



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

August 21, 2022

Worship at 10:30 AM

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Nutter Dowling

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude on LANCASHIRE

David Schelat (b. 1955)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Hennessy

The people stand.

The Lord will guide you continuously and satisfy your needs in parched places;
You shall be like a watered garden, who's spring never fails;
With thanksgiving and praise, let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

The people remain standing to sing.

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE

1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, The day of march has come;
2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, Til sin's fierce war shall cease,
3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: We fol - low, not with fears;

Hence - forth in fields of con - quest Thy tents shall be our home:
And ho - li - ness shall whis - per The sweet a - men of peace;
For glad - ness breaks like morn - ing Wher - e'er Thy face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion Thy grace has made us strong,
For not with swords' loud clash - ing, Nor roll of stir - ring drums;
Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; We jour - ney in its light:

And now, O King e - ter - nal, We lift our bat - tle song.
With deeds of love and mer - cy The heaven - ly king - dom comes.
The crown a - waits the con - quest; Lead on, O God of might.

CALL TO CONFESSION



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

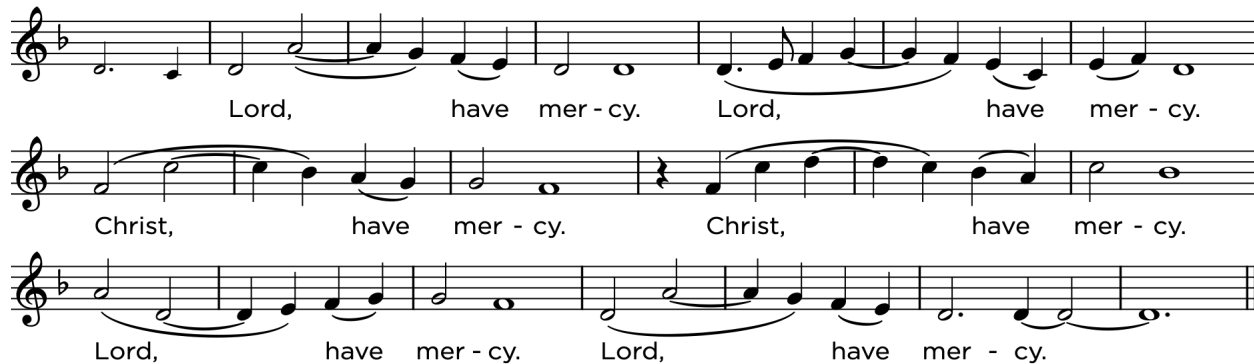
God of justice and love, we confess to you and to each other that we have not offered food to the hungry or satisfied the needs of the afflicted. We have spoken evil of others and pointed fingers in blame. We have turned away from you and our community, pursuing instead our own self-interests. Parched for mercy, we cry out for your help. Forgive us, God, and teach us your ways, that we may be renewed like a garden freshly watered.

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.

VOLUNTARY

A Song Without Words

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The people stand to sing.



GOSPEL LESSON

The people remain standing.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 13: 10-17

¹⁰Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The people remain standing.



SERMON

Sabbath Healing



HYMN

The people stand to sing.

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

YE BANKS AND BRAES

1. We can - not mea - sure how you heal or an - swer ev - ery
2. The pain that will not go a - way, the guilt that clings from
3. So some have come who need your help and some have come to

suf - ferer's prayer, yet we be - lieve your grace re - sponds where faith and
things long past, the fear of what the fu - ture holds, are pres - ent
make a - mends, as hands which shaped and saved the world are pres - ent

doubt u - nite to care. Your hands, though blood - ied on the cross, sur -
as if meant to last. But pres - ent too is love which tends the
in the touch of friends. Lord, let your Spir - it meet us here to

- vive to hold and heal and warn, to car - ry all through
hurt we nev - er hoped to find, the pri - vate ag - o -
mend the bod - y, mind, and soul, to dis - en - tan - gle

death to life and cra - dle chil - dren yet un - born.
- nies in - side, the mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.
peace from pain, and make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Adoration

Florence B. Price (1887-1953)



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

Lord of the Sabbath, we rejoice in offering you these gifts, that our lives may show forth the wondrous healing of your love in the world. 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.

