



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

TRANSFIGURATION

8:15 AM IN THE HOLMES CHAPEL

10:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

THE REVEREND DR. THOMAS H. YORTY
PASTOR



Worship in the Sanctuary • 10:30 AM

Welcome to this Place of Christian Worship

Do not wait for someone else to begin worship. Pray silently for yourself, for those about you, for the poor and the oppressed, for those present, for those who will shortly lead our common worship. Latecomers may enter the Sanctuary during the singing of the first hymn or during the Response to the Assurance. Deacons are available for assistance. Please turn off all cell phones.

Opening Voluntary

Andante in F minor: A Psalm of Hope

Michael Helman[†] (b. 1956)

In loving memory of Brad Smith, longtime Handbell Choir friend and supporter.

It is the tradition of this congregation to remain silent during the Opening Voluntary as we collectively prepare for worship.

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

Order of Worship

Chiming of the Trinity

The sounding of the chimes, invoking Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, is an invitation to prepare for worship through a time of silent reflection. Please be respectful of those who are praying.

Introit

Worcester Introit

Ben Parry (b. 1956)

Now let us sing with one accord;
All celebrate our heavenly Lord.
Ring bells, let pipe and organ play,
Declare the good news this joyful day.
Oh, let sweet music now amaze,
New songs we sing, let voices raise evermore,
To give Him praise

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn that follows. Hymn may be found on page 11.

Hymn in Procession

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

HYMN TO JOY

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Glorious God,
You are all wisdom
And a lamp to our feet,
Yet we fail to listen to you
And neglect to follow your guidance.
Forgive us, heal us,
And lead us on,
That we may walk in your ways
And be happy in your refuge;
In Jesus our Christ we pray. Amen.**

Time for silent prayer.



Gospel Acclamation

The people stand.



Gospel Lesson

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 17:1-9

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The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Acclamation



Sermon

Magnificat Faith: Holy Laughter

Hymn, No. 74

The people stand to sing.

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

MOWSLEY

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The people stand as the Deacons come forward and 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

**God of mountaintops and valleys,
 Be our vision of you clouded or brilliantly clear,
 We faithfully add our gifts
 To those being given all around us.
 Bless these offerings
 That they may be transfigured
 Into your presence in the world.
 Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Hennessy

**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, No. 462

The people stand to sing.

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

Benediction Response

Walk in the Light

André Thomas (b. 1939)

Walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
 Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the world.
 Lord, our Lord, Thy glorious name; all thy wondrous works proclaim.
 In the heavens with radiant signs evermore thy glory shines.



Immediately following worship, please join us for Meet & Mingle in the Holmes Room.



Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor
 The Reverend Katelyn Nutter Dowling, Associate Pastor for Christian Education
 The Reverend Beth Hennessy, Pastoral Care Associate
 Marcia Buhl, Liturgist
 Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
 The Westminster Choir

Deacons Serving Today

Ellen Bean, Betsy Biggar, Janet Christie, Kate Dierenfield, Mark Hall, Evan Izatt,
 Donald Etulo, Roberta Nickelsen, Joan Rice

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are in loving memory of the Cooley, Comstock, Buck,
 and Westcott families, given by Fred and Val Cooley.

The flowers at the Pulpit are in honor of Reverend Yorty's twenty-second anniversary
 as Westminster's Pastor, given by the church staff.

Notes on Today's Music

‡**Michael Helman** is currently Director of Music/Organist at Faith Presbyterian Church in Cape Coral, Florida, where he directs the Faith choir, a graded handbell program from children through adults, and coordinates the church's Concert Series. Prior to moving to Florida in 2006, Michael was Director of Music/Organist for fifteen years at St. Paul's United Methodist in Wilmington, Delaware.

He did his undergraduate work in organ performance at Lebanon Valley College and did graduate work in Music History and Literature at West Chester University. He is an active composer of handbell, organ, and choral music with numerous pieces in print. Michael has also won nine composition contests including the 1997, 1998, and 2000 AGEHR National Composition Contests.

He is in demand as a handbell festival director and clinician all over the country. He is a past Dean of the Delaware Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, has served on the Board of Area III of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, and is current SW Florida District Chair. Michael has begun two community handbell ensembles: the Wilmington Handbell Ensemble in 2000 and in 2009 the Southwest Florida Handbell Ensemble.

