Westminster Presbyterian Church
A Telling Presence in the City
Sunday, March 1, 2020, 8:30 & 10:30 am

Losing Paradise, by He Qi, gouache and ink on paper, China, 2004
The Westminster Collection

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Preparing for the Word

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

Prelude
Kenneth Vigne, organ

Lenten Greeting
Rev. Dr. Meghan K. Gage-Finn
One: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

*Call to Worship
One: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God’s presence with singing!
All: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

*Processional Hymn No. 14 For the Beauty of the Earth

Prayer of Confession (Unison)
10:30 Rev. David Shinn
Great Creator God, at your word the earth was formed. You presided over the coming of light. You made us in your image and set us as stewards of Creation. But we have violated your image and spoiled the earth. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us to respect creation and honor the human family. Help us care for this planet and partner with its creatures, not dominate and destroy. This we pray in the name of the life of the world, Jesus the Christ.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of God’s Forgiveness
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. Amen.

Westminster Youth Choir, Haskel Black, conductor

10:30 At this time, children ages 4-1st grade are invited to Children’s Church.
Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination  8:30 Abigail Karels  10:30 Nancy Folin

Reading from Holy Scripture
  Genesis 1:1-5 (OT, p. 1)
  10:30 John 1:1-5 (NT, p. 79)
One: This is the Word of the Lord.  All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Losing Paradise: What Happened to the Beauty of the Earth?*
  Rev. Dr. Timothy Hart-Andersen

The Practice of Silence

Responding to the Word

*10:30 Hymn No. 5*  *God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

Offertory Sentences
  *Please place your offering in the plate, or give via the tithe.ly app.*

Offertory

  8:30 *Intermezzo*  Johannes Brahms
  10:30 *lumen de lumine*  Gerald Near; text by Susan Palo Cherwien
  Westminster Choir, Dr. Amanda Weber, conductor

lumen de lumine
Light from light behold, and be radiant
From the dwelling place of light, summoned from its velvet home,
Rising shines the Star in night, light no dark can overcome.
Rise, O Star, and clear our eyes; world and need lie dim concealed;
Rend the dark of inward skies; shine, and all shall be revealed.
Shine on us, O Glorious Christ, light from light, and bright with grace;
Radiant now, your people rise, glory shining from each face.
Now we shall radiant be like stars forever.
lumen de lumine, ever and ever

* Please stand as you are able.
Invitation to the Lord’s Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Alanna Simone Tyler

One: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts. All: We lift them up to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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 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.

The Words Over the Table

The Distribution of the Bread and Cup

A gluten-free alternative for bread is offered in the center of plates.

Music During Distribution

8:30 Improvisation on For the Beauty of the Earth
Kenneth Vigne

10:30 Lumen (sung in Latin)
Abbie Betinis

8:30 Improvisation on For the Beauty of the Earth
Kenneth Vigne

Closing Prayer

*Hymn No. 24 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

*Charge and Benediction
The people respond with “Amen.”

*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you. All: And also with you.

Postlude

Today’s flowers are in loving memory of Richard & Marjorie Nordbye by Andrea Bassett

Notice of Death
Jean Wolf, February 18, 2020
This Sunday
8:15-11:30 am, Nursery care, for infants through age 3
8:30 am Worship Service, Chapel
9 am African Choir rehearsal
9:15 am Education for all ages
10:30 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:30 am Prayer Companions
11:45 am Faith Nixon Symposium/Lenten lunch
5 pm Gathered at Five, Westminster Hall
Westminster Gallery From Paradise to Passion opens today. Contact Dr. Rodney Allen Schwartz, rschwartz@wpc-mpls.org.

Coming Up

All-Church
Sunday Lenten Lunchees Plan to enjoy a simple, low-cost lunch in Westminster Hall every Sunday in Lent following the 10:30 service, to continue the conversation about Losing Paradise: Faith and the Ecological Crisis. Each week will feature a different guest who will join Tim Hart-Andersen and those at the lunch in dialogue about stewardship of the earth, from a variety of perspectives (evangelical, Native American, Muslim, Roman Catholic, and Jewish). We will conclude by 1:15.

Lenten Covenant Groups This year’s theme is Losing Paradise: Faith and the Ecological Crisis. Small groups will meet Sundays at 9:15 am and Wednesdays at 6:45 pm.

