

The Lord's Service

Ascension of the Lord

JUNE 01, 2025



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

Andante in D minor
Air in F Major

WILLIAM WALOND
GEORGE F. HANDEL

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.



CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 136:1–6

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
to him who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
to him who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
to him who spread out the earth above the waters,
for his steadfast love endures forever.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, by raising Jesus from the dead you proclaimed his victory, and by his ascension, you declared him Lord of all. Lift up our hearts to heaven, where he lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule over our lives. We have followed the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us of the guilt of our sin, and liberate us from its power, that we may be holy and faithful, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, the ascended ruler of all, the minister in the heavenly sanctuary, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON





RESPONSIVE READING OF THE LAW FROM THE EPISTLES

You shall have no other gods before me.
**For from him and through him and to
are all things.**

You shall not make for yourself a
graven image.
**In Christ we have redemption, the
forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the
invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.**

You shall not take the name of the Lord
your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold
him guiltless who takes his name in vain.
**Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of
praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips
that acknowledge his name.**

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it
holy. Six days you shall labor, and do
all your work; but the seventh day is a
Sabbath to the Lord your God.
**Let the word of Christ dwell in you
richly, teach and admonish one
another in all wisdom, and sing psalms
and hymns and spiritual songs, with
thankfulness in your hearts to God.**

Honor your father and your mother, that
your days may be long in the land which
the Lord your God gives you.

**Children, obey your parents in
everything, for this pleases the Lord.**

You shall not kill.
**Be kind to one another, tenderhearted,
forgiving one another, as God in
Christ forgave you.**

You shall not commit adultery.
**You are not your own; you were bought
with a price. So glorify God in your body.**

You shall not steal.
**Let the thief no longer steal, but rather
let him labor, doing honest work with
his hands, so that he may be able to
give to those in need.**

You shall not bear false witness against
your neighbor.
**Rather, speaking the truth in love, we
are to grow up in every way into him
who is the head, into Christ.**

You shall not covet your neighbor's house,
or anything that is your neighbor's.
**Take heed, and beware of all
covetousness; for a man's life does
not consist in the abundance of his
possessions.**



THE PEACE



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

Come, Let Us Join with One Accord

JOHN B. DYKES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us
so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace
and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our
Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

EXODUS 34:1-8

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 13

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 149 *Come, Ye That Love the Lord* 700

⌘ GOSPEL LESSON JOHN 15: 9-15

⌘ RESPONSE
The Word of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

SERMON *"This is Love"*

⌘ THE ATHANASIAN CREED PART I

Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic faith. And the catholic faith is this:

That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in unity, neither confounding the persons, nor dividing the substance. For there is one person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is one, the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son and such is the Holy Spirit. The Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, and the Holy Spirit is uncreated. The Father is immeasurable, the Son is immeasurable, and the Holy Spirit is immeasurable. The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, and the Holy Spirit is eternal. And yet there are not three eternal beings; there is but one eternal being. So too there are not three uncreated or immeasurable beings; there is but one uncreated and immeasurable being.

Likewise, the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, and the Holy Spirit is almighty. Yet there are not three almighty beings; but one almighty being. So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. Yet they are not three gods; there is but one God. Thus, the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, and the Holy Spirit is Lord. Yet there are not three lords; there is but one Lord.

Just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be both God and Lord, so are we forbidden by the catholic religion to say there are three gods or three lords. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

CORONATION TUNE

⌘ DOXOLOGY 731

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, 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

⌘ 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.

THE COMMUNION

(Outer ring alone is grape juice)

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

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*Let thy blood in mercy poured,
let thy gracious body broken,
be to me, O gracious Lord,
of thy boundless love the token:
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

*O Christ, thy love unfailing.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

*By the thorns that crowned thy brow,
by the spear wound and the nailing,
by the pain and death, I now claim,*

*Wilt thou own the gift I bring?
All my penitence I give thee;
thou art my exalted King,
of thy matchless love forgive me.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

⌘ HYMN OF DEPARTURE

See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph

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⌘ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⌘ POSTLUDE

Redeemer of Israel

FRANKLIN D. ASHDOWN

MINISTER: Rev. Steve Froehlich

WORSHIP LEADER: Robert David

ORGANIST & HAND BELL DIRECTOR: Elaine H. Simpson, D.M.A.

Missions Work Highlight

JANE BRINKERHOFF — SERVING IN JAPAN

Jane participated in Mission to the World's 1983 summer missions program in Asia, where the Lord laid on her heart the great need for workers in His harvest field. Learning that the Christians in Japan were only one-half of one percent of the population, and that many towns had no churches, Jane joined a church-planting team. She has used evangelistic Bible studies, small groups and mercy ministries to help spread the gospel and start churches in unchurched towns in the greater Nagoya area.

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Prayer Requests

Saints/Families of the Month: Maucher family, Mary McCorvey, Diane Menhart, Joan Mesaris, Mowat family

Weekly Prayer Focus: Pulpit Search Committee, Abigail Elmendorf with child (due 9/25), Angela DeMatteo Davis' mother Jane (recovery from surgery), David Babick (leg surgery recovery), Kameron Riffard (Esther's grandson battling alcoholism), Mary McCorvey (cancer), Jeanne Phillips (James' mother, limited responsiveness), Megan Brossman (mental health)

Announcements

We are delighted to welcome Rev. Steve Froehlich, who will typically be ministering the Word and Sacrament to us on the first three Sundays of each month. Rev. Froehlich is a retired PCA minister from Ithaca, NY.

Today is the last day of Sunday School classes for all ages. Next week, June 8th will be our Sunday School Closing Program following the morning worship service.

Please join us at 6pm for the evening service tonight.

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a church barbecue next Sunday, June 8th, following the Sunday School Closing Program. Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be provided. The congregation is asked to bring side dishes, salads, and desserts.

Get ready for Vacation Bible School (VBS) "Hero Hotline: Called Together to Serve Christ" on July 21-July 25th this summer! It will be held from 9am to 12pm each day with a closing program on Friday night at 7pm. *Please see Brenda Grammer, or contact her at (845) 863-6716, to register your children and to ask how you can volunteer for this wonderful event!* Flyers are available in the narthex.

There will not be Monthly Luncheons during July and August. The next luncheon will be on September 14, following the Sunday School opening.

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

Worship	10:00AM
Sunday School (<i>Sept–June</i>)	11:45 AM
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 PM

Christ’s Church of the Hudson Valley

Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday School	12:00 PM

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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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