O God, We Rage at Hurtful Things

ST. ANNE

1. O God, we rage at hurt - ful things Be - yond our own con - trol,
2. There's much we can - not un - der - stand; O Lord, we ask you, "Why?"
3. O Christ, your lov - ing, sav - ing touch Heals chil - dren, wom - en, men.
4. Now work through those your Spir - it sends To heal, re - store, and care.
5. And when the jour - ney seems too rough And you seem far a - way,
Like all the pain that ill - ness brings To bod - y, mind, and soul.
And yet in Christ you know first - hand The tears your peo - ple cry.
We pray for ones we love so much; Lord, make them whole a - gain.
May doc - tors, nurs - es, neigh - bors, friends Be an - swers to our prayer.
Re - mind us, Lord: You are e - nough To bring us through each day.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Paeon

Peter Hurford (1930-2019)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Beth Hennessy, Pastoral Care Associate
Rev. Katelyn Nutter Dowling, Associate Pastor of Christian Education
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music
Nancy Anderson, Cello

DEACONS SERVING TODAY

Linda Fabian, Cricket Gordon, John Mahoney, Jane Morris, Joan Rice Shosho, Carolyn Hoyt Stevens

CHANCEL FLOWERS

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 optional while seated in worship. Please continue to wear your mask while entering the building and walking to the Sanctuary.

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!

On average, churches aid 2 direct service programs, 2 educational, health, or cultural programs, and 1 community development or political/social advocacy program—all of which help the local economy, and the health and well-being of its people. Consider supporting Westminster in your estate planning and become 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.

Summer Meet and Mingle

Volunteers are needed to host Meet & Mingle each Sunday through September 4. Hosts are asked to provide three dozen cookies and lemonade or water. Contact Sawrie Becker at sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org to sign up.

This Week

Sunday, August 21

10:30 AM Worship
11:30 AM Meet and Mingle
12:00 PM Young Adult Brunch

Tuesday, August 23

10:00 AM Garden Group
5:00 PM Budget and Finance

Wednesday, August 24

8:00 AM WEDI Board Meeting
9:30 AM Worship Planning
6:00 PM Session Meeting
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday, August 26

TBA Chautauqua Day

Saturday, August 27

11:00 AM Hanford Searl Memorial

Sunday, August 28

10:30 AM Worship
11:30 AM Meet and Mingle

Alali Family Update

We enjoyed having Todd and Linda Leach at our meeting with the family recently; Hasan and Hlalh were glad to meet them. Thirteen-year-old Shokriah is preparing to play soccer at Amherst Middle School, thanks to Carol Greetham's help with school registrations. Nancy Trimble has discovered Victory Sports, who donated soccer equipment for Shokriah. Nancy is also busy finding clothes at Clara's Closet and school supplies at various sources (including Journeys End) for the five students in school – Omar, Rashed, Abdalmoatee, Shokriah, and Ali. All ten family members have now had one or more dental appointments. We've also enjoyed a pool party for the four youngest kids, celebrated Omar's 7th birthday, traveled to an outdoor concert in Clarence, and a member of St. Paul's Lutheran donated a grill.

Westminster has completed the three-month co-sponsorship commitment with Journeys End. However, support, mentorship, and transportation is still needed. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Debbie Erwin (erwin.debbie@gmail.com; 716-867-6676) or Carol Greetham (carolgreetham@gmail.com). Visa gift cards are still welcome for expenses that may come up. Thank you to Westminster for your support of this mission and outreach!

Upcoming Events

Chautauqua Day Trip

August 26, Time TBA

Contact: David Weeks, dweeks.buffalo@gmail.com

We will hear the lecture by Robert P. Jones, Director of the Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI). His most recent book is *White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity*.

Construction Update

Installation of the Sanctuary lighting system is complete; fixtures are currently being focused and color-matched to provide optimal visibility and coverage.

Restoration of the Chancel arch face and dome is complete and scaffolding has been removed. Swiatek Studio will return in early September to repaint and restore the Holmes Chapel.



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