

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

May 27, 2018

TRINITY SUNDAY

Eternal Father, we rejoice in all who have faithfully lived and triumphantly died. We give thanks for all blessed memories and all enduring hopes; for the ties that bind us to the unseen world; for all the heroic dead who encompass us like a cloud of witnesses. We pray that we who have entered into the heritage of their heroism and self-sacrifice may so honor their memory and so preserve and further their high purpose that the nation which they defended may stand in all coming years for righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: **You Raise me Up** Brendan Graham, Rolf Lovland
Westminster Handbell Choir Arr. Joel Raney
Dee Allums, cello

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

People: **The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.**

Leader: Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage. Psalm 33:10-12

People: **Let us worship God!**

*Hymn: **God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand** #331

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: **Have Mercy, God, upon My Life** #421
verses 1 and 4

**Have mercy, God, upon my life, and make me clean within:
pour out your ever-faithful love and wash away my sin.**

**Create in me a faithful heart, a spirit right and new.
Sustain me with your saving love and keep me close to you.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Our assurance is this: "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

People: **For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. God sent a Savior, who redeems us of all unworthiness."**

Leader: Friends, this is the good news!

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Gloria Patri: **Glory Be to the Father** #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

Offertory: **Our Song Shall Rise to Thee** Tune: Nicaea
Westminster Handbell Choir Arr. Sandra Eithun

*Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #606
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Almighty God, we give thanks that your word is eternal – your truths do not change and you are ever faithful. May we hear your word, respond to it, and allow it to lead us in your ways. By your Holy Spirit, help us to remember what you would tell us this day, and understanding your laws, may we be saved from living careless lives. For we pray in Jesus' name. Amen. Based on Psalm 119:89-96

Psalter: **Psalm 119:41-48**

Leader: May your unfailing love come to me, LORD, your salvation, according to your promise;

People: **then I can answer anyone who taunts me, for I trust in your word.**

Leader: Never take your word of truth from my mouth, for I have put my hope in your laws.

People: **I will always obey your law, for ever and ever.**

Leader: I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts.

People: **I will speak of your statutes before kings and will not be put to shame,**

Leader: for I delight in your commands because I love them.

People: **I reach out for your commands, which I love, that I may meditate on your decrees.**

Scripture Reading: **James 1:19-25**

Anthem: **The Navy Hymn** arr. Tom Scott
Westminster Men's Choir

Time for Young Disciples

(Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.)

*Hymn: **My Country, 'Tis of Thee** #337

Scripture Reading: **Second Corinthians 3:17**

Sermon: **Portrait of Freedom** Steve Newton

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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.

*Hymn: **This Is My Song** #340

*Benediction

*Choral Response: **O Christ, Surround Me** #543

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Clarence Bahs Lois Hejl
Barbara Bahs Al Hejl
Shepherd: Terri Moehring
Liturgist: Robin Moore
Reader: John Moore

We welcome Karen Lazarine, who is playing handbells today.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day – office closed
5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, May 29

1:00 pm Sanctuary Guild
6:00 pm Building and Grounds Committee Meeting

Sunday, June 3

Mike Stump Memorial Food Drive
11:00 am Worship Service
12:00 noon Communion Reception

TODAY'S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by the Hachtel family in loving memory of Sheena.

It's difficult to adjust the temperature in the sanctuary to make everyone comfortable. If you feel that it is too cool for you, there are some blankets (shawls) available on the back pews and in the church library.

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Westminster Presbyterian Church exists to declare God's love for all through Jesus Christ, to nurture and encourage spiritual growth, to maintain the integrity of divine worship, and to share the love and joy found in Christ by giving ourselves to our community and to the world.

THE SESSION

Class of 2018

Bobbie Ann Anderson
Clarence Bahs
Deborah Dalton
Kristi Hachtel
Michele Peck

Class of 2019

Bruce McNellie
Robin Moore
Ray Taylor
Patricia Thompson
Betsy Tucker

Class of 2020

Ken Deppisch
Bennie Kitchens
Terry Kline
Terri Moehring
Barbara Stump

THE INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP at Westminster Church is always open to persons who wish to join us in witness and service to Jesus Christ. If you are interested in church membership or desire more information about this congregation, please indicate on the Friendship Pad or speak to the pastor, or one of the elders following the service.

MINISTERS:

All the Members of the Congregation

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