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THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, February 23

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
 8:15 AM Worship with Communion
 9:00 AM Case Library
 Conversations
 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
 9:15 AM Spiritual Life
 9:15 AM Bible Study
 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
 10:30 AM Worship
 10:40 AM Sunday School
 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
 11:30 AM Youth Committee Meeting
 11:45 AM Racial Justice Committee
 12:00 PM Confirmation Lunch
 7:30 PM A Musical Feast

Monday, February 24

1:00 PM WOW Bible Study
 4:30 PM Membership Meeting
 4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program
 7:00 PM WOW Book Discussion

Tuesday, February 25

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 9:00 AM Management Meeting
 2:00 PM Knitting Group
 4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program

6:00 PM Zen Dharma
 6:00 PM Case Library Meeting

Wednesday, February 26

Ash Wednesday

7:15 AM AA Meeting
 8:00 AM WEDI Board Meeting
 9:00 AM Worship Planning
 12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service
 1:30 PM Staff Meeting
 4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program
 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service
 6:00 PM Session Meeting
 8:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday, February 27

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program
 6:00 PM Handbells
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 28

11:00 AM Carol Potter Memorial Service
 12:00 PM Carol Potter Reception
 12:00 PM Noontime Al-Anon
 12:30 PM WEDI Meeting
 4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program

Saturday, February 29

8:00 AM Climate Conference

Sunday, March 1

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
 8:15 AM Worship with Communion
 9:00 AM Case Library
 Conversations
 9:00 AM Climate Church Workshop
 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
 10:00 AM First Sunday/Youth Service/
 Sunday School
 10:30 AM Worship
 10:40 AM Sunday School
 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
 11:45 AM Transition Team Meeting
 12:00 PM Confirmation Lunch
 2:00 PM BOU Rehearsal
 4:00 PM Compline

WESTMINSTER PRESENTS • MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Salvatore Andolina and Friends • Tonight • 7:30 PM

Salvatore Andolina, clarinet • Claudia Hoca, piano • Tiffany DuMouchelle, soprano

In the greater world of music, crossover artists will always be a rare item. But the challenge to swing freely between classical repertoire and the realm of jazz has been met straight away by the saxophone and clarinet virtuosity of Sal Andolina. As a touring artist, Sal has appeared at major venues across the United States, including Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York, and in Los Angeles on the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson.

His international performances include a recent recital tour of Japan. In addition to appearing as a soloist with JoAnn Falletta and the BPO, Sal has appeared with the New York Pops at Carnegie Hall with Marvin Hamlisch, performed the Artie Shaw Concerto with Peter Nero of the Philadelphia Pops, and has been a soloist with the Rochester Philharmonic, the Grand Rapids Symphony, Niagara Symphony, Fresno Philharmonic, and the Virginia Symphony Orchestra, among others.

Celtic Music and Art • March 18 • Noon

Beth Hennessy, Speaker • Bill Hennessy, Irish Penny Whistle

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, the Hennessys will share music, prayers, and stories from their time traveling and studying in Ireland.

Mozart's Solemn Vespers • March 27 • 7:30 PM • The Western New York Chamber Orchestra, *Artist-in-residence* Sonja Inglefield, Harp; Barry Crawford, Flute; The Choirs of Westminster Presbyterian Church; Glen Cortese, Conductor

For their annual masterworks presentation, the Westminster Choirs are joined by artist-in-residence, the Western New York Chamber Orchestra.



GIVING 2020 PRESERVE THE PINNACLE

Pledges* received as of 02/23/2020	Number of Pledges Received	Total Pledges Received	Dollars to Goal
GIVING 2020	186	\$500,652	\$99,348
PRESERVE THE PINNACLE	152	\$3,128,203	\$971,797

The "Now & Ever - Giving 2020 • Preserve the Pinnacle Capital Campaign" is well underway! Thank you to all who have pledged. If you have yet to pledge, we ask that you please return your signed Giving 2020 pledge card and your Preserve the Pinnacle pledge card at your earliest convenience. There is a basket on the table in the Holmes Room where you can place your completed pledge cards or pick up a pledge packet. For your convenience, you may make a pledge, and a pledge payment to Giving 2020, as well as a gift to Preserve the Pinnacle on our secure site at www.wpcbuffalo.org/giving. Our goal for Giving 2020 is \$600,000 and for Preserve the Pinnacle is \$4.1 million.

As you prayerfully think about your pledge, please consider increasing your pledge for Giving 2020 by either increasing your weekly offering by a few dollars, or making an overall 5% increase to ensure that we successfully accomplish our goal. Please know that whatever you contribute to the "Now & Ever - Giving 2020 • Preserve the Pinnacle Capital Campaign" will be greatly appreciated.

