait u-pon your  
word, we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might-y Lord.

## Prayer of Dedication

God of wisdom, may this offering serve as a powerful witness to this world in need.  
Guide us as we administer the gifts that you have given us  
for the building of your kingdom. In Jesus Christ 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. Amen.

## Sending Hymn, No. 343

Called as Partners in Christ's Service  
*The people stand to sing.*

BEECHER

## Benediction

The Lord Bless You and Keep You  
The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace.  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen.

Peter Lutkin (1858-1931)

## Closing Voluntary

*Finale from Symphonie IV*

Charles-Marie Widor\*\* (1844-1937)

## Worship Leaders

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

**Reader:** Mary Beth Parrinello

**Organist:** Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music  
Käthe Wright Kaufman, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar

## Deacons Serving Today

Shea Akers, Warren Emblidge, Cathy Forrest, Florence Kilambo Kalumbu, Earl McColgin, Becky Reed-Lukan, Austin Sanders, Nancy Stevens, Roy Stewart

## Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given by Garrett Martin in honor of his nephews, Collins and Martin Clarke.

*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.*

**The Annual Congregational Meeting  
will be held in the Sanctuary  
on Sunday, September 20, 2015  
immediately following the 11am worship service.**

### *Notes on Today's Music*

†**Ralph Vaughan Williams** was born in the Cotswold village of Down Ampney. He was educated at Charterhouse School, then Trinity College, Cambridge. Later he was a pupil of Stanford and Parry at the Royal College of Music, after which he studied with Max Bruch in Berlin and Maurice Ravel in Paris.

At the turn of the century he was among the very first to travel into the countryside to collect folk-songs and carols from singers, notating them for future generations to enjoy. Today's offertory anthem is based on one such folk-song. As musical editor of *The English Hymnal* he composed several hymns that are now world-wide favorites (*For all the Saints* and *Come Down, O love Divine*). Later he also helped to edit *The Oxford Book of Carols*, with similar success. Before the war he had met and then sustained a long and deep friendship with the composer Gustav Holst. Vaughan Williams volunteered to serve in the Field Ambulance Service in Flanders for the 1914-1918 war, during which he was deeply affected by the carnage and the loss of close friends such as the composer George Butterworth.

For many years Vaughan Williams conducted and led the Leith Hill Music Festival, conducting Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* on a regular basis. He also became professor of composition at the Royal College of Music in London. In his lifetime, Vaughan Williams eschewed all honours with the exception of the Order of Merit which was conferred upon him in 1938.

He died on the 26th August 1958; his ashes are interred in Westminster Abbey, near Purcell. In a long and productive life, music flowed from his creative pen in profusion. Hardly a musical genre was untouched or failed to be enriched by his work, which included nine symphonies, five operas, film music, ballet and stage music, several song cycles, sacred music, and works for chorus and orchestra.

**Charles-Marie Widor** was a French organist, composer and teacher. Widor was born in Lyon to a family of organ builders, and initially studied music there with his father. The French organ builder Aristide Cavaillé-Coll, reviver of the art of organ building, was a friend of the Widor family; he arranged for the talented young organist to study in Brussels in 1863 with Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens for organ technique and with the elderly François-Joseph Fétis, director of the Brussels Conservatoire, for composition. After this term of study, Widor moved to Paris, where he would make his home for the rest of his life. At the age of 24 he was appointed assistant to Camille Saint-Saëns at Église de la Madeleine.

