



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

MAY 19, 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 unable to be 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. Ushers are available for assistance. Please turn off all cell phones.

Opening Voluntary

24 Pièces de Fantaisie pour orgue, Suite No.3, Op.54
6. Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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

Song of Creation

Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

Let the earth glorify the Lord,
Praise Him and highly exalt Him forever.
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,
And all that grows upon the earth,
O springs of water, fields, and streams,
O whales and all that move in the waters,
All birds of the air, praise him.
Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild,
And all you flocks and herds,
O men and women everywhere,
Praise Him and highly exalt Him forever.

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn that follows.

Hymn in Procession, No. 313

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy, your command to love one another
Across all differences opens us to new horizons,
Yet we often respond with fear and judgment
That hinders your goal for humanity.
Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance
That leads to life for all creation.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Time for silent prayer.



Kyrie

The people sing.

Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1961)

Cantor Congregation Cantor

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

Congregation Cantor Congregation

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

Assurance of Pardon

Response

The people stand to sing.

Glo - ry to the Cre - a - tor, and to the
 Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost, as it was in the be -
 -gin - ning is now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbors.

Recognizing Senior High Graduates

Matt Cone, Flynn Granville, Naseem Haj Dahmane, Callan Izatt, Julian Payne, Anna Pyne, and Jo Stevens

TALLIS' CANON

Go with them, Lord and guide their way through this and ev - ery com - ing day,
 that in Your Spi - rit, strong and true, their lives may be a gift to you.

At this time, parents may decide to have their children 3 years and older leave with their teachers. When the children leave, please make sure they take their belongings with them.

Prayer for Illumination



Psalm

Psalm 148

Chant: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.
²Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.
³Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.
⁴Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.
⁵Let them praise the Name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created.
⁶He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
⁷Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
⁸Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;
⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
¹⁰Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;
¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
¹²Young men and maidens, old and young together.
¹³Let them praise the Name of the Lord, for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
¹⁴He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants,
The children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

Scripture Lessons

Revelation 21:1-6

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away. ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁶Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Acts 12:5b-17

⁵While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. ⁶The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. ⁷Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. ⁸The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' ⁹Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.' ¹²As soon as he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many had gathered and were praying. ¹³When he knocked at the outer gate, a maid named Rhoda came to answer. ¹⁴On recognizing Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the gate, she ran in and announced that Peter was standing at the gate. ¹⁵They said to her, 'You are out of your mind!' But she insisted that it was so. They said, 'It is his angel.' ¹⁶Meanwhile, Peter continued knocking; and when they opened the gate, they saw him and were amazed. ¹⁷He motioned to them with his hand to be silent, and described for them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he added, 'Tell this to James and to the believers.' Then he left and went to another place.

Sermon

Prayer Meetings in our Messiness

Hymn, No. 434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples
The people stand to sing.

KINGSFOLD

Invitation to the Offering



Offertory Anthem

The Deacons receive the gifts, a portion of the blessings God has given us, which we return unto God.

And I Saw a New Heaven

Edgar Bainton † (1880-1956)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth;
For the first heaven and first earth had passed away,
And there was no more sea.
And I John saw the holy city,
New Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven,
Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband;
And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying:
'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
And he will dwell with them and they shall be his people;
And God himself shall be with them and be their God;
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes,
And there shall be no more death neither sorrow nor crying,
Neither shall there be any more pain,
For the former things are passed away.' (Revelation 21:1-4)

Presentation of the Gifts

The people stand as the Deacons come forward and remain standing for the Prayer of Dedication.

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

**Loving God, we give you thanks
For the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us
In the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection.
Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation.
May they be a testament to your love for us
As we share them in love for you;
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

**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. 458

Earth and All Stars
The people stand to sing.

DEXTER



Benediction and Choral Response

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin (1858-1931)

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift His countenance upon you; and give you peace.
The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen.