*Individual pledges and gifts from foundations.

NEWS AND NOTES

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

To learn more about our programming or mission, please fill out a Welcome Card (found in the pew). If you need assistance at any time, please ask a Deacon or staff member.

- As a More Light church, we invite all persons of the LGBTQIA+ community to membership and full participation in all ministries.
- Bibles and children's worship guides are available at the Sanctuary entrances. For the hearing impaired, receivers are available in the Conference Room.
- Childcare for children 5 years old and younger is available from 8-11:30 AM in the school building (across the garden).

CHURCH LIFE

INQUIRER CLASS

March 22 following 10:30 AM Worship

Friends and visitors interested in learning more about Westminster and our ministries are invited to attend a meeting in the Case Library immediately following worship. We will share Westminster's history, discuss current outreach and mission programs in the city and region, and answer any questions. At the conclusion of the meeting, those who so desire will be received into the membership of the church. For more information, please contact Sawrie Becker, 884-9437, ext. 315, or sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

WESTMINSTER'S ALCOHOL/OTHER DRUG EDUCATION AND REFERRAL SERVICE.

This service provides support to assist members and friends with issues and questions related to abuse of alcohol or other drugs. If you or someone you love needs help, call for free and confidential advice. Jen Read (228.7526) and Elizabeth Stewart (585.217.7878), Co-Chairs; Dave Carstensen (884.5403), Jane Morris (571.481.1839), Ellen Smith (431.9284), Phil Stevens (247.3824).

ENERGY

The name ENERGY reflects what we value: Education, Nurture, Encouragement, Readiness, and Growth for Youth. The ENERGY school-year program gathers at Westminster and offers a robust place for children, whose families are refugees and recently immigrated to this country, to develop English-language skills, self-confidence, and cultural awareness. Students receive a one-on-one experience with trained volunteer tutors and staff. If you are interested in reading with children, helping with homework, cooking meals, or leading lessons or activities, contact volunteer@wedibuffalo.org

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY OFFERING

Sundays, 9 AM-10:15 AM in the Parish Hall

The Reverend Katelyn Nutter Dowling will lead.

This year's Bible Study will focus on the parables of Jesus. In addition to learning what he likely meant by them, we will explore how our individual lens affects what meaning we ascribe to the parable itself. Our study will use supplemental readings that take the texts of the parables and turn them upside down, inside out, and more while looking at how class, race, sexual orientation, and more affect the way we read Jesus' parables.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmands will meet for their first official Spring lesson today after worship. Dialogue Diner and then will break into our small groups to launch into our confirmation curriculum. As a reminder, the next dates for brunch are: March 1, 8 and 15. Watch for emails about location and pick-up times. Confirmation Sunday is March 22, and we can't wait to celebrate!

NEW TIME FOR DIALOGUE DINER!

We are celebrating a new time for our traditional meal of fellowship on Sundays called "Dialogue Diner." We will now meet AFTER worship two Sundays per month. Today, join us for food and fellowship in Parish Hall, Noon until 1 PM. Students grade 6-12 are welcome.

CASE LIBRARY CONVERSATION SERIES

Sundays, 9 AM-10:15 AM in the Case Library

February 23

The Broadway Auditorium: Hiding in Plain Sight

Presenter: Chris Hawley, Urbanist and Local History Aficionado. Can you name one building where Theodore Roosevelt, Eugene V. Debs, Woodrow Wilson, Cab Calloway, Ella Fitzgerald, Samuel Gompers, Jimmy Slattery, Joe Louis, and Jay Silverheels have all appeared before a Buffalo public? A little-known civic landmark on Broadway takes the title.

March 1

Responding to the Climate Emergency-Suggested Spiritual Practices

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Jim Antal, theologian and climate activist. This discussion will explore the spiritual practices we need to build a clean, safe, healthy and viable future. How can the church support individuals, families, leaders, and communities as they become more resilient? How can church provide the safety and support people need to make this transition? How can we respond with gratitude and hope as God calls our generation to devote our skills, assets, and time to make the changes science says we must and technology says we can? Change like this is extraordinarily difficult to accomplish, but also absolutely essential.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Sundays, 9 AM-10:15 AM in the Heritage Room

February 23

Soul Making Explorations

As a group, we will reflect on Tom Yorty's article in *Traffic Magazine*, "Soul Making: a Memoir and Reflection." We will explore where we have followed "bread crumbs" in our lives and what we experienced as a result. We will also explore how to notice and respond to them, even when they take us off our scheduled paths.