In January 1870, with the combined lobbying of Cavaillé-Coll, Saint-Saëns, and Charles Gounod, the 25-year-old Widor was appointed as "provisional" organist of Saint-Sulpice in Paris, the most prominent position for a French organist. The organ at St-Sulpice was Cavaillé-Coll's masterwork; the instrument's spectacular capabilities proved an inspiration to Widor. Despite his job's ostensibly "provisional" nature, Widor remained as organist at St-Sulpice for nearly 64 years, until the end of 1933. He was succeeded in 1934 by his former student and assistant, Marcel Dupré. In 1890, upon the death of César Franck, Widor succeeded him as organ professor at the Paris Conservatoire. The class he inherited was initially stunned by this new teacher, who suddenly demanded a formidable technique and a knowledge of J.S. Bach's organ works as prerequisites to effective improvisation. Later (1896), he gave up this post to become composition professor at the same institution. Widor had several students in Paris who were to become famous composers and organists in their own right, most notably the aforementioned Dupré, Louis Vierne, Charles Tournemire, Darius Milhaud, Alexander Schreiner, Edgard Varèse, and the Canadian Henri Gagnon. Albert Schweitzer (who is pictured in our "Praise" window off of the narthex; his life and work will be explored in Tuesday's presentation) also studied with Widor, mainly from 1899; master and pupil collaborated on an annotated edition of J. S. Bach's organ works published in 1912-14. Widor, whose own master Lemmens was an important Bach exponent, encouraged Schweitzer's theological exploration of Bach's music

# Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today.

We invite members and visitors to sign the friendship/registration pad as it is passed during the service. Please indicate if you would like information sent to you or request a call from the pastor.

As a More Light church, we invite all persons of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community to membership and full participation in worship, leadership, service opportunities and all ministries of Westminster.

We light our peace candle remembering those relatives of Westminster members and all who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our prayers for peace include our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools & families.

Bibles are available at the Sanctuary entrances.

Wireless Receivers for hearing assistance are available in the Church Conference Room.

If you need assistance, please ask any Deacon.

## MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The ENERGY Program - creates a caring environment where refugee and immigrant students, grades 1-6 from Buffalo's West Side gain social and cultural awareness and self-confidence through improving their English language skills. Contact Carol Greetham at 507-8216 or [carol@wedibuffalo.org](mailto: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!

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 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](mailto:jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AT WESTMINSTER

Childcare is available for children under the age of 5 years old from 9:30AM to 11:30AM in the WECP building. Childcare providers will meet with parents and children at the entrance to the Westminster Early Childhood Programs (WECP) school building. Weather permitting, the children will be able to play in the playground.

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

## WESTMINSTER PRESENTS

### September 25, 7:30PM *A Concert of Organ Duets*

Nathan Lively (Chicago) and Garrett Martin thrill audiences with music written for four hands and four feet on the historic Aeolian-Skinner organ at Westminster in the Sanctuary. Donations will benefit the Westminster Friends of Music.

### NEW! *Fridays at Westminster - Lunchtime Concert*

Come for the music - stay for the "food truck!" A 30 minute concert featuring local buffalo artists play in our historic Sanctuary, from Noon until 12:30PM. A local food truck will be at Westminster for lunch! Begins on September 18th and runs until the 13th of May. Donations will benefit the Westminster Friends of Music.

## WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL

**The Senior Choristers**, ages 12-18, rehearse each Wednesday, September through May, 5:30-6:30PM in the Holmes Chapel. The Senior Choristers produce a high volume of quality choral repertoire each week for use in worship and concert.

**The Junior Choristers**, ages 7-11, rehearse simultaneously with the Senior Choristers each Wednesday, September through May, 5:30-6:30PM in the Holmes Chapel, with the assistance of Ms. Hillary Hunt. The Junior Choristers further their ability to read music and various languages while shaping the voice into a beautiful treble instrument.

**The Apprentice Choristers**, ages 4-6, rehearse each Wednesday, September through May, 4:30-5:15PM in the Holmes Chapel. The Apprentice Choristers are taught fundamental music and choral skills, with the assistance of Dr. Val Cooley. Participation in the programs is not limited to Westminster members; all are welcome to join. For more information, please contact Garrett Martin, Organist and Director of [Musicgmartin@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:Musicgmartin@wpcbuffalo.org) 884.9437 ext. 318.

