

MORNING WORSHIP

Breath on Bones

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

"Pentecost...is a potent reminder that God speaks in a multiplicity of voices. We would do well to live and serve as though it does." -Marthame Sanders

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Jen Porter

As we prepare for worship, we are invited to be attentive to God's presence in our midst.

Opening Voluntary

"Allegro from Suite VI"

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

++Call to Worship

Elder Lauren Johnson

One: Come! Let us speak plainly and boldly of our faith.

All: The Spirit of God descends upon us, and Christ's promise to us is fulfilled.

One: The expression of the Spirit's power in our community is a wonder to behold.

All: We each have a different voice, yet we witness God's joy together!

++Hymn 463

"How Firm a Foundation"

Foundation

++Prayer of Confession

Spirit of God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly but our fear keeps us from following your call. Forgive our lack of courage. Embolden us to dream God-sized dreams, trusting the Spirit to fill us and use us. Help us be Christ's church without hesitation. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us usher in your Kin-dom to come...

Silent Confession

Kyrie - Unison

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Lee J. Afdahl

Musical notation for the Kyrie Unison. It consists of two staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff has a fermata over the first two measures. The lyrics are: Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, Christ, have mer - cy up - on us, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

++Assurance of God's Grace

One: Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

++Response Hymn 717 "For the Life That You Have Given"

Pleading Savior

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

++Passing the Peace of Christ

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Blessings with Younger Disciples

Nancy Greidanus

Children three years through second grade may finish their time of worship in the Worship Centers. Children's worship leaders or parents will shepherd them from the Sanctuary to their rooms. Parents may pick them up in their worship rooms following the service.

Congregation: As you worship together, may God be with you.

Children: And also with you.

Congregation: Go in peace!

THE WORD

Scripture

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Old Testament p. 806

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

"Breath on Bones"

Rev. Lynette Sparks

Special Music

"Let Thy Hand be Strengthened"
Coronation Anthem No. 4

G. F. Handel

- I. Let thy hand be strengthened and thy right hand be exalted.
- II. Let justice and judgement be the preparation of thy seat! Let mercy and truth go before thy face!
- III. Alleluia!

Eric Tanner & Diane Helle, Violin
Andrew Pool, Viola
Stacey Bosman-Tanner, Cello
Sarah Constable & Kathy Gomez, Oboe
Janlee Richter, Organ
Sanctuary Choir

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Elder Cheri Reid

Patty Haist, Deb Kammer, Betty Jo Norby, Bob Norby, and Sam Walma.

Presentation of Those Elected

The Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Special Music

"Organ Concerto Op. 4. No. 1"
II. Allegro

G. F. Handel

Prayers of the People and 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

Offering Our Lives

In addition to our regular offering, today we receive the Pentecost offering, which helps the church encourage, develop, and support young people and at-risk children. Envelopes are in the pews or you may give online. Please take a moment to sign and pass the red friendship pad located in the pew, and take note of those worshipping next to you.

Offertory

"Sarabande from Suite VI"

G.F. Handel

++Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!

++Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kin-dom and build your beloved community. Amen.

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++Hymn 610

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Azmon

++Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

"Organ Concerto Op. 4 No. 1"
IV. Andante

G. F. Handel

CONGREGATIONAL CHARGE

Go into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold on to all that is good. Return no one evil for evil. Do justice. Walk with those who are fainthearted. Help those who suffer. Honor all people. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Liturgies adapted from Call to Worship Journal and The Presbyterian Outlook.
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AHEAD IN WORSHIP

May 26
Trinity Sunday
Another Birth Story
Rev. Lynette Sparks
John 3:1-17
Sanctuary Choir

June 2
Confirmation Sunday
Rev. Jen Porter
1 Samuel 3:1-20
Youth String Ensemble

Notes on Today's Music

Notes on Handel's "Coronation" Anthem No. 4: George Frideric Handel (1685–1759) was appointed court composer by King George I of England in 1726. A year after this appointment, the king was dead and Handel's responsibility was to compose ceremonial music for the crowning of the new monarch. In England, a coronation is a religious ceremony whose festive and solemn aspects are both expressed in music. The result was the writing of four anthems to be included in the service. One or more of these anthems has been performed at every British coronation since 1727.

Anthem No. 4 "Let Thy Hand Be Strengthened" is adapted from Psalm 89 and includes three separate movements. The first, at a fast tempo, is a prayer for the king's strength and exaltation. The second movement prays that the new king will rule with both justice and mercy. The final, more robust movement, is an 'Alleluia' bringing the work to a joyful conclusion.

Notes on Handel's Organ Concerto Op. 4 No. 1 The organ concertos of Handel were the first works of their kind and served as a model for later composers. These were written for a small orchestra and a chamber organ, with no pedal board. Handel would play the organ part himself, often as interludes for his oratorios. These concertos were popular in their day, showcasing Handel's abilities as an organ virtuoso as well as his compositional skill. The Opus 4 Number 1 Concerto, published in 1738, incorporates the typical dialogue between the organ and the chamber orchestra.



Actively Engaged in the World

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

PreacherRev. Lynette Sparks, Senior Pastor
LiturgistsRev. Jen Porter, Associate Pastor
..... Lauren Johnson, Elder for Worship
..... Nancy Greidanus, Minister for Children & Families
..... Cheri Reid, Elder for Nominations
Musicians.....Janlee Richter, Organ
..... Eric Tanner & Diane Helle, Violin
..... Andrew Pool, Viola
.....Stacey Bosman-Tanner, Cello
..... Sarah Constable & Kathy Gomez, Oboe
.....Sanctuary Choir, Director Ellen Pool
Ushers..... Bernie Smith, Kathy Smith, Stephen Marshall
..... Marian Vanderwall, Tom DeVries, Ralph Hammond, Ben Boerkoel
AV Team Deanna Clark, Rachel Kamstra, Ricky Rivard

Welcome to Westminster

MEMBERSHIP

If you have questions about the life of the church or becoming a member, please email Susan Jennings at susanj@wpcgr.org. More information about worship and updates from the church can be found at westminstergr.org. You are welcome and celebrated here!

