

### **GATHERING**

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

**PRELUDE** Andante religioso from Op. 65, no. 4

Felix Mendelssohn

### About the Prelude

The Prelude is a musical offering to help move the hearts and minds of the gathering community from the daily struggles of life to the worship of God. While being part of a Sonata, these organ pieces by Mendelssohn originated as a collection of Church Voluntaries, which he later grouped together as movements of six sonatas. The movements do not correspond to Sonata Forms, but rather follow idiomatic expressions of the organ and its use in Worship.

#### About Hymn 39

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring. TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Psalm 100: 1, 2, 5 Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing!

For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting, and whose faithfulness endures to all generations!

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

O God, light of the hearts that seek you, life of the souls that love you, to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, to abide in you is to stand fast forever. Fill us with your love and Holy Spirit, and renew us in Christ's grace, for you are our God, forever and ever. Amen.

(The Cross and Bible lead the procession, symbolic of the centrality in worship of Jesus Christ - the Living Word, and the Bible - the written Word.)

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 39

**FAITHFULNESS** 

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

### CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, 1 John 1:8, 9 we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins,
God, who is faithful and just
will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In humility, let us confess our sin to God.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You call us, O God,
but we don't always hear.
Or, if we do hear,
we are reluctant to respond.
Or, if we do respond,
we are reluctant to follow where you lead.
Our sin pulls us away from you,
yet you won't give up on us.
Remove the obstacles and barriers
that keep us from the life you intend for us.
Help us to receive your call with our whole hearts,
so that we may do your work and give you glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silent confession)

## **Kyrie**

Hal H. Hopson

(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.")

Call to and Prayer of Confession

Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the errant state of the world and of our lives, confessing our unworthiness to enter into God's presence. Still, we approach God with confidence, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ. This turn from communal praise to corporate confession, established on the promise of God's grace, is one of the hallmarks of the Reformed tradition.

### Assurance of Pardon

A declaration of forgiveness proclaims the good news of God's mercy and offers the assurance of pardon in Jesus' name. The liturgist pours water into the font, which reminds us of the grace and cleansing of our Baptism, and the baptismal call to new life in Christ.

God's praise.

choir and

The Act of Praise brings together the

congregation to sing

\*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.



### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### **SCRIPTURE**

Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

### Isaiah 40:28-31

(Old Testament, page 668 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

### Psalm 85

Dona nobis pacem ("Grant us your peace.")

Dona nobis pacem

I will hear what the Lord has to say; a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people and peace for his friends, and peace for those who turn to him in their hearts.

His help is near for those who adore him; his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. The Lord will grant us his joy and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall walk before him and peace shall follow his steps.

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### Luke 13:10-17

(New Testament, page 76 in your pew Bible)

**SERMON** 

"You Are Set Free" Heidi Hudnut-Beumler

(A moment for meditation)

\*HYMN 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God,
whose love is the source of all life
and the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil
that awaits to enslave us all, and
whose love, defeating even death,
is our glorious promise of freedom.

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the Spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God. Amen.

(Iona Community)

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

About Hymn 465

This text was written by an Irishborn immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas. TEXT: Joseph Scriven, 1855; MUSIC: Charles C. Converse, 1868.

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### THANKSGIVING

### **OFFERING**

Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

Grayston Ives

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heav'nly frame; a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest, I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be, help me to tear it from thy throne, and worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame, so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

That leads me to the Lamb.

Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

C.V. Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heav'nly frame; A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return! Return! Return! Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

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### \*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!

### \*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.

Gracious God,
who gave Jesus Christ
and who with him has given so freely to us,
receive these our offerings and enable us,
with all our gifts, to so give ourselves to you
that with body, mind, and spirit,
we may truly and freely serve you
and your redeeming purposes,
for in your service we find our deepest joy. Amen.

### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Prayed in unison; see page 35 of your hymnal for text.)

### **SENDING**

\*HYMN 175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

\*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 

Allegro con brio from Op. 65, No. 4

Felix Mendelssohn

\*(Those who are able may stand.)

About Hymn 175

The author and composer wrote the first stanza and folkstyle tune after attending a Bible study on Matthew 6:33. The later stanzas, based respectively on Matthew 7:7 and Matthew 4:4, emerged anonymously. Such meditative singing of scripture is an important form of sung prayer. TEXT and MUSÍC: Karen Lafferty, 1971.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship. This opening movement of Sonata 4 explores a texture with arpeggios followed by a section with accented chords and dotted rhythms. The motives of these differing passages are then skillfully combined in the final section.

## **Our Mission**

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)

## **TODAY @ WESTMINSTER**

## **Worship Leaders**

## **Preaching**

The Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

## Liturgist

The Rev. Dr. James Hudnut-Beumler

## Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Hamilton Proctor 11:00 AM Clisby Hall

#### Music

8:30 AM Chamber Choir 11:00 AM Summer Choir

Dr. John Semingson

Director of Music Ministries

Dale Nickell

Organist & Associate Director

of Music Ministries

### **Flowers**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dorothy and Jack Fuller on what would have been their 78th wedding anniversary this weekend by Susan and Mark Lincoln.

### **Childcare Room Locations**

Classroom 146 - babies Classroom 152 - toddlers Classroom 151 - 2s and 3s Classroom 160 - 4s, 5s and kindergarten

## **TODAY @ WESTMINSTER**

### **WORSHIP**

### 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.

### **Worship Services**

To watch a service later in the day or the week, go to nashvillewpc.church and look for a Past Services box, go to Worship Service Archive and click on the service you would like to watch.