Closing Voluntary

Finale from Symphony No. 1

Louis Vierne

Immediately following the service, please join us for a special Meet & Mingle, to welcome Katelyn and Micah Nutter Dowling, hosted by the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Katelyn Nutter Dowling, Guest Preacher
The Reverend Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor
Sherrie Bernat, Liturgist
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
Jennifer Shin, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar
The Westminster Choir

Deacons Serving Today

Wisdom Afealate, Drew Dees, Carol Greetham, Tom Greetham, Donald Kitungano,
Candace Marr, Johnpatrick Marr, Beatriz Nazario, Roy Stewart

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in memory of Elizabeth and Walter Constantine,
George and Betty Urban, and Jane and Sandy Cordes, given by Robert and Jane Constantine.

The flowers at the Pulpit are in memory of Charles R. Schen given with love by Claire Schen and Madeline Cherr.

Notes on Today's Music

Edgar Leslie Bainton² a British-born, latterly Australian-resident composer was born in Hackney, London in 1880. He won a scholarship to the Royal College of Music in 1896 and he was awarded the Tagore Medal. He was appointed Professor of pianoforte and composition at the Conservatoire of Music in Newcastle upon Tyne in 1901 and became principal in 1912. It sadly closed in 1938, four years after his subsequent emigration to Australia.

He was the conductor of the Newcastle Philharmonic Orchestra between 1911 and 1934. Whilst visiting Germany in 1914 he was caught by the outbreak of war and interned in Ruheben camp with other musicians. He was invalided to The Hague in 1918 before returning to Newcastle.

In 1934 Bainton was appointed Director at the New South Wales State Conservatorium of Music and within a few months had conducted the first concerts of the future Sydney Symphony Orchestra. When he retired the number of students at the NSW State Conservatorium had increased from 750 in 1934 to over 2000 in 1946.

He was a prolific composer of choral, symphonic, and chamber works. Of Edgar Bainton's church music, *And I saw Heaven*, which was completed in June 1928, takes pride of place in keeping his music alive today.

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WORSHIP AND PREACHING SCHEDULE

8:15 AM: Worship in the Holmes Chapel with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and 10:30 AM: Worship in the Sanctuary

May 26 - One Worship Service at 10:30 AM

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
The Glue That Holds Us Together; John 14:23-29

NEWS AND NOTES

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

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.

- As a More Light church, we invite all persons of the LG-BTQIA+ community to membership and full participation in all ministries of Westminster.
- We light our Peace Candle to pray for peace—both in our own neighborhoods and across the world.
 - Bibles and children's worship guides are available at the Sanctuary entrances.
 - For the hearing impaired, wireless receivers are available in the Church Conference Room.
 - Childcare for children 5 years old and younger is available from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM in the school building (across the garden).
 - If you need assistance at any time, please ask a Deacon.
 - Please pick up your generosity envelopes, which are available on the table in the Holmes Room.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

The following graduating high school students are celebrated in worship:

- Matt Cone who will attend Oberlin College and Conservatory.
- Flynn Granville who will study at Wooster College in Ohio.
- Naseem Haj Dahmane who will be attending Boston College.
- Callan Izatt who will go to the University of Vermont.
- Julian Payne will attend Clarkson University.
- Anna Pyne who will be studying at biochemistry at SUNY, Binghamton.
- Jo Stevens who will study at Bates College

We have seen many of these youth grow from infants to children to teenagers and now adults. We recognize this life changing transition and give our blessings and love to them all.

CHURCH LIFE

INQUIRER CLASS

July 28 after the Worship Service

Friends and visitors interested in learning more about Westminster and the ministries we support are invited to attend a meeting immediately following worship. Dr. Yorty will share details of 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, sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org

Westminster's Alcohol and Drug Education and Referral 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. Phil Stevens, Chair, 839-3357; Dave Carstensen, 884-5403; Jane Morris, 571-481-1839; Ellen Smith, 882-2064; Elizabeth Stewart, 585-217-7878; Jim Wieland, 523-0217.

If you are recovering from an illness/surgery, a caregiver with an ill family member, or have had a new baby, Westminister can provide a simple meal for those in need. Please contact Jamie Adamczyk at jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org, 884-9437, ext. 326.

