Psalm 85, by John August Swanson, serigraph, 2003 The Westminster Collection, on view in the Westminster Gallery

Westminster is the church in the world, online and in person. We belong to one another and to God. Thanks be to God!
Preparing for the Word

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

**Prelude** Psalm 123

To Thee I lift up my eyes, O thou who art enthroned in the heavens!

**Our Life in Christ**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

*Call to Worship* (Acts 10:39-41)

One: The crucified one is risen from the dead.

**All:** We are witnesses: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Let us worship God.

*Processional Hymn* No. 766 *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

**Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

Worshippers seek and reflect on God’s forgiveness in their own lives.

**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. Alleluia! Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.*
Listening for the Word

A Time with Children                                         The Rev. Alanna Simone Tyler

Prayer for Illumination                                     Mary Anne Chalkley

Readings from Holy Scripture
Psalm 47 (OT, p. 481 )
Acts 1:1-12 (NT, p. 102)
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All:    Thanks be to God.

Sermon Who Will Be a Witness?                                The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen

Responding to the Word

*Hymn Wade in the Water
This traditional African-American Spiritual is written in a call and response style. The congregation is invited to respond to the leader and sing on the refrain:

Wade in the water, wade in the water children, wade in the water -
God’s gonna trouble the water.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer                          The Rev. David Tsai Shinn
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 Invitation
You are invited to give online via Realm or by placing your donation in the offertory plates as you leave. To learn more about how to make a gift online, please see the back of the bulletin. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of Westminster.

Offertory Anthem Witness
Trad. Spiritual, arr. Jack Halloran
Westminster Choir, Dr. Amanda Weber, conductor

Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings Received
*Hymn* No. 656 *We’ve Come This Far By Faith*
The congregation is invited to sing the refrain as directed; a cantor will offer additional verses.

*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* *Paean*  
Craig Phillips

After May 22, 8:30 am Worship on Sundays will pause for the summer and resume in the fall. The Sunday 10:30 am Worship will remain at 10:30 am.
Welcome! We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, mission, and programs.

**In-person Coffee Hour** Join us for Coffee Hour after the 10:30 am worship in Westminster Hall. Masks are optional.

**Welcome, Children!** Westminster welcomes children of all ages to participate in our worship. If, for any reason, you and your child need to leave the sanctuary, you can visit the Tower Room in the southwest corner off the balcony for a kid-friendly space.

**Wednesday Worship** Join us Wednesdays at 6 pm for Silence & Song worship in Westminster Hall and on livestream: [westminstermpls.online.church](http://westminstermpls.online.church).

### Get Involved

**Town Hall Forum: E.J. Dionne and Miles Rapoport**

**May 10 | 6 pm | Sanctuary**

Dionne and Rapoport will discuss *100% Democracy: Making the Case for Universal Civic Voting*. Dionne is a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution and a syndicated columnist for the *Washington Post*. Rapoport is a senior fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School and former Secretary of State in Connecticut. Music and a cash bar will begin at 5:30 pm. Food and a cash bar will be served after the forum.

**Church School Leader Celebration**

All are invited to enjoy a celebration (complete with a food truck) on the Westminster Green, following 10:30 worship on **May 22**. We will celebrate the end of the Church School year and give thanks for our faithful teachers!

**Devotional Chair Yoga Returns to Westminster**

**Tuesdays, May 10-June 28 | 2 pm | Heller Commons**

Join Yoga Devotion instructor Anita Kempf for this free 8-week series. Yoga Devotion is a 60-minute gentle practice with a Christ-centered devotional element. Learn more and register on Realm.

### 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.

**Prayer Companions** 1st Sundays, 11:30 am, Chapel

**Blood Pressure Screening** 3rd Sundays, 9:30-10:15 am & 11:30 am-Noon, Bates Rm

### Parking at Westminster

Free parking is available at the **Orchestra Hall Ramp** using vouchers found at church exits and the reception desk, from 8 am-2 pm on Sundays. There is a **drop-off area off Marquette Avenue** on the east side of the building; those needing to park closer may use the **Westminster Parking Garage**.
This Week at Westminster | May 8-15
Visit westminstermpls.org/events for more details about events.

Sunday, May 8
8 am-12:30 pm | A Tribute to John August Swanson | Westminster Gallery
8:30 am | Worship | Westminster Hall *
9:15 am | Family Matters | Nursery
9:15 am | Church School | In person
9:15 am | Adult Education | Recreation Room **
9:15 am | Social Justice Forum | Meisel Room *
10:30 am | Worship | Sanctuary *
4 pm | Youth Groups | Recreation Room

Monday, May 9
10 am | Tai Chi | Westminster Hall
7 pm | The Bible Then and Now | Garden Room/Zoom

Tuesday, May 10
2 pm | Devotional Chair Yoga | Heller Commons
6 pm | Handbell Choir Rehearsal | Great Hall
6 pm | Town Hall Forum | Sanctuary and westminsterforum.org

Wednesday, May 11
9 am | WOW | Zoom
10:30 | Moms Group | Zoom
11 am | Third Age Forum: Our Friend Rodney | Meisel Room*
Noon | Centering Prayer | Zoom
5:45 pm | Family Fellowship & Children’s Choir | Zoom
6 pm | Wednesday Evening Worship | Westminster Hall *
6:30 pm | Confirmation | Youth Room
7 pm | Westminster Choir Rehearsal | Westminster Hall

Thursday, May 12
10 am | Magnet Senior Center | Bushnell Room

Saturday, May 14
10 am | Downtown Coalition for Grief | First Christian Church
10:30 am | Youth Sunday Rehearsal | Sanctuary

Sunday, May 15
8 am-12:30 pm | A Tribute to John August Swanson | Westminster Gallery
8:30 am | Youth Sunday Worship | Westminster Hall *
9:15 am | Family Matters | Nursery
9:15 am | Church School | In person
9:15 am | Adult Education | Recreation Room **
9:15 am | Social Justice Forum | Meisel Room *
10:30 am | Youth Sunday Worship | Sanctuary *
11:30 am | Lay Reader Training | Westminster Hall
11:45 am | All-Church Campaign Learning & Listening | Meisel Room & Zoom

* May also be viewed via Livestream westminstermpls.online.church
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In Eternal Rest
Joann Paden, April 30, 2022

Daily Phone Devotions
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May 8 ................................. John 10:22-30
9........................................... Psalm 100
10 ................................. Acts 9:32-35
11 .................................. Jeremiah 50:17-20
12 ................................. Acts 11:1-18
13 .................................. Psalm 148
14 .............................. Revelation 21:1-6
15 .................................. John 13:31-35
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Sundays
8:30 am Worship (Westminster Hall)
9:15 am Adult Education (Recreation Room)
9:15 am Social Justice Forum (Meisel Room)
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)

Wednesdays
6 pm Silence & Song (Westminster Hall)

Join us for worship (masks required) and adult education in-person, via livestream westminstermpls.online.church or facebook.com/westminstermpls

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