

WESTMINSTER  PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 20, 2021**

It was hard work, dying, harder
than anything he'd ever done.

Whatever brutal, bruising, back-
Breaking chore he'd forced himself

to endure—it was nothing
compared to this. And it took

so long. When would the job
be over? Who would call him

home for supper? And it was
hard for us (his children)—

all of our lives we'd heard
my mother telling us to go out,

help your father, but this
was work we could not do.

He was way out beyond us,
in a field we could not reach.

Joyce Sutphen, "My Father, Dying" from
*Carrying Water to the Field: New and
Selected Poems*. Copyright © 2019
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GATHERING

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

***PRELUDE**

Nettleton
Pastoral Dance on Simple Gifts

Craig Phillips
Andrew Clarke

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

How good and how pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity.
It is like the dew of Hermon
flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord commanded the blessing
life for-evermore.

(Ps. 133:1, 3)

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**Teach us, good Lord,
to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost;
to fight and not to heed the wounds;
to toil and not to seek for rest;
to labor and not to ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that we do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

***HYMN 624**

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

CALL TO CONFESSION

We come before God not as despised sinners,
but as beloved children.

(1 John 3:2)

With the confidence of children of God,
let us humbly confess our sin.

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place:
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.**

**Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion,
cleans us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

(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

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

Believe the Good News: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

***The Peace**

Since God in Christ has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.

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.")

**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.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

Job 38:1-11 (*Old Testament, page 484 in your pew Bible*)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 133

John Clarke-Whitfield

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is,
brethren to dwell together in unity.
It is like the precious ointment upon the head,
that ran down unto the beard, ev'n unto Aaron's beard,
ev'n unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.

It is like the dew of Hermon, it is like the dew of Hermon
which fell upon the hill of Sion, which fell upon the hill of Sion.
For there the Lord promised his blessing,
and life for evermore, for 'evermore.

Mark 4:35-41 (*New Testament, page 39 in your pew Bible*)

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

SERMON

“When Life Tumbles In”

Guy D. Griffith

*“But [Jesus] was in the stern, asleep on the cushion;
and they woke him up and said to him, ‘Teacher, do you not care...?’”
(Mark 4:38)*

(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 177**

I Will Come to You

YOU ARE MINE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.** *(Col. 1:15-20)*

**All things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.**

**He is head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning,
the firstborn of the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.**

**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

I Will Come to You

You Are Mine

Leader or All



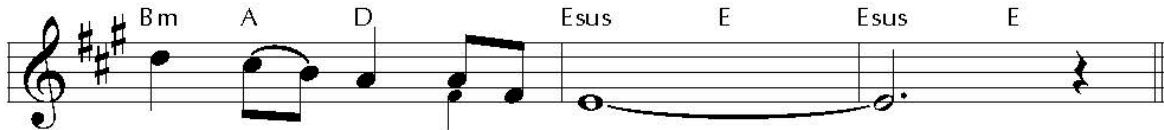
1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.



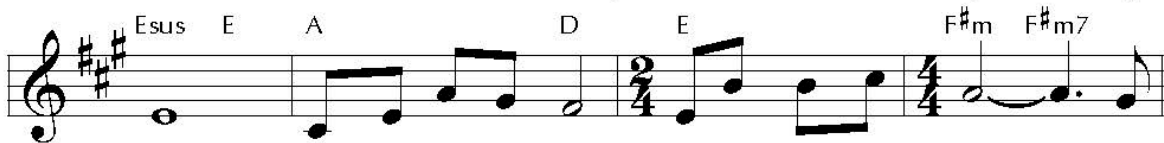
You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad - ows of the night, ; I will be your light. ;
 All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)
 Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)
 all will know my name. (to Refrain)
 up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)



Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine." 4 "I

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem (8:30 a.m.) Dear Lord, Creator Good and Kind C.H.H. Parry

Dear Lord, Creator good and kind Forgive our foolish ways;
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind; In purer lives, Thy service find,
In deeper rev'rence, praise, In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea, The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word, Rise up and follow Thee,
Rise up and follow Thee.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness, Till all our strivings cease:
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess The beauty of Thy peace,
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breath thro' the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; Speak thro' the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm, O still small voice of calm!

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) How Can I Keep from Singing Jeffrey Honoré

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 that 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?
No storm can shake my inmost calm, ...

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?
No storm can shake my inmost calm, ...

*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!**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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

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

**God of holiness,
who urges us to journey in the light,
but accompanies us when we choose the shadowy path;
who rejoices with us in our joy,
but remains to comfort us in our sorrow;
who bids us fully to enter into life,
but gently receives us in death:
hear our thanks for mercies seen and unseen,
understood and un-comprehended.
For our place in communities we call home
and the community of this church, we thank you.
For fathers and mothers, daughters and sons, sisters and brothers,
and all with whom we share kinship and family bond, we thank you.
Bend to us, Generous One,
and teach us the posture of thankfulness
that makes of life a seamless act of gratitude,
for the sake of Christ Jesus, in whom we both live and pray. Amen.**

***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.**

SENDING

***HYMN 463**

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lobe den Herren

Craig Phillips

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

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the marriage of
Sara Elizabeth Anderson and Norman Blair Tynes, Jr.
on Saturday, June 19, 2021.*

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS: Liturgist: T.J. Piccolo, Associate Director of Youth.

MUSICIANS: (8:30 a.m.) Chamber Choir; (11:00 a.m.) Summer Choir; John W. Semingson, Director of Music Ministries; Polly Brecht, Organist.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. Our love and acceptance of each other affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person, regardless of our differences, and bear witness to the love of God for all people and our commitment to Christ. Any who are interested in joining us in this journey are invited to contact Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care (615.292.5526; hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org).

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: To watch a service later in the day or week, go to nashvillewpc.org and in the Quick Links box, go to “WPC Live Stream and Recent Services” and click on the Media icon on the far right.

DIAL-A-SERVICE: Dial 629-206-1073 after 10:15 a.m. to listen to the sermon.

SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE STARTS TODAY: Please consider participating in the Summer Choir this year. The choir will rehearse for one hour (9:45 a.m.—10:45 a.m.) and sing for the 11:00 a.m. worship service throughout the summer months. The first rehearsal will be held TODAY, Sunday, June 20, 2021. Please contact John Semingson (615.292.5526 or johns@nashvillewpc.org) for additional information.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE WESTMINSTER GOLF TOURNAMENT: Mark your calendars for the Westminster Golf Tournament! Join us Monday, October 18, 2021, at Opryland's Gaylord Springs Golf Club and land yourself some birdies and barkies amongst friends! The Scottish links-style, par-72 golf course is bordered by limestone bluffs and wetlands, and has challenges around every fairway bend. From tee to green, golfers of all abilities are welcome! Contact Roger Maness at roger.maness@comcast.net with your non-binding, intention to play.

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 or 615-292-5526x231, Mike Koban, Finance Committee Chair at mkoban@prodigy.net, or Suzanne McLemore, Treasurer at suzannegm58@gmail.com.

May 31, 2021

	<u>May</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income:	\$ 195,314	\$1,657,768
Expense:	<u>\$ 240,126</u>	<u>\$1,244,648</u>
Net Income (loss):	<u>\$ (44,812)</u>	<u>\$ 413,120</u>

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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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