WEDI AND MISSION

WEST SIDE BAZAAR

Check out The West Side Bazaar, 25 Grant Street, for lunch and shopping. Sunday and Monday: Closed. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 11 AM - 7 PM. Friday: 11 AM - 8 PM. Saturday: 10 AM - 8 PM.

ENERGY

Get involved with ENERGY! Sign up to tutor students, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday afternoons, 4:30-6:30 PM. Contact Alyssa Wojciechowski, Program Coordinator at 507-8216 or awojciechowski@wedibuffalo.org Thank you!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Year of the Bible The Rev. Dr. Skip Ferguson, assisted by Dr. Yorty and Debbie Katz, is leading a year-long Year of the Bible class, providing participants the opportunity to read through the entire Bible, cover to cover, over the course of the year. Two classes are offered each week: Sunday mornings, 9:15-10:15 AM, and Monday evenings, 7:15-8:15 PM; both classes meet in the Parish Hall. It's not too late to get started, so come join the group of more than 50 who have already begun! 15 minutes of reading each day is all it takes. By the end of the year, you will have read through the entire Bible! More important, you will grow spiritually in countless ways as you deepen your understanding of God's Written Word.

CASE LIBRARY

Sundays, 9 AM - 10:15 AM

Every Sunday, Case Library Conversations provides an opportunity to discuss local, national, and global issues. With these conversations, we can examine our life-long adventure in faith.

May 19: Sorting Out Health Care Directives; How to Choose the Right One.

Presenter: Cathy Papia, RN, BSN, Critical Care Family Liaison, Buffalo General Medical Center

Patients who have prepared advance directives receive care that is strongly associated with their preferences. Learn about the differences between a Health Care Proxy, Living Will, and a MOLST (Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment). We will also discuss why an Advance Directive is important as it pertains to New York State Law and take another look at the New York State Health Care Proxy form.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Spiritual Life will resume in September, Sundays, 9-10:15 AM in the Heritage Room. All are welcome!

Spiritual Life creates opportunities for Westminister members and friends to explore and reflect together upon the interior life of faith. Discoveries and questions come from topics such as deep listening, gratitude, compassion, grace, and grieving. Poetry and art are frequently woven into a presentation.

We are always interactive and supportive, looking for ways to apply important spiritual concepts to our daily lives. As a Christian congregation, we are also open to learning about other faith traditions and practices that nurture, sustain, and challenge the "inward journey." Please join us this fall!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH EDUCATION

- Preschool class meets in the WECP building. After *Time with the Children*, children 3-5 years old leave with their teachers, Debby and Chris LaMendola, and Janet Kifner-Arnatt and walk to the building together. In cold weather, the children need their coats. After worship, the children and their teachers gather in the Holmes Room.
- 1st and 2nd grade class meet each Sunday with their teachers in the first classroom before the Parish Hall balcony.
- 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades meet with their teachers in the first classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- 6th and 7th grade class meet each Sunday in the last classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- Confirmation class is made up of 8th grades; they meet with their mentor until January, after which they meet each Sunday from 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM in the classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- 9th and 12th grades meet each Sunday at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall kitchen for Dialogue Diner.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

MeetUP at the Ballpark

Buffalo Bisons vs Norfolk Tides

Friday Night Bash! June 21, 7:05 PM at Sahlen Field

Potluck picnic in the Oak Room at 5 PM.

After the game will be a totally awesome fireworks show! Tickets are \$12. David Carstensen will be selling tickets on Sunday.

KNITTING GROUP

The next knitting date is Tuesday, May 28 at 7 PM. Our group meets on various Tuesdays, 7PM to 9PM throughout the year and works on their individual projects, as well as prayer shawls, scarves and other handmade items for members of the church. Please contact Fran Holmes for more information and dates, mfranholmes@verizon.net Beginners are always welcome!

MEET AND MINGLE

Sundays, following 10:30 AM Worship. Enjoy snacks and fellowship in the Holmes Room with friends old and new!

LIVE STREAM WORSHIP SERVICES EACH SUNDAY

Can't make it to Worship on Sunday or to a special event/concert? You can still connect to Westminster. Simply visit our website: www.wpcbuffalo.org and click on the link to LiveStream on our homepage.

