



**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

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

Lament

Karen Thompson (b. 1969)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Nutter Dowling

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**INTROIT**

Sicut Cervus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,  
Ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

*As the deer longs for running water,  
So longs my soul for you, O God.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Dr. Leach

*The people stand.*

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

**We were like those who dream.**

Then our mouth was filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

**We rejoiced: "The Lord has done great things for us."**

May those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

**Come home with joy, carrying their sheaves.**

**HYMN IN PROCESSION**

*The people remain standing to sing. This hymn is found on page 6.*

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Hennessy

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes, our churches, and the whole world with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ's name, we pray.**

*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

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 43:16-21

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.



## PSALM

Psalm 126

Plainchant

<sup>1</sup>When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. <sup>2</sup>Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. <sup>3</sup>Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." <sup>4</sup>The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed. <sup>5</sup>Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev. <sup>6</sup>Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. <sup>7</sup>Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

## 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 you, Lord Christ.**

John 12:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The people remain standing.*



## SERMON

A Shared Extravagance

## HYMN

*The people stand to sing. This hymn is found on page 7.*

You Call Us, Lord, to Worship

LANCASHIRE

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING



## OFFERTORY

Wait for the Lord

Henry Gerike (b. 1948)

Wait for the Lord and keep to his way.  
The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;  
He is their refuge in time of trouble.  
Take delight in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.

## 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.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God...  
...Who forever sing to the glory of your name:

### 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.

...Great is the mystery of faith:

### Memorial Acclamation

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

...All glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever:

### Amen

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



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## 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.*

### Voluntary at Communion

Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior

Cathy Moglebust (b. 1958)

### 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. This hymn is found on page 8.*

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

BEACH SPRING

## BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

O Salutaris Hostia

Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1962)

O salutaris Hostia,  
Quae caeli pandis ostium:  
Bella premunt hostilia,  
Da robur, fer auxilium.

*O saving Victim,  
Who opens the door of heaven,  
Our foes abound;  
Give us strength, grant us aid.*

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Praeludium and Fugue in B-Flat Minor

Johann C.F. Fischer (1670-1746)

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Todd E. Leach, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Katelyn Nutter Dowling, Associate Pastor for Christian Education  
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

John Bace, Betsy Biggar, Carol Greetham, Tom Greetham, Evan Izatt, Ethel Ward, Jenny Wood

## ELDERS SERVING TODAY

Zandy Barrett, Ray Herman, Alanna Paris, Bobbie Billings Neal

## CHANCEL FLOWERS

Lent is one of the church's penitential seasons during the liturgical year. We remember Christ's journey through the wilderness; as such, we do not have chancel flowers during Lent. The starkness of the chancel reminds us of Christ's sacrifice and journey. Sunday flower donations will continue after Easter.

# Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

## RESTORATION



1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound - ed, sick and sore;
2. Come, ye thirst - y, come and wel - come; God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy,
3. Come, ye wear - y, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined by the fall;
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, not of fit - ness fond - ly dream;



Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y, love, and power.  
true be - lief and true re - pen - tance, ev - ery grace that brings you nigh.  
if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.  
all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth is to feel your need of him.



I will a - rise and go to Je - sus; he will em - brace me in his arms.



In the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

# You Call Us, Lord, to Worship

## LANCASHIRE



1. You call us, Lord, to wor - ship; the day is set a - side.  
2. We are for - giv - en peo - ple; we know your love's em - brace.  
3. We share our joys and sor - rows and then we of - fer prayer  
4. We cel - e - brate your love, Lord, with wa - ter, wine, and bread.



Your love is o - ver - flow - ing; the doors are o - pened wide.  
The peace of Christ is with us; for - give - ness fills this place.  
For peo - ple who are hurt - ing, for na - tions eve - ry - where.  
For at your font we're wel - comed and at your feast we're fed.



