

GATHERING

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

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.

Worship on the Lord's Day

Worship begins as the people gather - greeting one another, praying in silence, or offering music to the glory of God. The act of assembling in Jesus' name bears witness to the Church's identity and mission as Christ's body in the world.

About Hymn 277

This three-occasion hymn has been extracted from a much longer Latin original of fifty-five two-line stanzas. Though it is doubtful that the entire text was used much, selections from it have flourished for centuries. This celebratory tune is one of the composer's most effective. TEXT: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, c. 567-576; MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

*PRELUDE

Prayer from Christ ascending towards His Father from the Ascension Suite Olivier Messiaen

"And now, o Father, I have manifested Thy name unto all people... and now, I am no more in the world, but these are in the world and I come to Thee." (John 17:6-11)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Holy One, you made known to us
the greatness of your love in Jesus Christ,
who gave his life for us.
Keep us always in Christ's love,
so that we may abide by your commandments
and bear lasting fruit for the world;
through Jesus Christ, our faithful friend. 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 277

SALVE FESTA DIES

(The Congregation is invited to sing refrain; the Choir will sing all verses.)

Hail Thee, Festival Day!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us draw near to God with sincerity of heart and full assurance of faith, our guilty hearts sprinkled clean,

our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You invite us to share in Christ's ministry, but we ignore the calling of our baptism. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to live as your beloved children; 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. 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.")

*ACT OF PRAISE Glory to God in the Highest

John Weaver | Act of Praise

(Please refer to the inside back cover of your hymnal for words and music.)

*CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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.

The Act of Praise brings together the choir and congregation to sing God's praise in response to the Assurance of Pardon as the last phrase.

Scripture

The scriptures bear witness to the word of God, revealed most fully in Jesus Christ, the Word who "became flesh and lived among us." (John 1:14) Where the word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the living Word is present by the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, reading, hearing, preaching, and affirming the word are central to Christian worship and essential to the Service for the Lord's Day.

About Psalm 47, Hymn 261

In joining this 20th-century English paraphrase of Psalm 47 - a psalm long associated with Christ's Ascension - with the 16th century Genevan psalm tune written for a French metrical version, an important affirmation of the continuity of Reformed tradition is being made. TEXT: Joy F. Patterson, 1989; MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551.

About Hymn 485

Beginning with an allusion to Roman's 6:9, this exuberant baptismal hymn unfolds the implications of our incorporation into Christ's new life, making us "a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The text was written to fit this expansive tune by a distinguished British composer. TEXT: John Brownlow Geyer, 1967; MUSIC: Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904.

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

John 17:6-11

(New Testament, page 111 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 47

(8:30 a.m.)

O Clap Your Hands!

John Rutter

O clap your hands together all ye people:
O sing unto God with the voice of melody.
For the Lord is high and to be fear'd:
He is the great King upon all the earth.

He shall subdue the people under us:
 and the nations under our feet.
 He shall choose out an heritage for us:
 even the worship of Jacob whom he loved.
 God is gone up with a merry noise,
 and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
 O sing praises, sing praises unto our God:
 O sing praises sing praises unto our King.
 For God is the King of all the earth:
 Sing ye praises with understanding.
 O clap your hands together all ye people:
 O clap your hands, clap your hands together.

(11:00 a.m.) Peoples, Clap Your Hands! (Hymn 261, sung by choir)

GENEVAN

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

(New Testament, pages 118-119 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

"You count for something!"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

*HYMN 485

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called.

as we celebrate this sacrament.

In baptism God claims us and seals us
to show that we belong to God.
God frees us from sin and death,
uniting us with Jesus Christ in his
death and resurrection.
By water and the Holy Spirit,
we are made members of the Church,
the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry
of love, peace, and justice.
Let us remember with joy our own baptism,

Questions to the Parents, Congregation and Children of the Church

*Profession of Faith

Through baptism we enter the covenant... With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven; he is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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. The Baptismal Rite

The Apostles' Creed: The oldest surviving baptismal liturgy, dating from around the year 200 C.E., describes the candidate for baptism standing in water and affirming the faith by responding to three questions. Each question corresponds to one person of the Trinity. The Paschal Candle is symbolic of Christ's death and resurrection. The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, is our Paschal sacrifice. The Paschal Candle also symbolizes the light of the risen Christ, shining in the world. The use of this symbol dates from the early days of the Church. New Christians were given a lighted candle, symbolic of their having died and been raised to new life in Christ through baptism.