PLANT-BASED FOOD LOVERS UNITE!

Are you a vegan or vegetarian who would like to share an occasional supper with like-minded Westminster friends? A Foyer Dinner Group is forming just for you! For more information, contact Mindy Airhart, Mindy.airhart@gmail.com

HEAVENLY GROUNDS CAFE

Sundays, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Stop by the Oak Room for a cup of coffee or tea as you make your way to Adult Education programs between the worship services, or sit and enjoy with friends after worship

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Westminster is a vibrant faith community because of the time and commitment our members dedicate. We are thankful for our volunteers, and encourage everyone to consider participating in our church life by volunteering your time

and talent. If you are interested in the following opportunities please contact Sawrie Becker, 884-9437, ext. 315, or email sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org

Meet & Mingle Coordinator 1 – 2 hours a month. Reach out to members to schedule hosts/shoppers/donors for the Meet & Mingle weekly fellowship hour.

Laundry Angel 1-2 hours a month. Assist with tablecloth maintenance around events by taking home laundry and return to church.

WECP Coffee & Donuts 2 hours a month. Greet WECP Parents with coffee, a donut, and a smile on the second Thursday or Friday of each month at the school.

MAY IS "WILLS EMPHASIS" MONTH

The Presbyterian Church (USA) reminds us to consider making a will or updating an existing will to mirror the changes that may take place in our lives. A will is unique and should be structured to fit the needs and estate plans of each individual in accordance with the laws of the state in which they live. For this reason, you should consult a lawyer to assist you in drafting your will and estate plan. As you reflect on the role of your church family on your spiritual journey during your lifetime, perhaps you will consider including your church family in your plans. Please stop by the information table in the Holmes Room for helpful resources.

ATTENTION GARDENERS!

The Garden Group welcomes new participants. We meet on Tuesdays, from 10 AM until noon to work in the church gardens. We dig, week plant, deadhead, and perform other gardening chores; after, we share lunch. Work begins on May 14; for more information, please contact Dot Brown.

DID YOU KNOW...

It was 116 years ago in 1903, that the Church slate roof was replaced? Our roof and adjoining surfaces are in need of immediate repairs, and sadly, in some instances, replacement. After careful and thorough investigation, under the watchful eye of the Building and Grounds Committee, and it's Chair, Tom Warszawski, Session has approved roof repairs, and as needed, replacements as a top priority.

Also needing immediate attention is our historic Church Spire which houses our Bell. Inspection has found that slate on the spire requires re-pointing and other attention. One of the four finials has tumbled to the ground and the others are severely weekend by age and weather. All four will be repaired and restored.

One only need look up at the Sanctuary ceiling to see how rain and snow have penetrated the worn areas of the slate roof resulting in some portions of the plaster ceiling now requiring interior restoration work. Nothing can be restored on the interior until we have secured our roof.

For this reason, these two exterior projects, both requiring extensive professional scaffolding have been moved to the top of the immediate repairs list and authorized by Session as the first priority of Preserve the Pinnacle Capital Campaign to be launched later this year.

Scaffolding will soon be installed so that work can commence.

Don't miss the final concerts of the 2018-2019 Westminster Presents season!

A British Choral Tapestry • May 19, 4 PM in the Sanctuary

The Harmonia Chamber Singers sings music of Britain—from Byrd to the Beatles. Visit harmoniacs.org for tickets.

QED Vocal Ensemble • June 16, 4 PM in the Sanctuary

Westminster's chamber choir in residence presents a program of all-French choral repertoire.

Worship with Brass • June 30, 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

The Westminster Choirs and Buffalo Brass welcome the 2019 American Guild of Organists Regional Convention to Buffalo.

Choral Evensong • June 30, 4:15 PM at Chautauqua Institute

The Westminster Choirs sing Evensong at Chautauqua's Hall of Christ, followed by an organ recital by Joshua Stafford on the Massey Memorial Organ.

Michael Hey, organ • July 2, 1 PM in the Sanctuary

From St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC, Michael Hey performs as one of the featured recitalists of the 2019 AGO Regional Convention.

