Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Telling Presence in the City

Sunday, July 3, 2022

*Life Tree*, by Paul T. Granlund, bronze
The Westminster Collection, on view in the Cloister Hallway

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** *Ballade*  
Claude Debussy  
Kenneth Vigne, piano

**Our Life in Christ**  
The Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen

One: The Lord be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

**Commissioning of Sr. High Mission & Cuba Water Team Trips**  
The Rev. Alexandra Jacob

*Call to Worship* (Psalm 146)  
One: Praise the Lord, O my soul!  
**All: I will praise the Lord as long as I live.**  
One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
**All: whose hope is in the Lord their God.**  
One: Let us worship God!

*Hymn* No. 624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

**Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession** (unison)  
Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

**Silent Prayers of Confession**  
Worshippers seek and reflect on the need for 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

**Prayer for Illumination**

Vincent Thomas

**Readings from Holy Scripture**

- Habakkuk 3:17-19 (OT, pp. 826-827)
- Romans 5:1-5 (NT, pp. 135-136)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon** *Hope Is a Verb*

The Rev. Katherine S. Michael

**Responding to the Word**

**Hymn** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* (insert)

**Offering Invitation**

The Rev. Dr. David Tsai Shinn

You are invited to give online via Realm or by placing your donation in the offering 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** *I Choose Love*

Mark Miller

Community Sing, led by Rob Graham, guest conductor

Westminster Community Sings occur on the first Sunday of each month at 9 am in the Sanctuary; all are welcome to attend and learn the anthem for worship that morning.

**Invitation to the Lord’s Table**

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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.

One: Let us pray...
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 of Institution and the Distribution of Bread and Cup

Music during the Distribution Peaceful River
Trad. Spiritual, arr. Mary Donnelly and George Strid

Closing Prayer

*Hymn No. 772 Live into Hope

*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 Prelude in B Major Op. 7 no. 1
Marcel Dupré

Suggested Readings related to today’s sermon:
Abrams, Douglas; Goodall, Jane, The Book of Hope - A Survival Guide for Trying Times, Celadon, 2021
Tutu, Desmond, God has a Dream - A Vision of Hope for Our Time, Doubleday, 2004
Welcome! We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, mission, and programs.

In-person Coffee Hour  In-person Coffee Hour has moved outside for the summer. Join us on the Upper Plaza following Sunday morning worship.

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. Although the balcony is closed for the summer, the Tower Room is still open for families with small children.

Get Involved

The Joy of Being Exhibition Opens in Westminster Gallery
A new exhibition opens today in the Westminster Gallery featuring art made by members and friends of Westminster. Gallery director, Dr. Rodney Allen Schwartz, will be in the gallery following worship to chat about the art.

Adult Education Summer Series: Faith in the Flesh
Join Scholar for Adult Education the Rev. Dr. Matthew Skinner on Sundays at 9:15 am in the Recreation Room, through August 21. We will use videos and discussions to explore how we encounter God in our daily lives. No registration required for in-person classes. Beginning Monday, July 11, at 7 pm, an additional weekly Zoom discussion will be available. Register on Realm.

Help Host Our Neighbors
Through July Westminster will continue to offer a bluegrass Wednesday Evening Prayer service on the Lower Plaza at Westminster. Come at 5:45 pm for a hymn sing-along and stay after the service for a cookout on the Upper Plaza. We need your help to make this happen! Please contact David Shinn at dshinn@wpc-mpls.org, if you’re available to serve as part of a Hospitality Team for worship and dinner.

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.

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 | July 3-10
Visit westministermpls.org/events for more details about events.

Sunday, July 3
8 am-12:30 pm | *The Joy of Being* Exhibition Opens | Westminster Gallery
9 am | Community Sing | Sanctuary
9:15 am | Adult Ed Hour: *Faith in the Flesh* | Recreation Room
9:15 am | Sr. High Mission Trip Meeting | Youth Room
10:30 am | Sunday Worship: The Rev. Kathy Michael | Sanctuary *

Monday, July 4
Church Offices closed

Tuesday, July 5
1 pm | Magnet Senior Center | Meisel Room
3 pm | Youth Group Ice Cream Quest | Lake Harriet’s Bread & Pickle
3 pm | Youth Caregiver Gathering | Lake Harriet’s Bread & Pickle

Wednesday, July 6
Noon | Centering Prayer | Zoom
1 pm | Magnet Senior Center | Meisel Room
5:45 pm | Hymn Sing | Lower Plaza *
6 pm | Bluegrass Worship | Lower Plaza *
6:30 pm | Cookout Dinner | Westminster Upper Plaza

Thursday, July 7
9 am | Magnet Senior Center | Westminster Gallery
6 pm | WestConnect | Courtyard

Saturday, July 9
Senior High Mission Trip (returning July 17)
10 am | Downtown Coalition for Grief | First Christian Church

Sunday, July 10
8 am-12:30 pm | *The Joy of Being* | Westminster Gallery
9:15 am | Adult Ed Hour: *Faith in the Flesh* | Recreation Room
10:30 am | Sunday Worship: The Rev. Dr. David Tsai Shinn | Sanctuary *

* May also be viewed via Livestream westministermpls.online.church
Today’s flowers are in loving memory of

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Daily Phone Devotions
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July 3 .................................... Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
4 ................................................. Psalm 119:73-80
5 ....................................................... Acts 19:28-41
6 ................................................. Luke 10:13-16
7 ....................................................... Deuteronomy 30:9-14
8 ................................................. Psalm 25:1-10
9 ....................................................... Colossians 1:1-14
10 ..................................................... Luke 10:25-37
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Sundays
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)

Wednesdays
5:45 pm Hymn Sing (Lower Plaza)
6 pm Bluegrass Worship (Lower Plaza)