



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

May 15, 2022
Worship at 10:30 AM
Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

Carillon

Douglas Wagner (b. 1950)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Leach

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Puer Nobis Nascitur

Robert James Lamb (b. 1991)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

INTROIT

A New Command

William Mundy (1529-1591)

A new commandment give I unto you, saith the Lord:
That ye love together as I have loved you, that even so ye love one another.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The people stand.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Blessed are those who dwell in God's house, ever singing God's praise. Let us worship God!

HYMN IN PROCESSION

The people remain standing to sing.

No. 434: Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Hennessy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

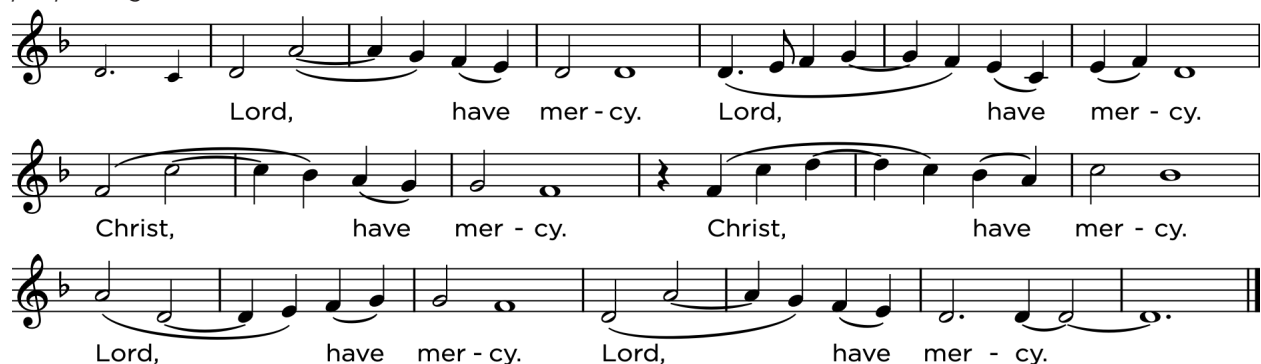
God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name.

The people keep silence.

KYRIE

Westminster Buffalo Service, Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

The people sing.





ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

RESPONSE

The people stand to sing.



PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

*At this time, children 3 years and older may leave for Sunday School with their teachers.
Please have them take their belongings with them.*



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM

Psalms 148

David Willcocks (1919-2015)

¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights. ²Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host. ³Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. ⁴Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. ⁵Let them praise the Name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created. ⁶He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away. ⁷Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps; ⁸Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will; ⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; ¹⁰Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds; ¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; ¹²Young men and maidens, old and young together. ¹³Let them praise the Name of the Lord, for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven. ¹⁴He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah! 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.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The people stand to sing.



GOSPEL LESSON

The people remain standing.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glorify to you, Lord Christ.

John 13:31-35

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The people remain standing.