David Higgs, organ • July 4, 7 PM in the Sanctuary

Professor of Organ at the Eastman School of Music, David Higgs performs as one of the featured recitalists of the 2019 AGO Regional Convention.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, May 19

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
8:15 AM Worship/Communion
9:00 AM Case Library Series
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:15 AM Year of the Bible
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship - Recognizing High School Seniors
10:40 AM Last Sunday School
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
12:30 PM ENERGY Celebration Picnic
4:00 PM Harmonia Chamber Singers
6:00 PM QED Rehearsal

Monday, May 20

5:00 PM CMH Board Meeting
7:15 PM Year of the Bible

Tuesday, May 21

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

9:00 AM
10:00 AM

3:00 PM
3:45 PM

4:00 PM
4:30 PM
5:30 PM

6:00 PM
Wednesday, May 22

7:00 AM
9:30 AM
1:30 PM
4:30 PM
5:30 PM
6:00 PM
6:30 PM

Management Meeting
WPC/WEDI
Simultaneous Campaign Meeting
Buildings & Grounds
Capital Campaign
Cabinet Meeting
Presbytery Meeting
ENERGY Program
Budget & Finance Meeting
Zen Dharma

WECP Plant Sale
Worship Planning
Staff Meeting
ENERGY Program
Pathways To Peace
Session Meeting
QED Rehearsal

8:00 PM

Thursday, May 23

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
4:00 PM ENERGY Juggler
4:30 PM Last ENERGY
6:30 PM QED Rehearsal

Friday, May 24

5:30 PM Centering Prayer

Sunday, May 26

One Service at 10:30 AM

Marathon Race Day
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:15 AM Year of the Bible
10:30 AM Worship
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
11:30 AM Worship Leaders Seminar

**The Harmonia Chamber Singers "A British Choral Tapestry"
TODAY, 4 PM in the Sanctuary**



The Harmonia Chamber Choir perform a mix of favorite and lesser-known anthems inspired by the Anglican tradition. The mission of Harmonia is to present quality a cappella choral literature in a way that is accessible to all audiences. Their goal is to ignite an interest in familiar and unfamiliar choral works from a broad spectrum of styles and time periods. Each presentation should be an emotional, exciting, educational, and inspirational experience for the singers and the audience. They present four major concert series annually, not including special outreach engagements. Another major component of their mission is education outreach, and collaboration with young singers through workshops and concerts.



Worship in the Holmes Chapel - 8:15 AM

*The Gathering is an opportunity for worshippers to greet one another and to share prayer concerns.
An offering plate has been placed on the Communion Table to receive your gifts.*

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.

Opening Voluntary

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

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn that follows.

Hymn No. 313

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

Prayer Of Confession

**God of mercy,
Your command to love one another
Across all differences opens us to new horizons,
Yet we often respond with fear and judgment
That hinders your goal for humanity.
Forgive our sins, we pray,
And give us a true repentance
That leads to life for all creation.
We pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

Time for silent prayer.

Kyrie

The people sing.

Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1961)

The musical notation for the Kyrie consists of two staves of music. The first staff is divided into three sections: the first section is for the Cantor, the second for the Congregation, and the third for the Cantor. The lyrics for the first staff are: "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy." The second staff is divided into three sections: the first for the Congregation, the second for the Cantor, and the third for the Congregation. The lyrics for the second staff are: "Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

Assurance of Pardon



Response

The people stand to sing.

Glo - ry to the Cre - a - tor, and to the
 Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost, as it was in the be -
 - gin - ning is now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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 Lessons

Revelation 21:1-6, Acts 12:5b-17

Text can be found on page 4.

Meditation

Prayer Meetings in our Messiness

Rev. Nutter Dowling

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. 458

Earth and All Stars
The people stand to sing.

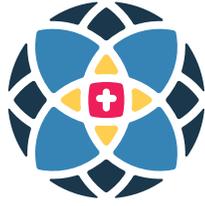
DEXTER

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Katelyn Nutter Dowling, Guest Preacher
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