Yet as we see your good - ness, we see what we have been.  
We hear your word in scrip - ture, in ser - mon and in song.  
We bring our tithes and of - ferings, re - turn - ing what is yours,  
We pray the prayer you taught us; we sing your praise and then,



And so we hum - bly ask you, "For - give us of our sin!"  
A - gain, a - gain, you tell us: we're loved and we be - long.  
For what we keep may van - ish, but what we give en - dures.  
Through dai - ly, faith - ful liv - ing, we wor - ship you a - gain.

# Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service

## BEACH SPRING



1. Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2. Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3. As we wo - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
4. Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed:  
still the cap - tives long for - sak - en, still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart,  
As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.  
use the love your Spir - it kin - dles still to save and make us whole.  
stir - ring us to tire - less striv - ing your a - bun - dant life to share.  
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy, know, and live.

# 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.

## COVID-19 Policy

*Though the infection rate has decreased significantly, COVID-19 and the Omicron variant remain in our greater community. N-95 masks are the standard to best protect the individual wearing the mask and those who are near that individual. N-95 and KN-95 masks are provided to members and guests.*

*We continuing to require mask wearing while entering/exiting the building and for fellowship gatherings. While in the pews (both sanctuary and chapel), members may choose to remove their masks during worship.*

*The COVID Task Force will continue monitoring and guiding Westminster's protocol. Thank you for caring so deeply for one another.*

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

## Holy Week

**All services will take place both in the Sanctuary and livestreamed to [wpcbuffalo.org/live](http://wpcbuffalo.org/live)**

### **Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**

April 10 at 8:15 and 10:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Todd E. Leach

Luke 19:28-40

*Palms of Passion*

### **Choral Evensong for Palm Sunday**

April 10 at 4 PM

Organ Prelude-Recital at 3:30 PM

Rev. Dr. Todd E. Leach

The Westminster Choir

### **Maundy Thursday**

April 14 at 7 PM

Rev. Katelyn Nutter Dowling

John 13:1-17, 31-35

### **Tenebrae Service of Shadows**

April 15 at 7:57 PM (Sunset)

Rev. Dr. Todd E. Leach

John 18:1-19:42

### **Festival Service of the Resurrection on Easter**

April 17 at 8:15 and 10:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Todd E. Leach

Luke 24:1-12

*Amazed at What Had Happened*

# 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)**

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## Upcoming Events

### **Tied Fleeces for ENERGY - Today!**

*April 3, 11:30 AM in Parish Hall*

All youth are invited to create tied fleeces for ENERGY and FLY students who are graduating. Get to know other youth, learn a new craft, and give back to our refugee families. Lunch will be provided.

### **WOW Book Club**

*April 4, 7 PM via Zoom*

WOW Book Group's next book will be *The Secret Lives of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd.  
Email [carolgreetham@gmail.com](mailto:carolgreetham@gmail.com) for the link.

### **Case Library Conversations**

*April 10, 9 AM In-Person and via Zoom*

Learn about the Draft Climate Action Plan, which was just released for public comment. The Plan will outline how New York State will achieve ambitious greenhouse gas reduction goals in coming decades.

*April 24, 9 AM In-Person and via Zoom*

After a pause for Easter, Case Library resumes with Carolyn Welch, Executive Director of WEDI, who will share WEDI's recent accomplishments and plans for the future.

### **Choral Evensong**

*April 10, 4 PM in the Sanctuary and Livestreamed*  
*3:30 PM Organ Prelude-Recital*

The Westminster Choir leads a service of Choral Evensong featuring Benjamin Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb*. A prelude organ recital will be offered at 3:30 PM—don't miss one of your final opportunities to hear Westminster's historic Aeolian-Skinner organ before its renovations.

### **Journey's End Presentation Rescheduled**

*April 24, 11:30 AM in the Oak Room and via Zoom*

Madi McEwen will provide an update on ways Westminster can assist in adopting a family of Afghan refugees. Contact Jerry Kelly, [gerald@geraldkelly.com](mailto:gerald@geraldkelly.com), for more information.

