



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

June 5, 2022
Worship at 10:30 AM
Day of Pentecost

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Spirit of the Living God

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Leach

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Carolynn Welch, Executive Director, WEDI

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

INTROIT

Come, Holy Ghost

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1685)

Come, Holy Ghost, the Maker, come;
Take in the souls of thine thy place;
Thou whom our hearts had being from,
Oh, fill them with thy heavenly grace.

Thou art that Comfort from above,
The Highest doth by gift impart;
Thou spring of life, a fire of love,
And the anointing Spirit art.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The people stand.

How manifold are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

You send forth your spirit, and they are created;

And so you renew the face of the earth.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will praise God while I have my being.

OPENING HYMN

The people remain standing to sing.

No. 129: Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Hennessy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Without your power, O God, we are lost. We have done the things we would avoid, and what you desire, we have not done. By your purifying fire transform our lives; guide us into honesty and compassion so that filled with your peace our dreams and visions may be the one with yours; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM

Psalms 104:25-37

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

²⁵O Lord, how manifold are your works! in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. ²⁶Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great. ²⁷There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it. ²⁸All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. ²⁹You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things. ³⁰You hide your face, and they are terrified; you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust. ³¹You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth. ³²May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in all his works. ³³He looks at the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke. ³⁴I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being. ³⁵May these words of mine please him; I will rejoice in the Lord. ³⁶Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, and the wicked be no more. ³⁷Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!



SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-12

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Amazed and Perplexed

HYMN

The people stand to sing.

No. 130: Let Every Christian Pray

LAUDES DOMINI

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Alice Joseffer

OFFERTORY

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

Every time I feel the Spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.
On the mountain, my Lord spoke, out his mouth came fire and smoke.
Down in the valley, on my knees, asked my Lord have mercy please.
Jordan river, chilly and cold, chills the body but not the soul.
All around me looked so fine, asked my Lord if all was mine.
Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back.
St. Peter waiting at the gate, said come on sinner, don't be late.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Nutter Dowling

It is the practice of this congregation to welcome all baptized persons, including those children whose parents have given their permission, to join in receiving the elements. Unfermented grape juice is used.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

With a Word, you scattered chaos...



...we sing of the thanksgivings filling our hearts:

Sanctus

Ho - - ly, ho - - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

...and so we share that mystery we call faith:

Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

...so we can sing your praises for all eternity, God in community, Holy in One.

Amen

A - - - men. A - - - men. A - - - - - men.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

*As you receive the prepackaged bread and cup, it is appropriate to say "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."
After worship, please dispose of the packaging in the receptacle outside the Sanctuary.*

Prayers after Communion

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.

In the Midst of New Dimensions

NEW DIMENSIONS

1. In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of chang - ing ways,
2. Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions and de - spair,
3. As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self seek - ing schemes,
4. We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions, old and young,
5. Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with - draw in pain,
who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
who will lift the ol - ive branch - es? Who will light the flame of care?
grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.
each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.
may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.
God of rain - bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple,
ours the jour - ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

I Will Not Leave You Comfortless

William Byrd (1540-1623)

I will not leave you comfortless, Alleluia.
I go, and I will come to you, Alleluia.
Your heart shall be joyful, Alleluia.

"In the Midst of New Dimensions" was written by Rev. Julian Rush, a United Methodist minister who served churches in Dallas, Denver, Boulder, and Colorado Springs for 17 years, until he acknowledged his own identity as a gay man.

When he came out, the United Methodist church in Boulder decided he was no longer fit to be their minister and stopped paying his salary. In 1981 Bishop Melvin Wheatley appointed Julian to St. Paul United Methodist Church in Denver. This was a small church, which already had a pastor and had very little money. They decided to accept the appointment of Rev. Rush as a public gesture of support for the gay community, and as a statement about their commitment to social justice.

In 1984, St. Paul UMC became one of the first three churches in the nation to become a Reconciling Congregation, believing that all persons are children of God and are welcome in the church.

This hymn is Julian's own record of the struggle to be honest and open, even in the face of rejection which came as a result of his integrity. Following the church's inhospitable reaction, he wrote this loving and affirming hymn—a powerful lesson about what it means to love God and our neighbor.

