The Lord's Service

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
JUNE 21, 2020



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Please use the prelude as a time of silent preparation for the worship of the Triune God.

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

Q91. How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?

The sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not from any virtue in them, or in him that doth administer them; but only by the blessing of Christ, and the working of his Spirit in them that by faith receive them.

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 PETER 2:16-17

Live as free people, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil.

Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you and favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may fix our eyes on him and steadfastly follow in the paths of your kingdom. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

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All to Jesus I Surrender

562 (vv. 1 & 3)

CONFESSION OF SINS

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Lord, have mercy upon us Christ, have mercy upon us Lord, have mercy upon us

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

INTERLUDE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

DANIEL 3:8-18

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 PETER 2:13-17

₩ GOSPEL READING

IOHN 8:31-38

RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord Praise be to God.

SERMON

Free People

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I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

(not collected, brought up by deacons)

DOXOLOGY

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SURSUM CORDA

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.

- PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
- **X** 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 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.

- BYMN OF DEPARTURE Take My Life and Let It Be 585 (vv. 1 & 5)
- **&** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- R.A. WILLIAMSON

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Steve Flewelling (9:00AM); Ron Bonagura (11:00AM)

ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

REV. KEVIN CHIAROT JUNE 21, 2020

Free People 1 PETER 2:13-17

Peter's instruction: et for e				
1. Subjection (verses 13 and 14)				
Peter does not think subm is w				
Subjection is never a It is a duty of p				
Human institution means human c				
2. Silence (verse 15)				
This is the m for the subjection.				
The authorities may be ig and f				
Our civil o acts like a m				
3. Servants (verses 16 and 17)				
Nothing Peter has said is contrary to true f				
Freedom itself is deeply di in our culture.				
Freedom is the ability to do what you want.				
Freedom is lithough the				
Freedom is r to reality itself.				
Freedom is the moralto do what is				
Paul in Galatians: It is for that Christ set us free.				
Freedom from; freedom for loving s				
Free people are sl of God; slaves of r				
Some form of slavery is ine				
A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to				
A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to				
Honor last being.				
Free people love the				
God alone is w .				

Missions Work Highlight

BRIAN & RUTH CLARK WITH SERVING IN MISSIONS- USA

Brian and Ruth have a long association with Westminster. Brian is a CPA and Ruth a nurse with lay counseling training. Brian has served in the SIM International office as Deputy Director of Finance.

They have officially retired from their duties and will be living in Fort Mill, SC, near their youngest daughter and family. He will occasionally work on small projects with the SIM finance team and encourage and mentor the gentleman replacing him.

"Thank you for your support over the years and for your ongoing prayers for us. It has been a privilege to partner with you in following His call to make disciples."

Scripture Texts

DANIEL 3:8-18

- ⁸ At this time some astrologers came forward and denounced the Jews.
- ⁹ They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "May the king live forever!
- ¹⁰ Your Majesty has issued a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music must fall down and worship the image of gold,
- ¹¹ and that whoever does not fall down and worship will be thrown into a blazing furnace.
- ¹² But there are some Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—who pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up."
- ¹³ Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king,
- ¹⁴ and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up?
- ¹⁵ Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?"
- ¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter.
- ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand.
- ¹⁸ But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

Scripture Texts, continued

1 PETER 2:13-17

- ¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority,
- 14 or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.
- ¹⁵ For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people.
- ¹⁶ Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves.
- ¹⁷ Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

IOHN 8:31-38

- ³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
- ³³ They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"
- ³⁴ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.
- $^{\rm 35}$ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever.
- ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.
- 37 I know that you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are looking for a way to kill me, because you have no room for my word.
- $^{\rm 38}$ I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you are doing what you have heard from your father.

All to Jesus I Surrender

We have left everything to follow you! Mark 10:28



Take My Life, and Let It Be

Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity ... so now offer them in slavery to righteousness. Rom. 6:19



- 5. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

Westminster Church is both a place and a people. We gather in this sacred space to worship, to learn, and to serve God as he meets us in Christ. To this end we dedicate our time, our talent, and our resources. Here the Gospel of Christ is freely proclaimed: We are weaker and more sinful than we ever dared admit, but through Christ we are more loved and accepted than we ever dared hope. As a community of Christians, we are building a bridge to the future through faith and friendship. To this end, we pray God will give us strength, vision, and wisdom. We are thankful that you could join with us today. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Welcome to Westminster!

Westminster Stated Services		Senior Minister	
Worship	10:00 AM	The Reverend Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.	
Sunday School	11:45 AM		
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 PM	Assistant Minister	
		The Reverend Mark D. Diedrich	
Westminster Kingston			
Sunday School	10:00 AM	Session (Ruling Elders)	
Worship	11:00 AM	Mike Bonagura, Ron Bonagura, Robert David,	
1		Steve Flewelling, James Phillips, Dave Reiss	
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Cover

The Celtic cross reminds us, as Presbyterians, of our historical roots in the British Isles dating back at least to the fifth century. *Post Tenebras Lux* is a Latin slogan from the 16th-century Protestant Reformation meaning *After Darkness*, *Light*. The cross and the slogan combine to express our desire to be rooted in the ancient faith and to embrace the attainments of the Protestant Reformation.

Westminster was organized in 1854 and is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

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