

WESTMINSTER  PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 25, 2021**

Prayer is more than you could ever imagine, because God is so much beyond what you can conceive. We are surrounded with gods that are too small to be up to the task of holding our deepest personal longings, never mind the world's most urgent problems.

David G. Benner, *Opening to God*

Prayer is not "getting in touch with your true self," as is so often said. It is the practice of shifting preoccupation away from yourself toward attentiveness and responsiveness to God. It is deliberate walking away from a me-centered way of life to a Christ-centered way of life. It is certainly true that in weakness and thirst and desperation we reach out to God, but the larger and more encompassing reality is that God is already reaching out to us. Prayer has its origin in the movement of God toward us.

Eugene Peterson, *Practice Resurrection*

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on Hampton
O Love, how deep! how broad! how high!

C.H.H. Parry

Shalom (Peace)

Dan Locklair

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

The Lord upholds those who are falling;
God raises those who are bowed down.

(Ps. 145:14)

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**Eternal God,
protector of all who put their trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
Fill us with your mercy and your grace,
that, with you to rule and guide,
we may so use the good things of this present life
that we do not neglect those of eternal worth;
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 806**

I'll Praise My Maker

OLD 113TH

CALL TO CONFESSION

We have been buried with Christ in baptism,
**in order that we might be raised to new life with him,
through faith in the power of God.**

Col. 2:12

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.**

**Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open us to a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more
in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

(Silent confession)

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I'll Praise My Maker

(Psalm 146)

1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice
 2 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God,
 3 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports
 4 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice

is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.
 who made the sky and earth and seas with all their train;
 the faint - ing mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace.
 is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.

My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought
 whose truth for - ev - er stands se - cure, who saves the op - pressed
 God helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and
 My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought

and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
 and feeds the poor, and none shall find God's prom - ise vain.
 the par - ent - less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.
 and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

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.")

***ACT OF PRAISE** Celtic Alleluia O'Carroll/Walker

(The congregation sings with the choir.)

**The Word of the Lord lasts forever. What is the Word that is living?
It is Jesus Christ, who is risen from the dead.**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

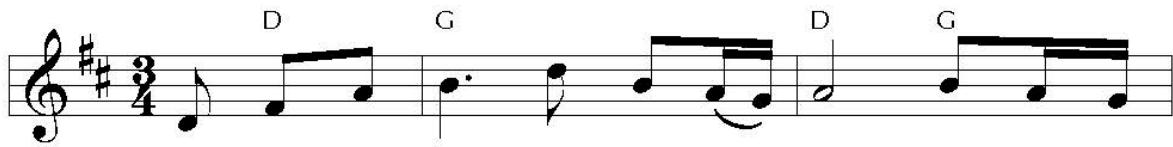
John 6:1-21 (*New Testament, pages 97-98 in your pew Bible*)

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

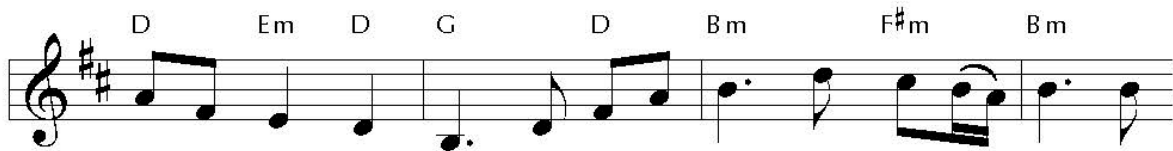
Psalm 145 (Hymn 270)

C.H.H. Parry

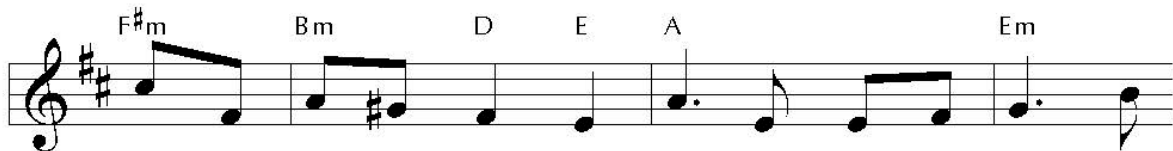
(Verse 1: Choir alone, remaining verses sung by all)