Thanksgiving over the Water

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.

Eternal and gracious God...lives and reigns forever. Amen.

The Baptism

Welcome

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into the body of Christ.

Live as a child of the light and let your light shine before others. Amen.

Baptismal Anthem

Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

Children of the Heavenly Father

Eric Nelson

Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil thing he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth. Praise the Lord in joyful numbers, your Protector never slumbers; at the will of your Defender ev'ry foe then must surrender.

No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home. Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given. $(11:00 \ a.m.)$

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

John Ylvisaker

I was there to hear your borning cry. I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child with faith to suit you well, in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on, You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,

I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old, I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

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.)

Awake, My Heart

Jane M. Marshall

Awake, my heart, and render to God thy sure defender, Thy Maker, thy preserver, A song of love and fervor.

Confirm my deeds and guide me: My day, with thee beside me, Beginning, middle, ending, Will all be upward tending. My heart shall be thy dwelling, With joy and gladness swelling; Thy word my nurture, giv'n To bring me on toward heaven.

Awake my heart...

To GIVE, please scan the QR code below:



Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

David Ashley White

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Alleluia!

Doxology

A short hymn of praise to the triune God (God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit).

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God's grace elicits our heartfelt gratitude. We respond to the good news of forgiveness with joyful acclamations of praise!

*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.

O God,

you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding.
Pour into our hearts such love for you, that loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Prayed in unison)

(Please see page 35 of your hymnal for words to this prayer.)

SENDING

*HYMN 734

Hope for the World!

DONNE SECOURS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C-Sharp Major, BWV 848

J.S. Bach

About Hymn 734

This winning entry by a groundbreaking woman theologian was selected from over 500 others in a search for a hymn to be used at the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Evanston, IL in October 1954. The theme of the assembly was "Jesus Christ, Hope of the World." TEXT: Georgia Harkness, 1954; MU-SIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551.

About the Postlude The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

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^{*(}Those who are able may stand.)

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, hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org or 615.292.5526.

Today @ Westminster

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake Pastor and Head of Staff

Liturgist

Rev. Dr. Guy D. Griffith
Associate Pastor of Adult Education and Spiritual Nurture

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Mark Beveridge 11:00 AM Rudy Kalis

Presenting Elder for Baptisms

8:30 AM Virginia Reynolds 11:00 AM Virginia Reynolds

Music

8:30 AM Westminster Choir 11:00 AM Laudate Youth Choir

Dr. John Semingson Director of Music Ministries

Dale Nickell Organist and Associate Director of Music Ministries

FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our beautiful mother and grandmother Polly Armistead Cummins by the Cummins and Pollock families.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God and in honor of Beth Drake who finds so many thoughtful ways to bring our congregation together to learn, to laugh, and to serve with joy by Dianne Neal.

BAPTISM

The sacrament of baptism will be administered today at the 8:30 AM worship service to Mollie Frances, daughter of Adrianne and Ben Hatch.

The sacrament of baptism will be administered today at the 11:00 AM worship service to Georgia Edwards, daughter of Kat and Wirth Campbell.

RED ROSE

The red rose in the Chancel is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of a son, *Alexander James Herring* on May 2, 2024 to Glory and Jordan Herring. Grandparents Mark and Nancy Beveridge are thrilled!

Mask Policy

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

Hearing Assistance

We offer personal FM Receivers with an ear-piece, located in the Narthex and in the Parlor on the Welsh dresser. Instructions can be found at each location.

Large Print Hymns

Looking for large-print hymns? They can be found in the Narthex at the Sanctuary entrance or in the Parlor on the Welsh dresser.

Recorded Worship Services

To watch a service at a later time, go to www.nashvillewpc.church and scroll down to the Worship Service Archive. Click on the service you would like to view.