SERMON

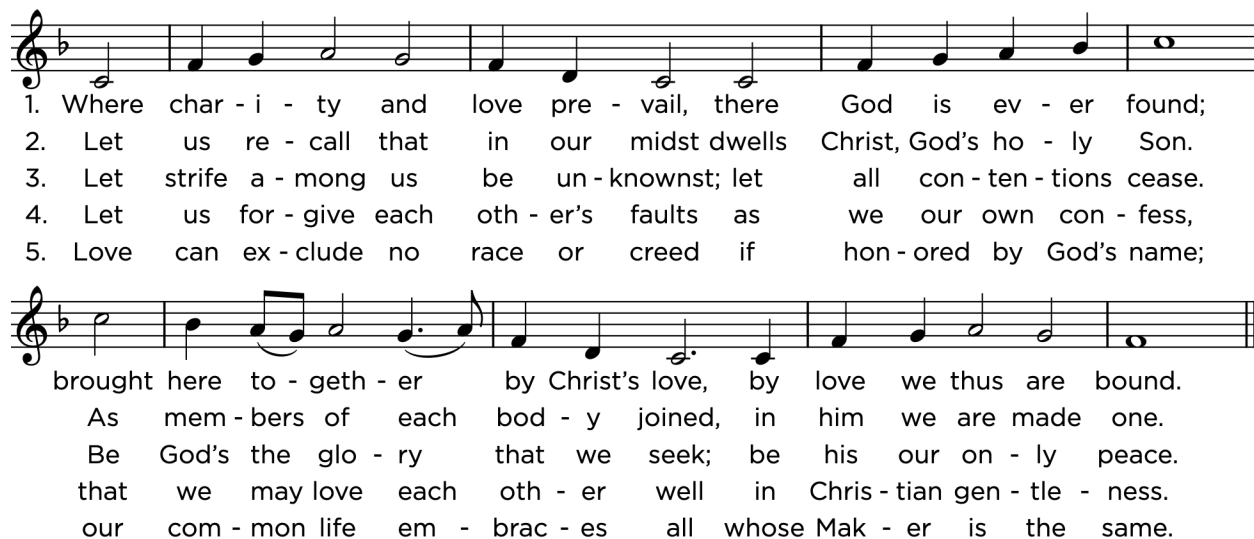
All You Need Is Love

HYMN

The people stand to sing.

Where Charity and Love Prevail

TWENTY-FOURTH





INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

This is the Day

John Rutter (b. 1945)

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

O praise the Lord of heaven: praise him in the height.

Praise him, all ye angels of his: praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.

The Lord himself is thy keeper;

The Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day,

Neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:

Yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in:

From this time forth forevermore.

He shall defend thee under his wings.

Be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart;

Put thou thy trust in the Lord.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The people stand as the Deacons move forward; remain standing for the Prayer of Dedication.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Je - sus Christ whose pow'r up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, we give you thanks for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us in the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection. Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation. May they be a testament to your love for us as we share them in love for you; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The people stand to sing.

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

1. We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2. We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3. We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Jubilate

Hart Morris (b. 1946)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Todd E. Leach, Senior Pastor
Rev. Beth Hennessy, Pastoral Care Associate
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
The Westminster Choir
The Westminster Handbell Choir
Walter S. Mayo, Handbell Choir Director

DEACONS SERVING TODAY

Besty Biggar, Cricket Gordon, Evan Izatt, Jane Morris,
Janet Mascio, Joan Rice Shosho, Carolyn Hoyt Stevens

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given by Sherrie H. Bernat in loving memory of her parents, Dr. Frederick and Mrs. Mildred Halik, and her sister, Beverly Halik Walker.

June 5 and 26 are open for flower donations—if you would like to purchase Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends, please contact Sue Adams, hugwalker1@gmail.com.

Welcome to Westminster!

Masks are required at all times on Westminster's campus—including during worship.

Westminster is a Presbyterian Church (USA) congregation and a progressive place of lifelong learning. Everyone is welcome to our campus to worship, rejoice in music, question, reflect, serve, and grow, regardless of age, race, socioeconomic status, sexuality, gender identity, citizenship status, or religious affiliation.

If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our programming or mission, please fill out a Welcome Card (found in the pews) and return it to a deacon or staff member, or visit our website, wpcbuffalo.org.

As a More Light church, we invite all members of the LGBTQIA+ community to membership and full participation in all ministries. As an Earth Care Congregation, we defend and heal creation through worship and education.

Wiggle Worship Bags for youth are available at the doors. Please return after worship.

If you need assistance at any time, please ask a deacon or staff member.

Preserve the Pinnacle Update

Last week, the Choir Gallery floors were sanded and refinished. This work will continue in select other spots around the building, including the Chapel. Additionally, glass block security windows were installed in the basement of the Sanctuary.

Workers from R.A. Colby will transport the new Sanctuary organ consoles this week and begin their preparatory work. Make plans to visit the Holmes Room before worship next Sunday to view the new consoles up close.