## HEAR OUR CHOIR IN REHEARSAL!

Thursdays, September 17 & 24, October 1. Get a "behind-the-scenes" view of what goes into the preparation for the glorious music on Sunday mornings! Come, enjoy, and if you are interested in lending your voice, speak to Garrett Martin, Music Director after the rehearsal about joining the choir or email [gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto: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 on any of the following dates: October 18, and December 13, 2015. The Rev. Thomas Yorty, Pastor of Westminster, will tell the story of our church along with the current programs of outreach and mission in the city and region. There will be time for conversation and an opportunity to get answers to any questions you may have. Light, healthy refreshments will be served. At the conclusion of the meeting, those who so desire will be received into the membership of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Yorty ([tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org) or 830-8596), Karen Keaton ([khkeaton@verizon.net](mailto:khkeaton@verizon.net)) or any staff member.

## CAMP DUFFIELD RETREAT

Save the date: October 23rd - October 25th is the Camp Duffield Retreat. This annual event is open to 6th - 12th graders and is a gathering of youth from all over WNY to gather, talk about current issues, worship, play and connect in faith and fellowship. For details, contact Mark Aquino, [askmark@roadrunner.com](mailto:askmark@roadrunner.com)

## SUNDAY MORNING ADULT LEARNING

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

9:35AM - 10:45AM in the first room on the balcony on the 3rd floor.

Our class welcomes adults who are interested in exploring the Christian story, by studying the scripture and applying those lessons learned to our present lives. Hearing, reading, and wrestling with scripture helps us nurture the sensitivities, attitudes and abilities we need to live and work together as a community of faith. Whether you were raised in the church, or if you're a more recent member, we welcome your voice in these discussions. Come as your schedule permits. This class uses *Feasting on the Word* curriculum which explores the Bible passages used in our worship services.

### SPIRITUAL LIFE

Sundays, 9:35am in the Heritage Room

#### September 20 and 27: *How the Arts can Save Your Life*

Presenter: The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

I look forward to sharing with the group reflections of two of our greatest living literary critics from their most recent publications, Helen Vendler and Harold Bloom. Vendler offers a new understanding of importance and role of studying the arts at this juncture of world history and Bloom explores his life long passion for what he calls the "American Sublime" – in the nine writers who, in his opinion, most successfully embody and achieve it. I will also share two new poems that illustrate for me Vendler's idea of art that gives meaning to life and Bloom's commentary on the 'daemon' or muse of the writer.

### CASE LIBRARY CONVERSATIONS

Sundays, 9:35am in the Case Library

#### Community Series - September 20

*Maritime Center*

Presenter: Artist, John Montague

#### Community Series -September 27

*Impact of Magna Carta on Democracy & Rights of People*

Presenter: Laurie Styka Bloom, Counsel for the law firm of Nixon Peabody.

Magna Carta is the charter of liberties that England's King John granted to his barons in 1215. In the centuries since its creation, Magna Carta has become one of the most enduring symbols of liberty and the rule of law.

Our speaker, Laurie Styka Bloom represents clients in complex and commercial litigation as well as environmental based litigation. Laurie's interest in the Magna Carta largely arises out of her love of history (English history in particular) and her role as President of the Erie County Bar Association during the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta celebration.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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 offering plate or in the Nominating Committee mailbox in the Business Office.

## PREACHING SCHEDULE

*Worship Times:* 8:45AM in the Holmes Chapel and 11AM in the Sanctuary

In Mark's signature, succinct way, we travel with Jesus and his followers through Galilee witnessing formative, impactful encounters: Jesus talks about the narrow way of discipleship, the importance of trust in our relationship with God, and how we determine who is with and who is against us. These are excellent readings for the start of the new season. They clarify who we are called to be and what we are called to do as God's people. We'll be talking this fall about both the unique summons of the Gospel and its vision for healing and wholeness.