1 O Lord, you are my God and King, and I will
2 How rich in grace are you, O Lord, full of com-
3 Your works will give you thanks, O Lord; your saints your



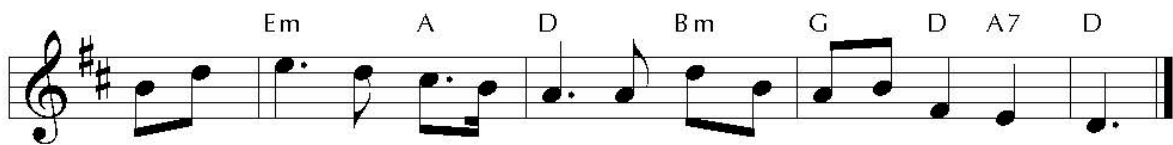
ev - er bless your name; I will ex - tol you ev - ery day, and
pas - sion, mer - ci - ful, your an - ger al - ways slow to rise; your
might - y acts will show, till all the peo - ples of the earth your



ev - er - more your praise pro - claim. You, Lord, are great - ly
stead - fast love you show to all, for you are good in
king - dom, pow - er, glo - ry know. E - ter - nal is your



to be praised; your great - ness is be - yond our thought; all
all your ways; your crea - tures know your con - stant care. To
king - dom, Lord, for - ev - er strong, for - ev - er sure; while



gen - er - a - tions shall tell forth the might - y won - ders you have wrought.
all your works your love ex - tends; all souls your ten - der mer - cies share.
gen - er - a - tions rise and die, your high do - min - ion will en - dure.

Ephesians 3:14-21 *(New Testament, page 193 in your pew Bible)*

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your

hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON

“Faith in Four Dimensions”

Guy D. Griffith

“Being rooted and grounded in love, may you have power to comprehend ... what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ ... that you may be filled with the all the fullness of God. (Eph. 3:17b-19).

(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 629**

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

ST. AGNES

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**The reconciling work of Jesus
was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.
His cross and resurrection
become personal crisis and present hope for women and men
when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.
In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all,
moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience,
and initiates the new life in Christ.**

**The new life takes shape in a community
in which people know that God loves and accepts them
in spite of what they are.
They therefore accept themselves and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand,
except God’s grace.**

**The new life does not release people
from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear.
They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems.
Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness
in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer,
bearing witness on good days and evil days,
confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.**

Confession of 1967, 9.21-23

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee 629

1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee
2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
3 O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart,
4 But what to those who find? Ah, this
5 Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou,

with sweet-ness fills my breast. But sweet - er far thy
nor can the mind re - call a sweet - er sound than
O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how
nor tongue nor pen can show. The love of Je - sus,
as thou our prize wilt be. Je - sus, be thou our

face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.
thy blest name, O Sav - ior of us all.
kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
what it is none but his loved ones know.
glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

Everett Titcomb

O Love, How Broad, How Deep, How High

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
How passing thought and fantasy, That God, the Son of God,
should take Our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us he prayed, for us he taught, For us his daily works he wrought,
By words and signs and actions, thus Still seeking not himself, but us.

All glory to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity, whom we adore, Forever and forevermore. Amen.

Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

DEO GRACIAS, arr. Schalk

O Love, How Broad, How Deep, How High

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
How passing thought and fantasy, That God, the Son of God,
should take Our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us to wicked men betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death; For us gave up His dying breath.

For us He rose from death again, For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here To guide, to comfort, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad,
The Trinity, whom we adore, Forever and forevermore.

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**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.

**We give you thanks, great God,
for the hope we have in Jesus,
who died, but is risen and rules over all.
We praise you for his presence with us.
Because he lives, we look for eternal life,
knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come
can separate us from your great love
made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 711** Lord of All Good TOULON
[see page 10 for hymn.]

