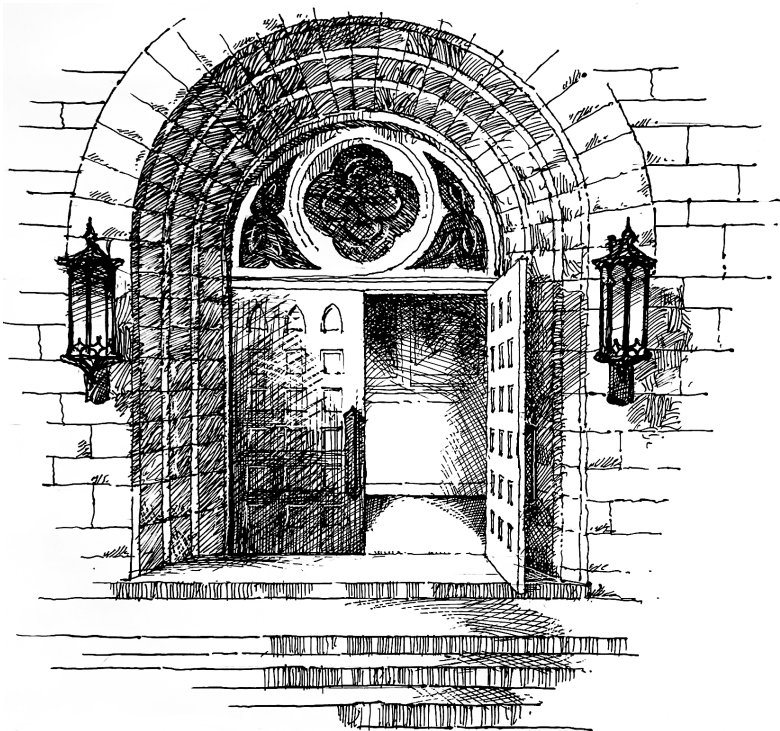


Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, May 26, 2019



The Open Door, by Gordon Schlicting, ink on paper, 1979
The Westminster Collection

We enter this church not as strangers, but as children of God.

Welcome to Westminster

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, mission, and programs. Large-print hymnals, hearing assistance devices, and Hearing Loop information available from ushers.

If you are new to Westminster

Parking On Sundays, for those without walking difficulties, please park at Orchestra Hall, 11th St. & Marquette. At Orchestra Hall, take a ticket as you enter the ramp; pick up a parking voucher at Westminster; use both your ticket and voucher to exit the ramp. Westminster Ramp may be accessed from Alice Rainville Place between Marquette and Nicollet Mall. There is also a drop-off area at church on Marquette Avenue.

Nursery Care is available for infants through age 3 during worship.

Coffee Hour Join us for fair trade coffee and refreshments after worship in the Commons.

There is no Children's Church during July and August. Children are welcome to remain in worship. Activity bags are available from the ushers.

Membership To learn more, visit westminstermpls.org/membership or contact Rev. Meghan Gage-Finn, mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.org, or Janice Teliczan, jteliczan@wpc-mpls.org.

If you seek to deepen your involvement

Faith in Action Get involved in serving and seeking justice. Contact Rev. Alanna Simone Tyler, at Tyler@wpc-mpls.org.

Families, Youth, and Children Connect with children's/youth choirs, youth group, confirmation, parent offerings, and special events. Contact Rev. Matthew Johnson, mjohnson@wpc-mpls.org.

Fellowship Enjoy fellowship with other members of the church. Contact Rev. Sarah Brouwer, sbrouwer@wpc-mpls.org.

Other worship and prayer opportunities

Prayer Companions Sundays, after 10 am worship, Chapel

Gathered at Five, Sundays, 5 pm

Centering Prayer Wednesdays, noon, Bates Room

The Clearing Wednesdays in June, 6:30 pm

Quiet Worship 3rd Saturday of the month, during the program year

Westminster Cares

Births, Adoptions, Baptisms Contact Janice Teliczan, jteliczan@wpc-mpls.org.

For Pastoral Care Notify Deb Wagner of hospitalization, illness, death, or prayer requests, dwagner@wpc-mpls.org.