ACCESSIBILITY

If you'd like a large-print bulletin please ask one of the ushers at a Sanctuary entrance. For T-loop hearing assistance, set your hearing aid to T.

We have accessible, all-gender, companion bathrooms available off of the Dining Room.

CHILDREN

Parents of three-year-olds to fifth graders, come to the children's check-in tables in the Gathering Place before the service to sign in. Ask an usher if you'd like special worship bags, folders, or children's bulletins to help your kids engage in worship. The nursery (babies through two-year-olds) is available during the service. Children (ages 3 through 2nd grade) will begin worship in the Sanctuary and be invited to continue worship in the interactive settings of our worship centers. Leaders will shepherd them to their centers, but parents are welcome to lead them as well. Children will wait for you at the end of the service in the Children's Ministry hallway off the Gathering Place.

YOUTH

If you would like more information about youth ministry, please contact our Minister with Youth and Young Adults Kat Hand at kath@wpcgr.org.

616-456-1456 / westminstergr.org / Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Churinga (pure light, glory of God), Frank Wesley

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DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 19, 2024

10:00 A.M.

Announcements

NO MENTHOL SUNDAY May 19 In the Gathering Place today, you have the opportunity to sign a letter of support for the Michigan Senate bill banning the sale of menthol tobacco and vaping products which target youth and people of color. Civil rights and public health advocates have been fighting for years to remove menthol-flavored smoking products. For ten years around the U.S., this 3rd Sunday in May has been No Menthol Sunday.

WALK FOR MENTAL HEALTH: If you are joining the Walk for Mental Health today, join us in the parking lot after worship to walk together to Cherry Park!

BARBARA MOLHOEK-CALLUM MCPHEETERS MENTAL HEALTH FUND: May is Mental Health Awareness month and what better time to remind folks about the Barbara Molhoek-Callum McPheeters Mental Health Fund! This fund is available to anyone that needs financial assistance with access to mental health care. You don't have to be a member of Westminster to receive support. If you or someone you know may benefit from the use of this fund, or if you have any questions, contact Susan Jennings at susanj@wpcgr.org or Jen Porter at jenp@wpcgr.org.

ORDINATION OF NATHANIEL FRYER: May 19, 3:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor Westminster member Nathaniel Fryer will be ordained as Minister of the Word and Sacrament on Sunday, May 19! All are welcome to attend and celebrate with Nathaniel!

ELISABETH CIRCLE: May 21, 1:00 p.m., Parlor Elisabeth Circle will meet on May 21 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor to discuss Chapter 6 and the conclusion of *Signs and Wonders*. If you need more information, contact Sandy Topliffe at stopliffe@comcast.net or 616-447-2941.

YOUTH UPDATE: Confirmation Sunday is on June 2! On that same day, we will also have a sendoff for the high schoolers participating in the high school trip. There will be a meeting for high school parents on May 29 at 7:00 p.m. about our summer trip. This will be online at the link in our newsletter. If you are not able to be at this meeting, please email Kat at kath@wpcgr.org.

YOUTH NEED: BACKPACKING EQUIPMENT The middle schoolers will be on a backpacking trip on South Manitou Island from June 21-24. We are in need of more backpacking backpacks! Do you have any to spare? Email kath@wpcgr.org!

CAMP HENRY GOLF OUTING: June 27 Camp Henry's Golf Outing will take place at Thornapple Pointe on June 27! Proceeds help provide scholarships for kids to go to camp. You can register to join at birdease.com/camphenyrgolf.

WESTMINSTER CAMP 2024: August 29-September 1 Enjoy some late summer days at the exciting and beautiful Camp Henry by joining your church family at Westminster Camp 2024. We wish to make camp financially viable for all! Contact Nancy Greidanus at nancyg@wpcgr.org with questions about cost. Visit our website to register.

SIMPLY GIVE: From now until June 19, purchase a \$10 Meijer Simply Give donation card at the Meijer on Kalamazoo and 28th Street to benefit the pantry! You can purchase one at check out, or pick one up at the Welcome Desk and scan it in the store. You can also give directly to the pantry by scanning the QR code below.



DONATIONS: Donations can be made by scanning the QR code, through our secure online giving site, or by check sent to the church office. Email angiek@wpcgr.org or call (616) 717-5533 with questions.

This Week's Calendar

SUN. MAY 19

- 10:00 a.m. Worship ServiceSanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour Gathering Place
- 11:00 a.m. Walk For Mental Health..... Parking Lot
- 3:00 p.m. Nathaniel Fryer Ordination Service Offsite
- 6:30 p.m. Climate Book Study..... Online

MON. MAY 20

- 11:00 a.m. Quilting GroupMultipurpose Room
- 6:00 p.m. Mission Partnerships Committee..... Library
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation Committee..... Online

TUES. MAY 21

- 1:00 p.m. Elisabeth CircleParlor
- 6:30 p.m. Camp Henry Board Meeting.....Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting Library

WED. MAY 22

- 6:30 p.m. West Michigan Gay Men's ChorusChoir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting..... Online

THURS. MAY 23

- 10:30 a.m. Food PantryFront Lobby

SUN. MAY 26

- 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Choir RehearsalChoir Room
- 10:00 a.m. Worship ServiceSanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour Gathering Place