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Deo Gracias Craig Phillips
O Love, how deep

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

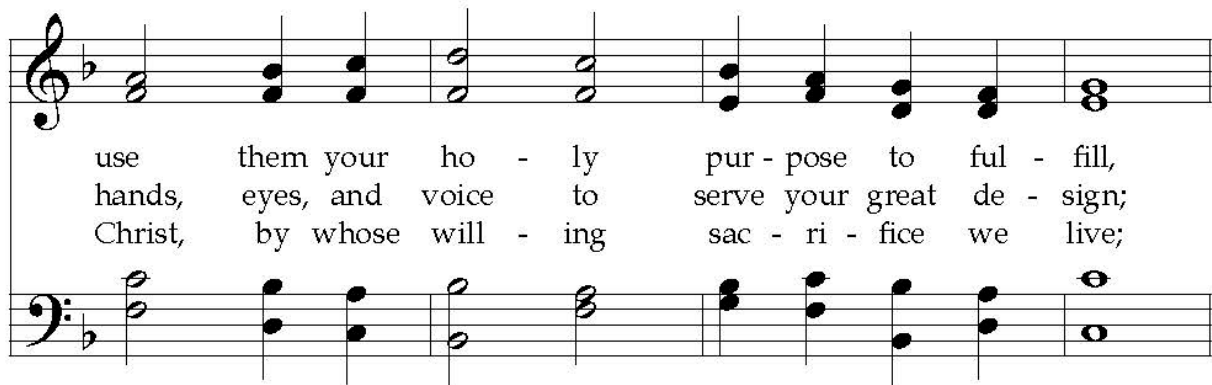
*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Elizabeth Porter Zarabi
by Robert Zarabi, Clisby Hall, Josh Zarabi, Alex Zarabi and Jack Barrow.*

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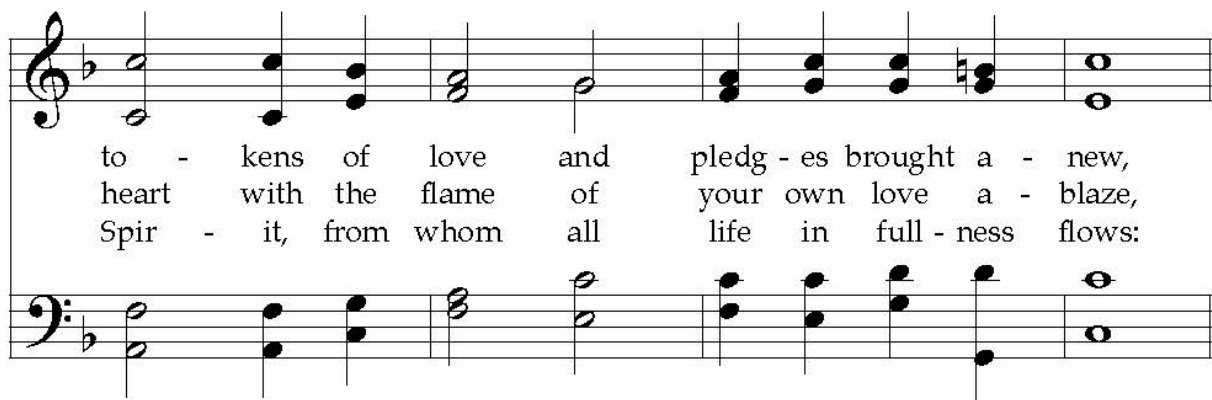
Lord of All Good