Blood Pressure Screenings 3rd Sunday, 9:30-11:30 am, Bates Room

The Westminster Counseling Center offers pastoral counseling for individuals, couples, families, and children. Visit westminstercounseling.org or call 612.332.7743.

May 26, 2019

10 am

Preparing for the Word

Our service begins with the Prelude, inviting us to prepare for worship.

Prelude

Christ ist erstanden (Christ is Arisen)

J.S.Bach

Prelude on 'Ubi Caritas' (Where there is love)

Gerald Near

David Jenkins, guest organist

Our Life in Christ

Meghan K. Gage-Finn

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

As the morning greeting is offered, please complete the friendship folder found in your pew, and pass it to your neighbor. Children are invited to remain in worship. The ushers have activity bags.

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 67)

One: God, show your faithfulness to us, bless us, and make your face smile upon us!

All: For then the whole earth will acknowledge your ways, and all the people of earth will know of your power to save.

One: May all the people praise you, O God;

All: may all the people praise you!

One: Let us worship God.

***Processional Hymn No. 282** *Come Down, O Love Divine*

Call to Confession

The congregation is invited to approach God with humility, seeking God's mercy in unison prayer.

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you know the anger, the pain, the bitterness of our lives. The noise of the world deafens us to your healing Word. We want our families to be good, kind, and gentle to others, but then we speak of others with demeaning words. With your promise for a new heaven and a new earth, create a new spirit within us, O God. You alone can heal our brokenness and our tendency to use words to hurt rather than to build up. With your Spirit living deep within our souls, teach us your faithful ways of mercy, hope, and love.

* Please stand as you are able.

Silent Prayer

Worshippers seek God's forgiveness in their own lives.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness (from Romans 8; 2 Corinthians 5)

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Friends, hear the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Listening for the Word

A Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Robert Oberrender

Before the reading of scripture we pray that God will illumine our understanding.

Reading from Holy Scripture

John 14:23-29 (NT, p. 95)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Can We Find Peace in Our Troubled Hearts?*

David Shinn

Responding to the Word

***Hymn No 797** *We Cannot Measure How You Heal*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Matthew Johnson

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory Sentences

We respond in gratitude by giving, using the offering plate or the tithe.ly app.

Offertory Anthem *Verleih uns Frieden*

Felix Mendelssohn

Deborah Carbaugh, Alyssa Impullitti, Samuel Baker, and Nathan Petersen-Kindem

Grant us peace graciously, Lord God, in our time; there is indeed no other who could fight for us than You, our God, alone.

Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received

***Hymn No. 546** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

***Charge and Benediction**

The people respond with "Amen."

***Passing of the Peace**

Since the earliest days of the Christian Church, worshippers have greeted each other with a sign of peace. All are invited to offer a verbal greeting, such as: "Peace be with you."

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Postlude *Toccata Postlude on Beethoven Themes*

Christopher Uehlein

This Sunday

8:45 am Virtues & Values

9:45-11 am Nursery care, infants to age 3

10 am Worship Service, Sanctuary

11 am Prayer Companions, Chapel

5 pm *Gathered at Five*, Westminster Hall

Westminster Gallery *Standing Hand in Hand*. Contact Dr. Rodney Allen Schwartz, rschwartz@wpc-mpls.org.

TODAY'S FLOWERS

In loving memory of

Mr. Namata Ewanga

by his daughter, Susan Ewanga Nkembe
and son-in-law, Langke Nkembe
and

Mrs. Rosalie Nkembe

by her son, Langke Nkembe
and daughter-in-law,
Susan Ewanga Nkembe

Coming Up

Baccalaureate Sunday

We will celebrate Baccalaureate Sunday next Sunday, June 2! All those who are marking a graduation this spring are invited to be honored in worship. Please contact Meghan at mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.org, if you haven't already and you plan to attend.

College-Age Ministries

College Welcome Back Coffee! We will meet at church at 2 pm on Wed, May 29, to reconnect and hear about summer gatherings

in the months ahead! RSVP to Meghan at mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.org.

Congregational Care

Contact Deb Wagner, 612.332.3421 or dwagner@wpc-mpls.org unless noted.

