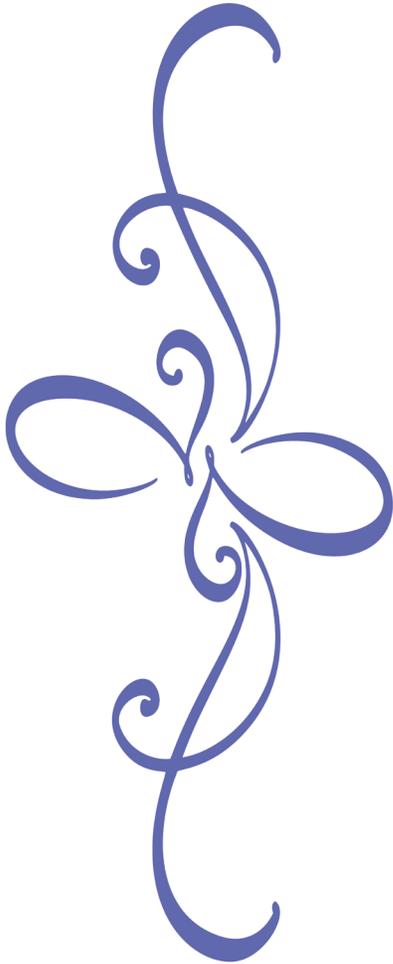


# Service for the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2020



*My speech and my proclamation  
were not with plausible words of wisdom,  
but with a demonstration of the Spirit  
and of power, so that your faith might rest  
not on human wisdom but on  
the power of God.*

1 Corinthians 2:4-5

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*W*elcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today!  
Feel free to take a *Welcome to Westminster* pamphlet from the pew rack. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible. If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133.

## Preparing to Hear God's Word

Opening Voluntary

*The Peace May Be Exchanged*  
*The Lone, Wild Bird*

Dan Locklair  
arr. David Johnson

◆ Call to Worship

*Who among us is seeking the wisdom of God?*

**We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.**

*Who among us is seeking God's bright and holy truth?*

**We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.**

*Who among us is seeking a Spirit-filled life?*

**We long to live lives of holiness and light.**

*O God, grant wisdom to all who ask. Come near, people of God.*

**Let us worship God in wisdom and truth.**

◆ Hymn 459

O Word of God Incarnate

*Munich*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Jesus calls us to love one another, to love everyone,  
no matter how dangerous that seems.*

**We listen to the voice of reason,  
telling us that laws and rules will keep us safe,  
that safety is the most important goal.**

*Jesus calls us to pour out our lives,  
to give everything we have for the healing of the world.*

**We listen to the voice of reason,  
telling us that money is the measure of success,  
and that winning at all costs is always the goal.**

*Jesus calls us to follow him beyond the voice of reason,  
into a world of foolish hope.*

**Holy One, forgive us when the delusions of the world  
call us away from the reality of the cross.**

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

HS 71

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy, have mercy.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

*The foolish One, who was born in a stable in Bethlehem  
and stretched out his arms on a cross in Jerusalem,  
forgives us and loves us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

◆ Sung Response

HS No. 84

**Through north and south and east and west  
May God's immortal name be blessed:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Till everywhere beneath the sun,  
God's reign begins, God's will is done:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

◆ Sharing of the Peace

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

Announcements for the Church and Community 11 a.m.

Time with Children and Youth 11 a.m.

## God's Word to Us

Old Testament

Isaiah 58:1-9a

OT pg. 647

Anthem 11 a.m.

*Hine Ma Tov*  
sung in Hebrew

traditional Hebrew melody  
text, Psalm 133:1

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.

