

  
**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

**Service for the Lord's Day**

**Holy Communion  
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 2, 2021**

**GATHERING**

*(Silence during the Prelude is requested in preparation for worship.)*

<b>PRELUDE</b>	A Celebration: Welcome Table Union Seminary	Spiritual/Matthew Corl Craig Phillips
<b>CHORAL INTROIT</b>		John Bell

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker,  
Come now and worship the Lord.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

(8:30 a.m.) NOAH DUNLAP  
(11:00 a.m.) ANDREW SPENCER

Let us worship God!

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

Come, let your guard down,  
**and step with us into the hope of Jesus Christ.**  
Hear the words we offer you now,  
**words from the hearts and minds of youth.**  
Take a deep breath: here we are to worship,  
**here we are to bow down,**  
**here we are to say that you, Oh God, are Lord.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

(8:30 a.m.) SYDNEY VANDEWATER  
(11:00 a.m.) ISABELLA DAVÉ

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**God, you are forgiving and accepting of all people.**  
**You give us security and unconditional love.**  
**You are good, no matter what.**  
**You look out for us when it seems like no one else will.**  
**You also give us people and pets to love. Thank you, God!!**

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

(8:30 a.m.) NOAH DUNLAP  
(11:00 a.m.) WILL MORRISON

Sometimes we don't get it right.  
 Scripture asks us to turn away from sin,  
**but we so often forget how to do this.**  
 We confess our shortcomings this morning in order to come to Jesus,  
**asking him to freely forgive us.**  
 And he always does this, simply because we are made  
 in the image of God and he loves us unconditionally.  
 Let us draw near to God, and with sincerity and confidence, pray together.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(8:30 a.m.) MARY NEELY YOUNG

(11:00 a.m.) BUCHANAN LINDSEY

**Lord, we have not acknowledged your direction.**  
**We have been distracted by small, superficial things:**  
**appearance, reputation and image.**  
**We have passed judgment on others**  
**when we should have shown love.**  
**We have used hateful words we did not mean.**  
**We have gone against your own word**  
**and used your name in vain.**  
**Please guide us tomorrow toward**  
**your ideal image of follower and friend.**  
**Please help us to show empathy and compassion**  
**to friends and foes.**  
**Please steer us toward self-love and acceptance.**  
**Please help us radiate unconditional love**  
**towards all people.**  
**Please lead us toward embodying the ways of Christ.**  
**Lord, hear our prayer and be our light. Amen.**

*(Silent confession)*

**Kyrie** *(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)*

Hal H. Hopson

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

(8:30 a.m.) CLAY CRAWFORD

(11:00 a.m.) VIRGINIA RICHARDSON

*(The liturgist pours water, which reminds us of our baptism.)*

Friends and family, be assured in this:  
 our God is a gracious God  
 of second, third, fourth, fifth...infinite chances!  
 God loves us, and there is nothing we can do to change this.  
 Believe the Good News: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE:**

(8:30 a.m.) CLAIRE HALEY

(11:00 a.m.) ANNIE STEWART

You have heard the gospel,  
 and gospel means “Good News!”  
 Rejoice! You are forgiven. May there be peace within you.  
 Share the peace and love that God has given you with the people around you.  
 Wave, smile or send a text to someone you love.  
 May you be content knowing that you are a child of God.  
 The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*(Please exchange the peace with the words, “The peace of Christ be with you.”)*

This Is the Feast of Victory

**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation. Refrain.**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

(8:30 a.m.) CAROLINE AVINGER  
(11:00 a.m.) CLAIRE HALEY

Open our eyes, Lord, to see you in each other.  
Help us to see your glory within our relationships  
and the community that surrounds us.  
Jesus, open our ears so that we can distinguish your words  
amidst all of the others.  
We so often forget that you are constantly  
speaking and pursuing us.  
Let us slow down and focus on what you have to say.  
And, finally Lord, open our hearts so that we may receive your love.  
Give us the clarity to see your hand on each of our hearts  
in order to reflect it onto others.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE AND SERMON**

(8:30 a.m.)  
**John 21:1-6**

TY HARDEN

(11:00 a.m.)  
**John 1:4-5**

RAMSAY COLE

**Psalm**

Michael Joncas

**Refrain**

And God will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the  
breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and  
hold you in the palm of God's hand.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in God's shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!" *Refrain.*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear:  
Under God's wings your refuge,  
God's faithfulness your shield. *Refrain.*

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day:  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come. *Refrain.*

For to the angels God's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain.*

## SECOND SCRIPTURE AND SERMON

(8:30 a.m.)

