



**WESTMINSTER**

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

**February 27, 2022**

**Worship at 10:30 AM**

Last Sunday after the Epiphany: Transfiguration

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*It is the tradition of this congregation to remain silent as we collectively prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

Chorale

Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dr. Leach

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**INTROIT**

Elijah Rock

Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

Oh Elijah rock. Come on sister help me to pray, tell me my Lord done pass this way.  
Satan ain't nothin' but a snake in the grass. He's a conjur. He's a liar. Hallelujah, Lord.  
If I could, I surely would stand on the rock where Moses stood.  
Oh, Elijah rock. Hallelujah Jesus! I'm comin' up Lord!

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*The people stand for the Call to Worship and remain standing for the hymn that follows.*

The Lord reigns; let the people tremble!

**The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

Mighty Lord, lover of justice, You have established equity;

**You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's holy mountain;

**For the Lord our God is the Holy One.**

**HYMN**

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

HYFRYDOL



1. We have come at Christ's own bid-ding to this high and ho - ly place,
2. Light breaks through our clouds and sha-dows, splen - dor bathes the flesh-joined Word.
3. Strength - ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our faith de - cline,



where we wait with hope and long - ing for some to - ken of God's grace.  
Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the heaven - ly voice is heard.  
we, like Pe - ter, find it tempt-ing to re - main and build a shrine.



Here we pray for new as - sur - ance that our faith is not in vain,  
Eyes and hearts be - hold with won - der how the Law and Proph-ets meet:  
But true wor - ship gives us cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess,



search-ing like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.  
Christ with gar-ments drenched in bright-ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.  
that our dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.



## CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Nutter Dowling

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and gracious God, we bow before your unending compassion, the measure of our falling short. We have not loved as you command. We have not spoken truly. We have not cared for creation, including ourselves, according to your will. What we intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace. Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words, and deeds, our lives might come to honor you.

*The people keep silence.*

## KYRIE

Westminster Buffalo Service, Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

*The people sing.*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

## RESPONSE

*The people stand to sing.*

Glo - ry to the Cre - a - tor, and to the Son,  
and to the Ho - - ly Spi - rit; As it was in the be - gin - ning,  
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - - - - - men.

## 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.*

Go with them, Lord, and guide their way through this and ev - ery com - ing day,  
That in your Spir - it strong and true, their lives may be a gift to you.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### PSALM

Psalm 99:1-2, 6-9

Peter R. Hallock (1924-2014)

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is King; let the people tremble; he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake. <sup>2</sup>The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples. <sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, they called upon the Lord, and he answered them. <sup>7</sup>He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them. <sup>8</sup>O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds. <sup>9</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The people stand to sing.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - - le - lu - ia!

### GOSPEL LESSON

*The people remain standing.*

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

**Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 9:28-36

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The people remain standing.*



## SERMON

Clarity Within the Clouds

## HYMN

*The people stand to sing.*

No. 74: Jesus on the Mountain Peak

MOWSLEY

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

Transfiguration

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

Text: Mechtild of Magdeburg (1207-1294)

O burning mountain, O chosen sun, O perfect moon, O fathomless well,  
O unattainable height, O unattainable light, O clearness beyond all measure,  
O wisdom without end, O mercy without all limit,  
O strength beyond resistance, O crown of all majesty,  
All creation humbly sings your praise:  
Bright stars, high mountains, depths of the seas, rushing waters,  
All these break into song at heaven's proclamation:  
This is my Son, my beloved, my chosen One. Alleluia!

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OLD HUNDREDTH

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



## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy are you, O Lord! We praise your great and awesome name. Use us, and these our gifts, in your service, to establish justice, righteousness, and equity, all for the good of your people and the glory of your eternal realm. 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.*

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

HYMN TO JOY



1. Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo - ry, Heav - en's voice, the daz - ling light;
2. Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la - tion, They shall gain and keep its truth,
3. Lord, trans - fi - gure our per - cep - tion With the pur - est light that shines,



Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com - mands the height!  
Not by build - ing on the moun - tain An - y shrine or sa - cred booth,  
And re - cast our life's in - ten - tions To the shape of Your de - signs,



Pe - ter, James, and John fall si - lent, Turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise  
But by fol - low - ing the Sa - vior Through the val - ley to the cross  
Till we seek no oth - er glo - ry Than what lies past Cal - vary's hill



Down - ward toward the sha - dowed val - ley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.  
And by test - ing faith's re - sil - ience Through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.  
And our liv - ing and our dy - ing And our ris - ing by Your will.

## BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

True Light

Keith Hampton (b. 1957)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Almighty God is light, he lives in us as True Light.  
In the beginning, out of the darkness, God created True Light.

Don't let the light that you've given me die, and don't desert my mind.  
But let the one who serves you praise you again and again.  
You are the one who judges right from wrong; your glory excites no envy.  
Everywhere I go, I want the world to know, God gave the world True Light.

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*Following worship, please remain in the Sanctuary for a presentation from Journey's End about how Westminster may support Afghan refugees.*

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Todd E. Leach, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Katelyn Nutter Dowling, Associate Pastor for Christian Education  
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries  
The Westminster Choir

## DEACONS SERVING TODAY

Betsy Biggar, Mark Hall, Stephen Johnson, John Mahoney,  
Joan Rice Shosho, Carolyn Hoyt Stevens, Jenny Wood

## CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in loving memory of Charles J. Hahn by his family and friends.

The flowers at the Pulpit are given in loving memory of Frederick B. Cooley by Valerie Cooley, Sarah Cooleybeck, Robert Cooley, and Katrina Weller.

*There will be no chancel flowers during lent; flowers will resume on April 24. To purchase Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends, please contact Sue Adams, hugwalker1@gmail.com or 716.883.7597.*

## Welcome to Westminster!

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](http://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.

## Preaching Schedule

**Worship with Communion at 8:15 AM in the Holmes Chapel (in-person)**  
**Worship at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary (in-person and livestreamed)**

**March 2, 2022 at 7 PM**

Ash Wednesday  
Rev. Dr. Todd E. Leach  
Isaiah 58:1-12

**March 6, 2022**

First Sunday in Lent  
Rev. Dr. Todd E. Leach  
Luke 4:1-13  
*Silenced by the Word*

## Generosity

Thank you to those who submitted completed Pledge Cards. We are grateful for your generosity, as we are 75% of the way toward the \$700,000 goal! **Pledges may be submitted by returning the pledge card or by visiting our secure website, [wpcbuffalo.org/atn](http://wpcbuffalo.org/atn). Thank you for your generosity!**

For more information on making a gift to Westminster, please contact Sawrie Becker, [sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org) or 716.884.9437 x315.

## Upcoming Events

### Ash Wednesday

*March 2, 7 PM in the Sanctuary and Livestreamed*  
Mark the beginning of Lent with the traditional imposition of ashes and Sacrament of Communion.

### WECP Virtual Art Gala

*March 5, 5 PM Online*  
WECP has partnered with Hearth and Press to deliver family meals to celebrate our community safely at home! For more information and purchase links, see the eNews.

### Virtual Meet and Mingle

*March 6, 2 PM via Zoom*  
Join us for conversation and fellowship—all are welcome, bring a friend! Link may be found in the eNews.

## COVID-19 Policy

Westminster's Session has convened a task force, led by Rev. Leach, to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and Westminster's response:

*N95 or KN95 masks worn properly (covering the mouth and nose) are a requirement at all times on campus; masks will be provided to those who need one. Westminster requires masks out of respect for each other, and to protect children and other vulnerable populations who are present at the service or in our homes or workplaces.*

*Throughout the week and on Sundays, staff, members, and guests are required to wear masks in public areas within the building. Staff members working in their private offices may remove their masks. Communion will be served via prepackaged elements.*

COVID-19 Task Force: Steve Edge, Ray Herman, Lucinda Hohn, Todd Leach, Garrett Martin, Katelyn Nutter Dowling, Joan Rice Shosho, and Mimi Steadman

## This Week

### Sunday, February 27

8:15 AM Worship  
8:45 AM Understanding Islam  
9:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 AM Worship  
10:40 AM Sunday School  
11:30 AM Journey's End  
1:00 PM Confirmation Class

### Monday, February 28

8:00 AM COVID Task Force  
3:00 PM ENERGY Program  
4:30 PM Membership Meeting

### Tuesday, March 1

3:00 PM ENERGY Program

### Wednesday, March 2

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

### Thursday, March 3

9:00 AM Odes to Joy Meeting  
3:00 PM ENERGY Program  
6:00 PM Handbells  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, March 4

3:00 PM ENERGY Program  
7:00 PM WECP Art Gala

### Saturday, March 5

7:00 PM Young Adult Curling

### Sunday, March 6

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



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