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

DEACONS SERVING TODAY

Whitney Manalio Creighton, Linda Fabian, Cricket Gordon,
Steve Jaworski, Jane Morris, Carolyn Hoyt Stevens, Ethel Ward

ELDERS SERVING TODAY

Zandy Barrett, Bob Bojdak, Alice Joseffer, Joe Speth

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given by Erich and Mimi Steadman in memory of his mother, Eva Steadman, who passed away on May 1, 2022.

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.

Generosity

Gifts to *All Things New* support the church's annual operating expenses and programs and are vital to maintain and grow the changing needs of our members and the diverse community we serve. If you have not yet pledged, please make a financial commitment to Westminster as a sign of devotion to the ministry and mission of our church. **Please send in a pledge card or submit online via our secure website, wpcbuffalo.org/atn.** Thank you for your generosity!

Numerous studies have shown that churches have a positive economic, social, educational and physical impact on their communities. You can be a part of that positive influence for years to come by making a gift to the church in your Will. Consider including Westminster your estate planning and becoming a member of The 1854 Legacy Circle.

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

This Week

Sunday, June 5

8:15 AM Worship
8:30 AM WEDI Information Fair
9:00 AM ENERGY Tours
9:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM First Sundays
10:30 AM Worship
11:30 AM WEDI Fellowship
12:00 PM Young Adult Brunch
1:30 PM Chan Piano Recital
3:00 PM Holy Spokes Bike Club
4:00 PM Buffalo Master Chorale

Monday, June 6

3:00 PM ENERGY Program

Tuesday, June 7

10:00 AM Garden Group
3:00 PM ENERGY Program
6:00 PM WOW Garden Party

Wednesday, June 8

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, June 9

10:30 AM Buffalo Sem. Rehearsal
3:00 PM ENERGY Program
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, June 10

3:00 PM ENERGY Program
5:30 PM Nachbar/Silbert Reh.

Saturday, June 11

9:00 AM Allentown Parking
1:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
2:00 PM Nachbar/Silbert Wedd.

Sunday, June 12

8:15 AM Worship
9:00 AM Allentown Parking
9:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship
10:40 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle

Preserve the Pinnacle Update

As the Sanctuary roof project nears completion, protective window coverings were removed from the easternmost portion of the Sanctuary. Take a minute this morning to revisit these windows! Organbuilders completed integrating the new consoles to play the existing Aeolian-Skinner pipework. Additionally,

the chassis and bass pipework were installed in the Holmes Chapel. Workers will return in a few weeks to resume work. Finally, workers from J.A. Gulick completed a test fit of the first set of Delaware Avenue doors. These will be completed and reinstalled within the next few weeks.

Upcoming Events

Holy Spokes Bike Club - Today!

June 5, 3 PM in the Parking Lot

Contact: Linda Leach, lindagleach@gmail.com

After a brief meeting in the parking lot, Holy Spokes will take a short ride to enjoy Pride festivities.

Buffalo Master Chorale - Today!

June 5, 4 PM in the Sanctuary

The Buffalo Master Chorale presents its final concert of the season, featuring works by Beach, Britten, Hoggan, and Sarseny. Garrett Martin and Matt Marco are featured as keyboardists. Tickets are available at the door or by visiting bnchoirs.org.

Women of Westminster Garden Party

June 7, 6 PM at the Balbach-Bace Home

7811 East Quaker Road, Orchard Park

RSVP: Sawrie Becker, sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org

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!

Allentown Art Festival Parking

June 11-12, 9 AM-3 PM

Sign-up: Micah, micahnd@wpcbuffalo.org

The youth will raise funds for the Maine Trip during the Allentown Art Festival. Volunteers are needed!

BFNC Solstice Celebration

June 16, 5:30-8:30 PM at Marcy Casino

BFNC's celebration will feature food, entertainment, a raffle, and Community Service Award ceremonies. Purchase tickets, \$75, at BFNC.org.

Case Library Summer Book Study

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

Case Library will read Jane Goodall's *The Book of Hope*. The book is Goodall's answer to the question, "In a world that seems so troubled, how do we hold on to hope?" 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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