March 1

Responding to the Climate Emergency—Suggested Spiritual Practices

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Jim Antal, theologian and climate activist.

Spiritual Life will join Case Library Conversations today for this important and informative program. See Case Library listing for program details.

March 8

Risking Reputation

Presenter: Debbie Katz

Lent is a time we can ask ourselves the following questions: "What should I have done that I did not do? What risk should I have taken that I was afraid to take?" Before Jesus enters Jerusalem, he asks the crowd with his disciples in Matthew 8:34, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." Using Amy-Jill Levine's Lenten study, *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, we'll look at the events of the last week of Jesus' life. On today's theme, we wrestle with the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

WOW LUNCHTIME BIBLE STUDY

Monday, March 16

1 PM-2:30 PM in the Case Library

The Women of Westminster invite you to a Brown Bag Lunchtime Bible study on the 3rd Monday of each month. This year we will explore the Horizons Bible study, *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*. Each lesson begins with an exploration of one of the Ten Words in its biblical context. From there, we consider a moment from Jesus' life that shows us how he lived out that Word. We then consider the Word for our own lives and contexts. There will be a nominal fee for the book.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

MEET AND MINGLE

Please join us on Sundays following 10:30 AM Worship. Enjoy snacks and fellowship in the Holmes Room with friends old and new! Sponsors, shoppers, and hosts are needed for Meet & Mingle in March. Meet & Mingle is a great way to celebrate a special person or occasion. For more information please sign up in the Gallery Room or contact Sawrie Becker, sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org

KNITTING GROUP

Our next meeting date is Tuesday, February 25, 2-4 PM. The group meets on select days throughout the year and works on their individual projects, as well as prayer shawls, scarves, and other handmade items for members of the church. Contact Fran Holmes for information or dates, mfranholmes@verizon.net

PASSAGES: A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS

Tuesday, March 3

Lunch, 12:30 PM • Presentation, 1:15 PM

Topic: *Teaching in Tanganyika*

Presenter: Cornelia Dopkins

Before the Peace Corps was up and running a group of Harvard students, interested in the African independence movements, volunteered to teach in Tanganyika. It was the summer of 1962. Tanganyika had just become independent of the UK in 1961 and had yet to annex the island of Zanzibar to become today's Tanzania. *Sign up in the Gallery Room if you will be attending lunch.*

AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

THEATRE OF YOUTH (TOY) stimulates the imagination, nurtures the creative spirit, and enhances the education of young people by engaging them in relevant, child-centered, and professionally-produced live theatre programs.

Three Bears Three Ways

Acting out a Story

Saturdays March 14, 21, and 28

10 AM-1 PM in Parish Hall • Grades 1-3

Learn how to act out a very well-known story in a theatrical way. Participants learn how to animate their voices and bodies to tell the tale of The Three Bears. Teamwork and sequential memory skills will be challenged and strengthened! Visit theatreofyouth.org for additional information.

PRESERVE THE PINNACLE

Westminster Presbyterian Church receives Sacred Sites grant from the New York Landmarks Conservancy.

Westminster has received a \$30,000 grant from the Landmarks Conservancy Sacred Sites Program. The matching grant is part of the Church's \$4.1 million *Preserve the Pinnacle* Capital Campaign and will help fund repair and restoration of the historic building's steeple and roof. The Sacred Sites Fund has provided over \$11.1 million of grant funding to over 800 houses of worship throughout New York State. In addition, the Sacred Sites Program has provided outreach services and technical advice to over 1,400 individual religious institutions. As Westminster prepares to raise the additional \$30,000 of matching funds needed to receive the grant award, we look forward to the new momentum that this grant will create in helping the church to reach its Capital Campaign goal.

TUESDAYS IN LENT: MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Tuesdays, March 3 through March 31

Dinner at 6 PM • Presentation and Q&A at 6:30-7:30 PM
Vegetarian and Gluten Free Options will be available.

This year's Tuesday night Lenten Dinner series will focus on the Biblical charge we as followers of Jesus have to care for the earth. This series will follow our 2020 Vision: Climate Leap Forward on Saturday, February 29, at which national climate activist, the Rev. Dr. Jim Antal will talk about the urgency the people of God face with regard to climate change and the specific actions we can take in our congregations. This series will launch Westminster and hopefully many of us in our homes and day-to-day lives into a deeper awareness of climate change, and how we as individuals and as a church can do something about it.