**Luke 15:11-32**

JANET BRIGGS

(11:00 a.m.)

**1 Thessalonians 5:11-14**

MARY NEELY YOUNG

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Class Creed 2017)

(8:30 a.m.) ANDREW SPENCER

(11:00 a.m.) ANNA CHAMBERS

We believe in God, Creator of all, and we believe in God's eternal love for us. God treats and loves everyone equally, and God's forgiveness of all sins heals us. God is all knowing, all-powerful, and always present.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who was the Son of God and born of the Virgin Mary. He taught us to love, performed miracles, and healed those who were sick. He was fully God and fully man and he died on the cross for us.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the giver of life. Through our daily struggles, the Holy Spirit guides and dwells within us. We feel the presence of the Holy Spirit through our interactions with others, with nature, and with Scripture, which lets us know that God is always with us.

We believe in the Church, which consists of a group of people who are called by God to come together and spread God's Word. In the church, everyone brings unique gifts and everyone is welcome. The people of the church come together to worship God, to support each other, and to serve others.

We believe in the Sacraments, consisting of communion and baptism. Communion is the feast of God's people, which symbolizes Jesus Christ's eternal covenant that promises we are all loved and forgiven. Baptism is the first step into acknowledging our faith in God, and claiming us as God's children.

## THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERING

(8:30 a.m.) ANNA CHAMBERS  
(11:00 a.m.) ADAIR WRIGHT

Anthem

Take This Moment

John L. Bell

Take this moment, sign and space, take my friends around;  
here among us make the place where your love is found.  
Take the time to call my name, take the time to mend  
who I am and what I've been, all I've failed to tend.  
Take the tiredness of my days, take my past regret,  
letting your forgiveness touch all I can't forget.  
Take the little child in me, scared of growing old.  
Help me here to find my worth made in Christ's own mold.  
Take my talents, take my skill, take what's yet to be.  
Let my life be yours, and yet, let it still be me.

### \*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise God, all creatures here below:**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**  
**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**  
**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### \*PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

### \*INVITATION

### \*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(8:30 a.m.) ORIN BASS  
(11:00 a.m.) SADIE JACKSON

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of all ages and abilities ... to be a child of God.

And so today we come together with a collective voice,  
as we join with our parents, grandparents, ancestors,  
and all the saints who have journeyed with you,  
as we forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.  
 God of pow - er and might. Heav - en and earth are  
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na  
 in the high - est! Bles - sed is he who comes, he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

Your Son, Jesus Christ, came into this world ... of his gracious love.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Loving God, ... in word and in deed.

ALL:  
 [organ] A - men, A - men, A - men.

God, we want to take a minute to look around.

First, let us look at this world: the big sky, the giant trees,  
 the signs of Spring, and the air we breathe. Thank you.

Next, let us look at this church: the place that raised us,  
 the foundation of our faith journeys,  
 and the home away from home for so many of us. Thank you.

Last, let us look at each other.

Our families. Our mentors. Our dear, dear friends.

The people who have walked with us through our lives; our highs and lows.

God, we couldn't do it without them.

And God, we thank you for YOU.

You gave us this earth, this church, and these people and called it good.