New Testament

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

NT pg. 156

Sermon

Ken Henry

◆ Affirmation of Faith

adapted from the *Sarasota Statement*

*We trust in Jesus, who calls disciples to love unconditionally, who confronts brutality  
by refusing to take arms, and who defies racism by forming a community  
out of every tribe, people, and nation.*

**Jesus aligns with people who are poor, meek, persecuted, and reviled,  
and calls the church to do the same.**

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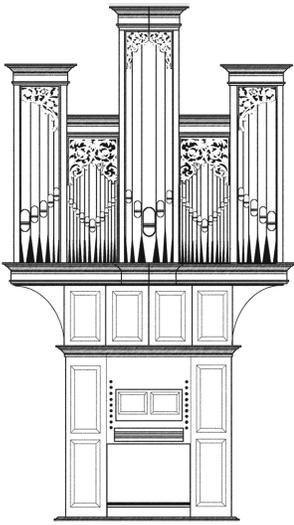
*To be a Christian is to be continuously undone and remade by a Savior who encounters us in ways we might not expect, through a collection of people we might otherwise reject, screen, or censor.*

**We grieve the ways in which we create division between people whom Christ has created for community.**

*We grieve that we have segregated and broken our communities along worldly constructs of race, class, ideology, and belief.*

**We commit to move beyond like-minded choruses that reinforce our biases, joining the community that reflects God's grace, Christ's kingdom, and the Spirit's action.**

- ◆ Hymn 693 11 a.m. **Though I May Speak** *Gift of Love*
- Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer hymnal, p. 35
- The Offering
- Offertory
- 8:30 *We Walk with God* Mary Caldwell
- 11:00 *How Can I Keep from Singing?* music and text, Robert Lowry  
arr. Geoff Weaver
- My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
- I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
- No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to the rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?
- Through all the tumult and the strife I hear that music ringing.  
It sounds and echoes in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
- The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine, since I am his! How can I keep from singing?
- ◆ Presentation of the Offering HS 81
- Praise God, the Source of life and birth;**
- Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;**
- Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame:**
- All glory, honor to God's name.**
- ◆ Prayer of Dedication
- We thank you, God, that you have blessed us  
with an abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world.  
May this offering of our life and labor reveal your love  
as we seek to share your promised reign with all creation. Amen.**
- ◆ Hymn 285 **Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song** *Bridegroom*
- ◆ The Charge and Benediction
- Closing Voluntary *Fantasia* Johann Krebs
- ◆ Please stand, as you are able.



## 40th Anniversary Concert Features Zephyrus

The Westminster Organ Concert Series celebrates forty years of concerts with a special anniversary concert on Friday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m. Zephyrus Early Music Vocal Ensemble, directed by Megan Sharp, presents “Lutheran Choral Vespers: The Reformation in the Renaissance,” a program that reconstructs a vespers service from northern Germany in the early seventeenth century. Zephyrus is joined by organist Jonathan Schakel for this program, which includes extravagant music for multiple choirs by Michael Praetorius and Hieronymus Praetorius, as well as magnificent organ music by Heinrich Scheidemann and Samuel Scheidt. The concert is free and open to the public and a reception afterward will include prize drawings and historical artifacts from the first forty years of the concert series.

## Participants in Worship

### Liturgists

Lynne Clements  
Dorothy Piatt

### Fellowship Team

Gail and Ron Wiley  
Virginia Rovnyak

### Sound Engineer

8:30 Michael Costanzo  
11:00 Mike Moore

### Ushers

8:30 Jack Townsend  
Jennifer Sulzberger  
Elizabeth Donohoe  
11:00 Irv Cox  
Billie Best  
Phil Best

### Soloist

Dana Patek

### Lay Reader

8:30 Judy Sands  
11:00 Judy Dunscomb

### Deacon of the Day

Leanna Whitmore

### Greeters

8:30 Bernice Booker  
Jennifer Sulzberger  
11:00 Billie Best

The flowers today are given by Kathy and Kirk Jacobs  
in celebration of Kathy’s birthday.

**Hearing Enhancement** – Westminster is equipped with personal hearing assistance devices for use by our worshippers. These are available in the narthex, to be checked out from the ushers before services. Our sanctuary is equipped with “T-coil” technology.