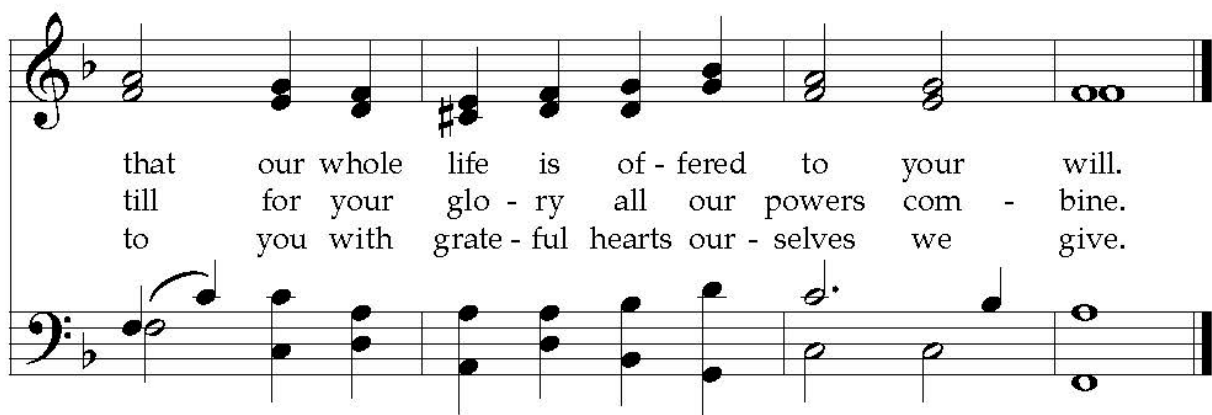
1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
2 We give our minds to un-der-stand your ways;
3 Fa-ther, whose boun-ty all cre-a-tion shows;



use them your ho-ly pur-pose to ful-fill,
hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great de-sign;
Christ, by whose will-ing sac-ri-fice we live;



to-kens of love and pledg-es brought a-new,
heart with the flame of your own love a-blaze,
Spir-it, from whom all life in full-ness flows;



that our whole life is of-fered to your will.
till for your glo-ry all our powers com-bine.
to you with grate-ful hearts our-selves we give.

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS: Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Caldwell. Elizabeth F. “Lib” Caldwell is an ordained PC(USA) minister, noted Christian educator, author, coeditor of *Growing in God’s Love: A Story Bible*, and an editor of the Common English Bible. She is Professor Emerita of Pastoral Theology at McCormick Theological Seminary and Visiting Professor in Religious Education at Vanderbilt Divinity School.

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. 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).

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP TIME: Following both worship services, lemonade (along with coffee, water, and treats) will be held in the Parlor. Please join us for this happy time of being together again – come greet an old friend, or make a new one! All are welcome!

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.

MASK POLICY: Westminster follows the CDC and Metro Health guidelines. If you are fully vaccinated, masks are not required. If you or a family member are not fully vaccinated or are immune compromised, please wear a mask. *The balcony is open as an additional space for mask-wearers only. If you are wearing a mask, you are welcome to sit in the balcony.*

REPAIRS OF THE CHURCH BUILDING: Please excuse our mess as we continue to move forward this summer with construction projects around the Church. We’re painting, repairing/replacing windows, and more. Please enter the building from the Wilson or Mayfair sides only. The Narthex entry to the Sanctuary will be closed for paver repair. Thanks for your patience!

JOIN THE SUMMER CHOIR: The Summer Choir rehearses for one hour (9:45 a.m.—10:45 a.m.) and sings for the 11:00 a.m. worship service throughout the summer months. Please contact John Semingson (615.292.5526 or johns@nashvillewpc.org) for additional information.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE WESTMINSTER GOLF OUTING: Mark your calendars for the Westminster Golf Outing! Join us Monday, October 18, 2021, at Opryland's Gaylord Springs Golf Club. 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 615-292-5526x 231, Mike Koban, Finance Committee Chair at mkoban@prodigy.net, or Suzanne McLemore, Treasurer at suzannegm58@gmail.com.

June 30, 2021

	<u>June</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income:	\$179,795	\$1,837,563
Expense:	<u>\$200,424</u>	<u>\$1,445,072</u>
Net Income (loss):	<u>\$ (20,629)</u>	<u>\$ 392,491</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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