Generosity

All Things New is off to a strong start, but still short of the \$700,000 goal. Your pledge allows us to plan for the financial stability of our church. **Please send in a pledge card or submit online via our secure website, wpcbuffalo.org/atn.** Thank you for your generosity!

For more information on making a gift to Westminster, please contact Sawrie Becker, sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org or 716.884.9437 x315.

Legacy Giving Sunday is an invitation to consider how you can share the blessings God has given to you beyond your lifetime.

The word "give" appears 921 times in the bible—almost as many times as "faith," "hope," and "love" combined. Giving can be an expression of your faith, your hope for the future, and your love for others. Please consider a legacy gift to Westminster Presbyterian Church.

This Week

Sunday, May 15

8:15 AM Worship
9:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
9:00 AM Case Library Series
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship
10:40 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Civil Rights Convers.
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle

Monday, May 16

3:00 PM ENERGY Program

Tuesday, May 17

3:00 PM ENERGY Program

Wednesday, May 18

7:15 AM AA Meeting
9:30 AM Worship Planning
1:00 PM Staff Meeting
3:00 PM ENERGY Program
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday, May 19

3:00 PM ENERGY Program
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 20

3:00 PM ENERGY Program

Sunday, May 22

8:15 AM Worship
9:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Confirmation Sunday
10:40 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Racial Justice Comm.
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle

Buffalo Marathon Sunday

May 29, 2022

One Worship Service

Due to the running of the Buffalo Marathon, Westminster will offer one worship service at 10:30 AM, in-person and via livestream. Delaware Avenue will remain closed to cars; travel to Westminster via Elmwood Avenue and enter the parking lot "backwards" via the Summer Street driveway.

Upcoming Events

Case Library Conversations Series

May 22, 9 AM in the Library and via Zoom

Led by Phil Stevens, we will view a BBC documentary about "Our Lady of Medjugorje." Mary, the mother of Jesus, allegedly appeared to six young people in Medjugorje, Bosnia and Herzegovina starting in 1981. The apparitions occurred over several years and have been controversial within the Catholic Church.

Civil Rights Dialogue - Today!

May 15, 11:30 AM in the Library

Contact: Micah, micahnd@wpcbuffalo.org

Grades 6-12, hear from civil rights activists about social justice from the 1960's to today.

Senior Celebration

May 22 during 10:30 AM Worship

Contact: Kate, katelynnd@wpcbuffalo.org

If you have a graduating high school senior you would like to honor, please contact Pastor Kate with their name and graduation information.

Pulling the Race Card

Tuesday, May 24th, 6:30-8:30 PM in Parish Hall

Zoom link in weekly eNews

Join a discussion on race sponsored by the Racial Justice Committee and the Jewish Community Relations Council, NAACP Buffalo Branch, National Action Network, and the League of Women Voters.

WECP Plant Sale Extras

Pickup May 25, 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Link to order form in weekly eNews

Extra plants are available first come, first served and may be selected through the online order form. Plants must be picked up on Wednesday, May 25th from 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM.

Women of Westminster Garden Party

June 7, 6 PM at the Balbach-Bace Home

7811 East Quaker Road, Orchard Park

Join us for an evening of garden games, food, and fun. Dust off that hat that's been sitting in your closet and enjoy the annual Women of Westminster party!

Case Library Summer Book Study

July 10-24, 9 AM in-person and via Zoom

This summer, Case Library will read Jane Goodall's *The Book of Hope*. Goodall is famous for her pioneering work with chimpanzees in Tanzania starting in the 1960's. In recent decades, she has been a tireless activist working to raise awareness and spur action on a variety of environmental issues. The book is Goodall's answer to the question, "In a world that seems so troubled, how do we hold on to hope?" Our summer conversations will take place both in-person and via Zoom. The cost of the book is \$28. A few copies are in stock at Talking Leaves; additional books will arrive soon.



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