**September 20 - Annual Meeting** - The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty Sermon: *Our Children*; Mark 9:30-37

**September 27 - Margaret Craig and Monique Brannon Recognition**  
The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty Sermon: *Where to Draw the Line?* Mark 9:38-50

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, September 13 - Rally Day

6:30 AM Maintenance-Reinaldo  
8:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal  
8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
8:45 AM Worship/Communion  
9:30 AM Pancake Breakfast  
9:30 AM Dialogue Diner  
10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 AM Worship  
11:10 AM Sunday School  
**Monday, September 14 - WPC Closed**  
**Tuesday, September 15**  
7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
10:00 AM Garden Group  
12:00 PM Schweitzer Presentation/Library  
4:00 PM Welcome ENERGY Picnic  
5:30 PM Worship, Music & Arts  
5:45 PM WECP Parent Board Mtg.  
6:00 PM Mission Outreach Mtg.  
6:00 PM Zen Dharma  
7:00 PM WECP New Parent Orientation

### Wednesday, September 16

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.  
12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline  
1:30 PM Staff Mtg.  
4:00 PM ENERGY Program  
4:30 PM WPC Choir School  
5:00 PM Capital Campaign Work Group  
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace  
5:30 PM Case Library Comm. Mtg.  
8:00 PM AA Mtg.

### Thursday, September 17

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
8:00 AM Generosity Comm.  
8:30 AM Centering Prayer  
12:15 PM WOW Bible Study  
12:30 PM Mtg. W/ Carol Timmerman-Yorty  
4:00 PM ENERGY Program  
6:00 PM Handbells  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, September 18

11:30 AM Fridays @ WPC

5:30 PM Taize Worship  
6:00 PM Fall Choir Clinic w/Frank Scinta

### Saturday, September 19

8:00 AM Fall Choir Clinic W/Frank Scinta  
8:00 AM WECP Fall Fest

### Sunday, September 20

6:30 AM Maintenance-Jeff  
8:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal  
8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
8:45 AM Worship/Communion  
9:30 AM Heavenly Grounds  
9:30 AM Dialogue Diner  
9:35 AM Spiritual Life  
9:35 AM Adult Bible Class  
9:35 AM Case Library Conversations  
10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 AM 3rd & 6th Graders Receive Bibles  
11:10 AM Sunday School  
12:00 PM Confirmation Mtg.  
12:00 PM Annual Mtg.

# 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.*

## Opening Voluntary

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

## Call to Worship

## Hymn, No. 442

The Church's One Foundation

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*The people stand to sing and sit for the following prayer.*

## Prayer of Confession

**You have called us, O God,  
and we have refused to listen;  
you have stretched out your hand  
and we have not taken it.  
We have taken what you have given us  
and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you.  
We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom.  
Forgive our inability to recognize you  
and live out the reality of your gospel.  
Give us the insight we need  
to understand your place in our lives  
so that our words and actions reflect  
the glory of God in the lives of others.  
In the name of the Messiah we pray.  
Amen.**

*Time for silent prayer*

## Kyrie

*The people sing.*

David Johnson

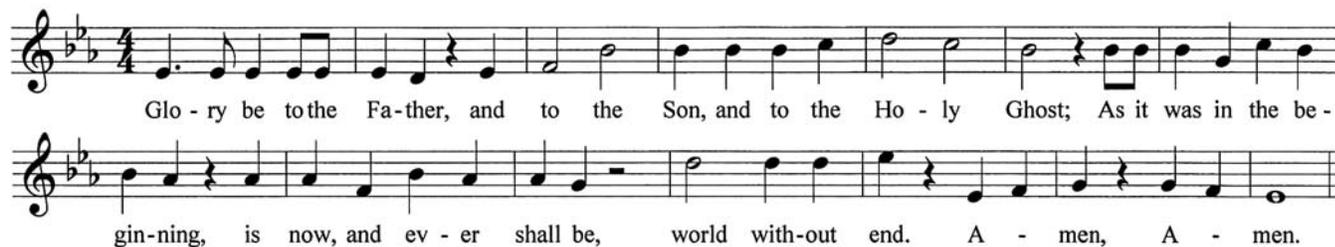


## Assurance of Pardon

## Response

*The people stand to sing.*

GLORIA PATRI



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be -  
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Lesson

Mark 8:27-38

## Meditation

Preaching for a Decision

Dr. Yorty

## Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

## Sending Hymn, No. 343

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

*The people stand to sing.*

## Benediction

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin (1858-1931)

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace.  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen.

## Closing Voluntary

*Finale from Symphonie IV*

Charles-Marie Widor\*\* (1844-1937)

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