Your goodness is our constant; we praise you for that. **Amen.**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(8:30 a.m.) NORRIS ORNDORFF  
(11:00 a.m.) MEGAN HANNON

**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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

Music during Communion

Anthem

Love One Another

John Bell

Love one another for love is of God.  
Those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.  
Those who show love are the children of God;  
Father and mother is God to each of them.  
God showed his love in the face of the Son;  
Christ lives in us so that we might live through him.  
Love has no place for the menace of fear;  
Fear is abandoned where perfect love is found.  
Love has its purpose in God's holy will;  
We learn to love from the one who loved us first.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

(8:30 a.m.) ISABELLA DAVÉ  
(11:00 a.m.) AVERY SMITH

Let us pray for the church and for the world:  
In a time of uncertainty, we turn to you, God,  
for no matter the strife we face, you are with us.  
Through hatred, racism, violence and suffering,  
there are always moments when your love comes through.  
We are tired, and we ask you to lift us up when we feel we cannot go on.  
We grieve the people, time and traditions we have lost  
in the wake of a year of unknowns and new challenges.  
While we do not know what is ahead,  
we know you are leading us in the right direction.  
As our paths diverge and we leave this community that has kept us safe,

we will stay united through our faith.  
God, we know that you see our hardships, feel our grief, and hear our prayers.  
We lift these injustices said and unsaid to you,  
and we trust that you will never leave our side.  
In your son's name we pray,  
who carried our pain to the cross yet came back with love, Amen.

### SENDING

**\*HYMN 69** I, the Lord of Sea and Sky HERE I AM (Schutte)  
[see page 10 for hymn]

**\*BENEDICTION** (8:30 a.m.) ANNA CLAIRE STOCKHOFF  
(11:00 a.m.) CAROLINE AVINGER

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell.  
Put things in order, listen to my appeal,  
agree with one another, live in peace;  
and the God of love and peace will be with you.  
Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

*1 Corinthians: 11-13*

**POSTLUDE** Truro Michael Bedford

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*\*(Those who are able may stand.)*

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Thisbe and Noah Scott  
from the Ballew family.*

### SERVICE NOTES

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Koinonia Youth Ministry Class of 2021; Guy D. Griffith, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Spiritual Nurture; Margie Quinn, Director of Youth and Their Families; T.J. Piccolo, Associate Director of Youth; Katie Gossage, Associate Director of Youth and Programming; Kirsten Fox, Youth Ministry Assistant.

**MUSICIANS:** Laudate Youth Choir; John W. Semingson, Director of Music Ministries; Polly Brecht, Organist.

**COMMUNION:** The Presbyterian Church (USA) practices "open Communion" without regard to denominational affiliation. All who truly seek to become more faithful to Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table. Westminster celebrates the "Eucharist," meaning "thanksgiving," on the first Sunday of each month, on the first Sunday of each liturgical season, and on every Sunday during the Season of Easter, except Baptism Sundays.

# 69

# I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

## Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D  
*Leader or All*

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*  
*All* G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:** Outdoor worship services in the North Parking Lot at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. will take place today, May 2, 2021. No reservations are required.

Please [click here](#) for **childcare reservations** for the 8:30 am service.

Please [click here](#) for **childcare reservations** for the 11:00 am service.

**WELCOME:** Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. If you are interested in learning about membership, please contact Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler (615.292.5526; [hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org)).

**WPC MONTHLY FINANCIAL OPERATING SUMMARY:** Each month the Finance Committee provides a summary of the church operating income and expenses. If any members wish to have more information about church finances, please contact: Jo Ann McFarlin, [jmcfarlin@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:jmcfarlin@nashvillewpc.org) or 615-292-5526x 231, Mike Koban, Finance Committee Chair at [mkoban@prodigy.net](mailto:mkoban@prodigy.net), or Suzanne McLemore, Treasurer at [suzannegm58@gmail.com](mailto:suzannegm58@gmail.com).

### March 31, 2021

	<u>March</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income:	\$292,307	\$1,155,811
Expense:	<u>\$237,115</u>	<u>\$ 721,774</u>
<b>Net Income (loss):</b>	<b><u>\$ 55,192</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 434,037</u></b>

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### GRADUATING SENIOR, CLASS OF 2021:

<b>Caroline Avinger</b>	<b>Trent Lamar</b>
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<b>Janet Briggs</b>	<b>Ben Locke</b>
<b>Anna Chambers</b>	<b>Rob McCall</b>
<b>Ramsay Cole</b>	<b>Will Morrison</b>
<b>Taylor Crabtree</b>	<b>Norris Orndorff</b>
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<b>Sadie Jackson</b>	<b>Mary Neely Young</b>

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*Purpose Statement*

*Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light  
found in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

“For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness’, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.” (2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

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