**Large-Print** versions of the bulletin, *Glory to God* hymnal, and our own *Hymnal Supplement* are available for use during the service. If you would like to use any of these large print copies, please ask an usher.

**Children and Worship** – Families are encouraged to worship together, whenever possible. We strive to include children who are first graders and older in our worship service. Children’s pew Bibles, children’s bulletins, and worship bags are available from the ushers. A “comfort room” is available downstairs for those with small children who might need a place to rest or play. A speaker in that room makes it possible to hear the service.

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## Coming Up

### Sunday, February 9

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Classes for Children,  
Youth, and Adults

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hour

Singer Rehearsal, choir room

12:30 p.m. Session Meeting,  
library

### Tuesday, February 11

10:30 a.m. Worship Cmte.,  
lounge

### Wednesday, February 12

7 p.m., 20/30 CreW Wednesday

Wind-Down, Random Row

### Thursday, February 13

4 p.m. Choristers rehearsal,  
choir room

7 p.m. Adult choir rehearsal,  
choir room

### Sunday, February 16

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Classes for Children,  
Youth, and Adults

Youth Sunday Rehearsal,  
sanctuary

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hour

Singers rehearsal, choir room

### Tuesday, February 18

6 p.m., UKirk & Wesley Dinner  
& Film, Wesley Foundation

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Alonzo Williams, *Assistant Sexton*

## WESTMINSTER NEWS & EVENTS

**Brian Blount in Worship and Christian Formation:** Next Sunday, February 16, we welcome Dr. Brian Blount, president of Union Presbyterian Seminary, to our pulpit. Dr. Blount will be preaching and teaching on 1 Corinthians.

The **Tuesday Evening Bible Study** group will meet this Tuesday, February 11. This month's discussion focuses on Lesson 5 from the Horizons Bible study, *Love Carved in Stone*. We will ponder Chapter 5, "Words of Love. Don't Kill Each Other." The group meets in the lower lounge at 7 p.m. for refreshments and discussion. Questions? Contact Lucy Burnette.

**20/30 CreW:** Are you a graduate student or in your 20s or 30s(ish)? Come to Wednesday Wind-Down on February 12 at 7 p.m. at Random Row Brewing Company to enjoy conversation while supporting a good cause! It's "Dab for Good" charity bingo night, and proceeds benefit the Rotary Club. To r.s.v.p. and stay posted on future events, contact Dorothy, dpiatt@westminsterva.org.

Two summers ago, Westminster hosted the Parkland kids' town hall meeting. A movie about their efforts, *After Parkland*, features students and their families sharing personal stories of profound trauma and loss in the wake of a shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL. The movie will be shown at the Violet Crown on Wednesday, February 12, at 7 p.m.

**UKirk: Special event for undergrads!** On Tuesday, February 18, we'll meet at the Wesley Foundation at 6 p.m. for dinner and a screening of the film *American Heretics: The Politics of the Gospel*.

**PACEM Sign Ups:** Sign up to volunteer with the PACEM homeless shelter today after worship in the Gathering Place or at [tinyurl.com/PACEM-2020](http://tinyurl.com/PACEM-2020). Thank you!

**All Things New:** Come to the annual women's retreat at Graves Mountain Lodge in Syria, Virginia on April 24-26! For several years, women have gathered to enjoy fellowship, study God's word, relax, and make/strengthen friendships. The cost is \$200, including lodging, meals, and reception hours. Register next Sunday, February 16, in the Gathering Place (in between services and after 11 a.m. worship). Questions? See Patty Vandever or Dana Eastman. Let them know if you're interested in joining the planning committee!

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**February 16 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Rev. Dr. Brian K. Blount, President and Professor of**

**New Testament, Union Theological Seminary, Library**

**Contemporary Theology, Room 207**

**Genesis: A Living Conversation, Room 208**

**Faith and Family, Lounge**

**Opening Doors, Room 209**