March 3

Rabbi Jonathan Freirich, TBZ
Mandate from the Book of Genesis to Care for Creation

March 10

Dr. David Kowalski
The Uniting of Religion and Science to Combat Climate Change

March 17

Revs. Micah and Katelyn Nutter Dowling
Becoming an Earth Care Congregation

March 24

Mr. Brendan Mehaffy
Preparing For and Welcoming Climate Refugees to Buffalo and WNY

March 31

Revs. Micah & Katelyn Nutter Dowling
Becoming Earth Care Activists in our Homes and at the Policy Table

RSVP is necessary.
For reservations, visit wpcbuffalo.org/lent

SUNDAY WORSHIP AND PREACHING SCHEDULE

8:15 AM in the Holmes Chapel with Communion
10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

February 26 • Ash Wednesday • The Rev. Katelyn Nutter Dowling • Noon and 6 PM

The traditional service of imposition of ashes and celebration of the Lord's Supper will be held in the Holmes Chapel. At 6PM, the Westminster Schola will lead this service marking the beginning of the solemn season of Lent.

March 1 • The Rev. Dr. Jim Antal, Guest Preacher

Psalm 24:1; II Corinthians 3:1-6; Matthew 4:1-11
Defiant Hope - Our Faithful Response to the Climate Crisis

Live Stream Worship Services Each Sunday

Visit us on Facebook: Westminster Presbyterian Church • Buffalo

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

HYMN TO JOY

Thomas Troeger, 1985

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824



1. Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo - ry, Heav - en's voice, the daz - zling light;
2. Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la - tion, They shall gain and keep its truth,
3. Lord, trans - fig - ure 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 - lo - wing the Sav - ior 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 shad - owed val - ley Where their Lord has fixed His eye.
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.



2020 Vision: Climate Leap Forward

A Forum to Meet the Climate Crisis

Saturday, February 29 • 9 AM - 3 PM
Westminster Presbyterian Church • Buffalo
Cost: \$10 • Students: \$5 • Lunch provided

Space is limited; please register online at wpcbuffalo.org/climate

Agenda:

Keynote and Questions with Rev. Dr. Jim Antal
Breakout Group Discussions
Group Reports to Plenary
Rev. Dr. Antal's Response and Charge
Concluding Worship

Clergy Session and Breakout Groups and Facilitators Include:

Youth Strike - Rev. Micah Nutter Dowling
Creation Justice for Congregations - Roger Cook & Rev. Katelyn Nutter Dowling
Eco-Justice on West and East Sides of Buffalo - Joshua Wallace
Our Sacred Waters - Lynda Schneekloth
Renewable Energy (Wind/Solar) - Bob Ciesielski
WNY as a Region for Climate Refugees - Brendan Mehaffy
Climate Disaster Relief Responsibility - Rev. Amos Acree
Is Climate Change Real: What Scientists Tell Us - Dave Kowalski, PhD

The Rev. Dr. Jim Antal, author of the acclaimed book, *Climate Church, Climate World*, is immediate past President of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church Christ and a long-time activist, speaker, author.

This conference is made possible in part by a grant from the Lilly Endowment.



Passing of the Peace

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

Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbors.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 2:6-13

⁶"I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion." ⁷Let me announce the decree of the Lord: he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you. ⁸Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession. ⁹You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery." ¹⁰And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. ¹¹Submit to the Lord with fear, and with trembling bow before him; ¹²Lest he be angry and you perish; for his wrath is quickly kindled. ¹³Happy are they all who take refuge in him!

Gospel Lesson

The people stand.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 17:1-9

¹Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Meditation

Magnificat Faith: Holy Laughter

Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We will distribute the elements of communion today by intinction - simply take the bread and dip it in the cup. It is appropriate to say "Amen" or "Thanks be to God" when receiving the bread and the cup as they are gifts of God for the people of God. All of the bread distributed is gluten free. Please take the center aisle to the communion station, receive the elements, and return to your seat by a side aisle. If you are unable to receive the elements by coming forward to the elders, please raise your hand for the roving elder to come to your pew to serve the bread and wine.

Sending Hymn, No. 462

The people stand to sing.

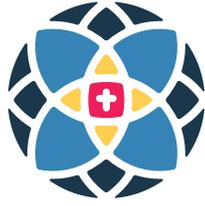
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