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

Magnet Senior Center, Mon & Wed, 9-noon. March 4 Digital literacy: Getting started with your mobile phone; March 11 History discussion club. Contact Angelique Kingsbury, akingsbury@wpc-mpls.org.

Grief Support Group, Saturdays, 9-30 am, SpringHouse Ministry Center, 610 W. 28th St., 612.317.3454 or mplsgrsupport.org. March 7: Pacing Oneself through March.

Educational Ministries
Contact Mahin Hamilton mhamilton@wpc-mpls.org unless noted.

Wednesdays: 9 am, Chair yoga, 11:30 am, Centering Prayer, 6:45 pm, Lenten Covenant Groups. 5:30 pm, Living the Faith in the 21st Century, Questions? Contact Chad Quaintance, 612.374.9410.

 Sundays, 9:15 am, Lenten Covenant Groups; Virtues & Values.

Faith in Action
Contact Alana Simone Tyler, atyler@wpc-mpls.org unless noted.

During the month of March, Groveland Food Shelf is requesting boxes of pasta, boxes of macaroni and cheese, and condiments such as ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard, pickle relish and soy sauce.

Social Justice Forum is on break through Lent and resumes April 19.

Families, Youth & Children
Contact Meghan Gage-Finn, mgage-finn@wpc-mpls.org unless noted.

Wednesdays, 10:30 am Moms Group, Nursery; 5:15 pm Dinner; Youth Rm. open; 6 pm Parent-Child Time Together; Choirs/activities; 6:15 pm Confirmation.

Sundays in Lent, 9:15-9:25 am, FYC Lenten service.

Today, 11:30 am, 4th & 5th Grade Human Sexuality Class.

Today, 5 pm, High school house groups.

March 6-8, High school retreat at Koinonia.

Music
Border CrossSing, March 6, noon-1 pm, The Westminster Performing Arts Series and Schubert Club present this free concert of early music and 20th c. Latin American Art Song in Westminster Hall.

Westminster Choir Concert, Fri, March 27, Don’t miss James MacMillan’s Seven Last Words from the Cross, a cantata for choir and strings, next on our Performing Arts Series. 6 pm social hour, 6:45 pm pre-concert lecture, 7:30 pm concert. Tickets available at westministermpls.org/wpas or in the Commons before/after worship.

Scouts
Cookie Sales Girl Scouts will be selling cookies for FEAST guests (and yourself!) today and March 8 in Westminster Commons.

Stewardship
Achieving Financial Balance, Sun, March 8, 11:45 am, Bushnell Rm. Young adults and families: workshop on budgeting, building credit and reducing debt. Childcare if requested. RSVP by March 2, agram@wpc-mpls.org.

Thin Places
The spring issue of Thin Places is available on the info table and online.

Town Hall Forum
Contact Susan McKenna, 612.332.3421 or smckenna@wpc-mpls.org.

Go green on Tuesday, March 17, at noon. Join Bill McKibben, the leading voice in America on climate change, for his presentation Building a Movement to Stop Climate Change. Music with Southside Aces precedes the forum at 11:30 am; public reception and book-signing follow. Free and open to all.

Women’s Ministries
WOW Bible Studies for women and men, Wednesdays, 9:30 am.

Faith Nixon Symposium/Lenten Lunch, Today, 11:45 am. Tim Hart-Andersen dialogues with Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, climate change scientist and evangelical Christian. You are welcome to attend after worship. Cost is $10. This is the first in a series of weekly Sunday Lenten lunch conversations on stewardship of the environment.

Worship
Wednesday Taizé Worship during Lent, 6-6:30 pm, with Taizé music each Weds in Lent, around the candlelit Taizé cross, in Westminster Hall. Light snacks afterwards.

Gathered at Five, Sundays, 5 pm, Meet for casual worship and good music in Westminster Hall, followed by dinner.

Daily Phone Devotions
612.332.7087

March 1..................... Matthew 4:1-11
2................................1 Kings 19:1-8
3..............................Hebrews 4:14-5:10
4...............................Matthew 18:10-14
5................................Genesis 12:1-4a
6................................Psalm 121
7.................................Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
8................................John 3:1-17