### **WEDI "Winterfest"**

*April 29, 6:30 PM at Rich's Atrium*

This annual benefit supports WEDI's programs in education and entrepreneurship, including the West Side Bazaar. Visit [wedibuffalo.org](http://wedibuffalo.org) to learn more and purchase tickets.

### **"Winterfest" Silent Auction**

Help Make WEDI's Winterfest A Success! Donated items for the Silent Auction are needed, such as: handmade items, gift certificates, and theme baskets. Please return your donation to Westminster by Sunday, April 24. Call Ellen Bean at 716.868.4436 with questions or to arrange a pick-up.

### **Membership Directory**

For an updated Membership Directory, contact Jamie Adamczyk at [jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org).

### **Westminster Biking Club**

As the weather warms, Linda Leach and Micah Nutter Dowling will start a biking group at Westminster. Open to all types of wheels (scooters, battery-assisted, tricycles), they hope to schedule informal outings and participate in sponsored rides. For details, contact Linda at [lindagleach@gmail.com](mailto:lindagleach@gmail.com).

# Generosity

*All Things New* is off to a strong start, but still short of the \$700,000 goal. If you have not yet pledged, we encourage you to submit your pledge card by Easter Sunday (April 17). 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](http://wpcbuffalo.org/atn).** Thank you for your generosity!

**See, I am making all things new.**

*- Revelation 21:5*

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.

# Mission Partnerships

## **Palm Sunday Coats for Friends of Night People**

Westminster will gather and donate sweaters and coats from now until Palm Sunday, April 10. Please leave new or gently used coats, jackets, and sweaters in the Gallery Room receptacle. On Palm Sunday, we will place these garments on the end of the center aisle pews, much in the same way the disciples and people of Jerusalem laid their coats on the ground for Jesus' triumphal entry into the Holy City.

## **Support for Ukraine**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance provides humanitarian aid including food, shelter, medicine, hygiene products, and financial support to those affected by the war in Ukraine.

Westminster will contribute a dollar-for-dollar match of all funds received. To make your gift, please visit [wpcbuffalo.org/ukraine](http://wpcbuffalo.org/ukraine) or use the special envelope provided in the pews. If paying by check, please include PDA-Ukraine in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!

## **Walk and Tent of Abraham**

*April 7, 6:30 PM at the Muslim Community Center  
Walk begins 4 PM at North Presbyterian Church*

Enjoy an ethnic dinner with friends and neighbors provided by MPAC-WNY and hear from representatives of the WNY Afghan community who will discuss the ongoing needs of our new neighbors from Afghanistan. Non-perishable food items and cash donations will be collected for distribution to the needy in our community. Prior to the Tent of Abraham event, you are also invited to participate in the "Walk of Abraham," inspiring us to experience the spirit of Abraham's traditions of faith, hospitality, and mutual respect. The 4.5-mile walk will start at North Presbyterian Church with a stop at Heim Middle School where the shorter 1-mile walk begins. The walk will finish at the Muslim Community Center (Islamic Center), 745 Heim Road, Amherst, where walkers will join "The Tent of Abraham" event participants for dinner. Contact Jamie Adamczyk at [jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org) to sign up.

# This Week

## **Sunday, April 3**

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

## **Monday, April 4**

3:00 PM ENERGY Program

## **Tuesday, April 5**

12:00 PM ENERGY Program

## **Wednesday, April 6**

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

## **Thursday, April 7**

3:00 PM ENERGY Program  
6:00 PM Handbells  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

## **Friday, April 8**

3:00 PM ENERGY Program

## **Saturday, April 9**

8:00 AM Angel Gowns of WNY

## **Sunday, April 10**

8:15 AM Worship  
9:00 AM Case Library Series  
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  
3:30 PM Organ Prelude-Recital  
4:00 PM Choral Evensong



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