Looking for large-print hymns? They can be found on the Welsh dresser in the Parlor and by the window in the Narthex.

## **Mask Policy**

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville is mask optional. The balcony will remain masks required.

### Dial-A-Sermon

Dial 629.206.1073 after 10:15 AM each Sunday morning to listen to the sermon. The sermon is available all week.

## Adult Education Classes begin at 9:45 AM

## **Today's Classes:**

## Covenant Class ● Fellowship Hall Co-Executive Presbyters, Robin and Ray Thomas, will discuss the 225<sup>TH</sup> GA.

## Faith & Fellowship ● 214 One Day, One Question

Join us throughout the summer as we ask one question per week and discuss all possible answers. Each class will be different. **Everyone welcome.** 

This week's question: What did Jesus believe? Led by Michael Renwick & Steve Reed.

## Murdoch MacLeods ● Library We will discuss this week's Gospel lesson.

### **Summer Choir**

Please consider participating in the Summer Choir this year.

The choir will rehearse for one hour (9:45 AM - 10:45 AM) and sing for the 11:00 AM worship service throughout the summer months.

For additional information, please contact John Semingson, johns@nashvillewpc.org.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please join the Westminster "picklers"** for a lot of fun and exercise.

We now have two pickleball courts painted on our gym floor. We play on Mondays and Fridays, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

Please email marypruealley@comcast.net for more information or to register.



**8:00** AM 'Shotgun' start at Gaylord Springhouse Golf Course on Monday, September 12. Scramble format. Enter as an individual or as a team. Having fun and fellowship is required.

**Cost:** \$100 per person, includes golf and lunch

**Benefits:** Event proceeds benefits Westminster Home Connection.

Please contact Donovan Drake, ddrake@ nashvillewpc.org, with any questions, including inquiries about sponsoring the event. Scan the QR code below to register for this event.



### **Summer Book Study**

Thursdays ● 9:30 AM Room 214

We are studying *Accidental Saints:* Finding God in the Wrong People by Nadia Bolz-Weber.

The class is taught by Jean Broadhurst, LCSW, Jean Oldfield's granddaughter, who is a Princeton Theological Seminary graduate.

### **Save The Date!**

## **KICKOFF Sunday is August 21.**

Mark it in your calendars and look for more info in future bulletins.

The Security Committee advises members that the Wilson entrance to the building will remain locked on Sunday mornings for the foreseeable future.

Members may continue to enter the building at the Wilson entrance on Sundays by using an existing door code or contacting the church office to obtain one.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Centering Prayer brings strength and power to many. "Be still and know that I am God," says the Psalmist. Come and be still, 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM, Monday mornings in the Chapel.

We gather in sacred space by candlelight and cross, in the presence of God and one another. The half hour begins with a brief passage of scripture or uplifting word from ancient and contemporary spiritual guides, followed by twenty minutes in silence.

Please contact Elizabeth Trabue, elizabethtrabue@gmail.com or Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org for more information.

### **Hospitalizations**

Because of federal health care/ confidentiality mandates, area hospitals are less able to release by phone to church staff the names of our members who may be patients in their facilities. Please contact the church office (615.292.5526) or one of the members of our church staff when you know about someone in the hospital who needs care from the church.

### **Prayer Requests**

It is the privilege of our pastors and the Congregational Care Prayer Team to pray by name for those who need our care. Please indicate on one of the prayer request forms, found in the pew literature racks, the name of the person and the nature of your request. Then place the request form in the offering plate or give it to one of our pastors.

### **WPC Medical Lending Closet**

A reminder that WPC has a medical lending closet, with an inventory including wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, crutches, portable toilets, knee scooters and more! If you or a family member, or a friend in the community has need for an item or would like to donate an item, please let us know. You may contact Ward DeWitt 615-500-3761, dewittmoving@comcast.net or church staff.

### **Blood Drive Interest**

Westminster is considering hosting a blood drive this fall, and we need your help.

No date has been set, but first, we need to see if enough people would be interested in donating.

Please scan the QR code if you would consider becoming a blood donor.



# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

## Sunday, July 2<u>4</u>

8:30 AM Worship

9:45 AM Sunday School Classes

Adult, Children

Youth Hike, Bike & Worship

11:00 AM Worship

### Monday, July 25

11:45 AM Centering Prayer

5:30 рм Pickle Ball

### Tuesday, July 26

7:30 AM Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

5:30 рм Yoga

### Wednesday, July 27

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

10:00 AM Tom McDow Bible study

### Thursday, July 28

9:30 AM Book Study

10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting

### Friday, July 29

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

5:30 PM Pickle Ball

### Saturday, July 30

11:30 AM AA

For more information on the events listed here, please contact the church office, 615.292.5526.

You may also look at the calendar listed in our Church Life app for more details on all the events at Westminster. To learn more about the Church Life app, please contact Hannah Sims, 615.292.5526; hsims@nashvillewpc.org.

### Contacts:

If you have questions about a certain event listed on our calendar, please contact a member of our program staff.

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# 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness





## 465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

죄짐맡은 우리구주



#### Seek Ye First 0 O A1 le lu ia, 8 1 Seek first the king dom of God 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you, 3 You shall not live by bread a lone, al 1e lu ia, its ness, and righ teous shall seek, and you find; but ev word by ery O le lu ia, all these things shall be add - ed and un - to you. knock, and the door shall be o-pened un - to you. that ceeds from the mouth God. pro of O al le lu ia! 9 A1 al - le le lu, lu ia!