Magnet Senior Center, May 29, 10 am, Three Rivers Park District, *Art & Nature: Feeder Birds*. Questions? Contact Angelique Kingsbury, akingsbury@wpc-mpls.org.

Grief Support Group, Saturdays, 9:30 am, Central Lutheran Church, June 1, Brenda Demotte, *Gender Differences and Grief*. 612.317.3454 or mplsgriefsupport.org.

Caregivers Support Group meets the second Saturday of the month. Contact Elsa Peet for info, 763.588.8361 or efpeet@comcast.net.

Educational Ministries

Contact Carmel Tinnes, ctinnes@wpc-mpls.org unless noted.

Adult Ed. *is on summer break.*

Wednesdays: Centering Prayer (noon)

Devotional Chair Yoga, Join in this free, gentle stretch and devotion time, Wednesdays, through June 5, 11 am-noon.

Faith in Action

Contact Alanna Simone Tyler, at Tyler@wpc-mpls.org unless noted.

Social Justice Forum *is on summer break.*

FEAST, Today, 4-7 pm, Help serve a meal to those who are hungry. Sign up at the reception desk.

Families, Youth & Children

Contact Matt Johnson,
mjohnson@wpc-mpls.org unless noted.

**Summer Nursery Hours beginning today:
9:45-11 am.**

Nursery-Age Playtime, Wednesdays, through
May 29, 10:30 am, Nursery.

Farmers Market

Beginning June 9, The market runs from 8:30
am to 1 pm on Westminster Plaza (Nicollet
Mall side). The market supports local produc-
ers and makers. Questions? Contact Sheila
Delaney to learn more.

Fellowship

**Women Gathered: A Wednesday Summer
Bible Study** Join Sarah Brouwer in the Garden
Room on Wednesdays in June and July at
9:30 am for a study on female characters
in scripture. We will work from the book
*Helpmates, Harlots, and Heroes: Second
Edition Women's Stories in the Hebrew Bible* by
Alice Ogden Bellis. *We will not meet on June
19 and July 3.* Questions? Contact Sarah at
sbrouwer@wpc-mpls.org.

Music

Summer Organists Westminster is pleased to
welcome organists David Jenkins and Dean
Billmeyer who will serve as rotating substitute
organists throughout the summer months.

Summer Choir Summers are a perfect time to
give singing a try! Join us on Sundays at 8:45
am in the choir room to learn a simple anthem
for 10 am worship. Come as you are able; all
are welcome. Questions? Contact Amanda,
aweber@wpc-mpls.org.

Worship

Gathered at Five, Sundays, 5 pm
Casual, contemporary worship. Join us on
June 2 for the Blessing of the Bikes! We will
jam with some music outside, bless our bikes,
take a little ride down Nicollet Mall, and then
come back for some good food truck eats! All
are welcome; all ages and abilities, bikes or no
bikes!

Bluegrass Evening Prayer, Wednesdays, in
June. Hymn sing-a-long at 5:30 pm; wor-
ship at 6 pm; dinner at 6:30 pm. Questions?
Contact Amanda Weber, aweber@wpc-mpls.
org.

Join us for Bluegrass Evening Prayer, Wednesdays in June

Outdoor plaza
Nicollet Mall side of church

5:30 pm Hymn sing-a-long

6 pm Worship

6:30 pm Dinner

*The service will be joy-filled, participato-
ry, and family-friendly! All are welcome!*

Today's Worship Leadership

Rev. David Shinn, Associate Pastor, *Congregational Care*

Rev. Dr. Meghan K. Gage-Finn, *Executive Associate Pastor*

Rev. Matthew Johnson, *Interim Associate Pastor, Families, Youth, and Children*

David Jenkins, guest organist

Quartet: Deborah Carbaugh, Alyssa Impullitti, Samuel Baker, and Nathan Petersen-Kindem

Robert Oberrender, *Lay reader*

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May 26 John 5:1-9
27 1 Chronicles 12:16-22
28 Psalm 93
29 Luke 2:25-38
30 Luke 24:44-53
31 Psalm 97
June 1 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
2 John 17:20-26