Dial-a-Sermon

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

Childcare

Childcare is available on Sundays from 8:15 AM to 12:00 PM.

Nursery - Room 146

Toddlers & 2s - Room 152

3s, 4s, 5s and Kindergarten - Room 151

Second Sunday Celebration

Need a little boost to stay awake for the 11:00 AM service? Grab a cappuccino, latte macchiato, or flat white plus a pastry in the Parlor from 9:30 to 11:00 AM.

Update Your Membership Contact Information

Visit the Membership table in the Parlor and talk with a member of the GET*connected* team to update your contact information.

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



"And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias and he was added to the eleven apostles." Acts 1:26

Name three experiences of being chosen.

Why do you think it mattered to return the number of disciples to 12?

How does God choose people?



Birthing Kits for Tete Province

Our congregation has had a long-term relationship with The Outreach

Foundation in Tete Province, Mozambique. Our "on the ground" partner, public health nurse Sebber Banda, trains women to serve as Traditional Birthing Attendants and trains both men and women to serve as Village Health

Assistants in rural areas which are far from hospitals and medical clinics.

Learn more about this mission in the Parlor.



Get Your Café Justo Coffee! **Deadline: May 12**

Just Coffee. . . filled with justice and love, fair for everyone Café Justo

The Café Justo (Just Coffee) Cooperative, is a faith-based initiative in Agua Prieta, Sonora. All revenues go to the Cooperative, enabling growers to remain on their ancestral lands rather than migrate to the US.

Scan the QR code to order now. The deadline to order is midnight on Sunday, May 12.

One-pound bags are \$12 each, and payment is by credit/debit card only. Coffee is expected to arrive around June 1.

For questions, email: janetkuhn@mac.com.





Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Part II
Key Players in Supporting
Roles:
What we can learn from
the Post-Easter Church.

Led by Stephanie Boaz

The Rule of Benedict: Crafting Our Own Rule of Life Room 208

Led by Will Wellman

Faith & Fellowship ● 214

Join us for a discussion on the Letters of Paul.

For more info, please contact Donna Schwaber, dkschwaber@gmail.com.

Murdoch MacLeods • Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

For more info, please contact Paul DeWitt, pdewitt@comcast.net.

Young Families • Overlook Room

Guy Griffith is speaking on the Six Great Ends of the Church.

For more info, please contact Krissie Self, krissiebself@gmail.com.

Youth Ministry

7th-12th Graders are invited join T.J. in the Youth Cafe for donuts, scripture, and conversation!

Summer Mode
We are now in summer mode, so there will not be any more Youth Group until the fall.

When school is out, we'll start meeting at Panera Bread for Sunday School. Yum yum!

Youth & Children Choirs

4:00 PM Tintinnabulation Rehearsals

5:00 PM Laudatate Choir Rehearsal

Children's Ministry 9:45 AM ● Sunday School

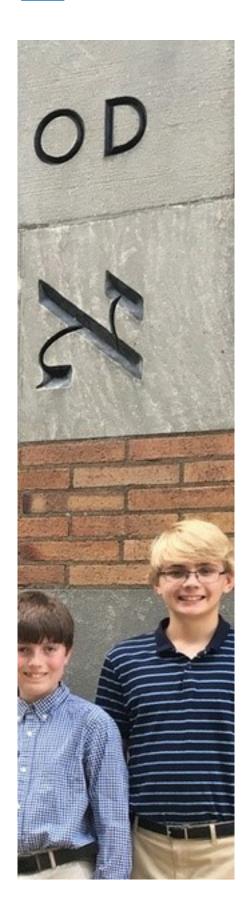
2s are in room 149 3s are in room 161 4s are in room 163

Godly Play/ Kindergarten in 183

5th and 6th in room 292

1st - 4th Chapel first and then will be picked up in rooms.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Hometown Service/Learning Experience Is Now Open for Registration!

That's right! This year, our summer "trip" is traveling around our great city of Nashville! Our experience will have plenty of service (St. Luke's, for example) and will have a focus on engaging with interfaith opportunities (West End Synagogue and the Islamic Center).

Don't hesitate--sign up today! Scan the QR codes below for more details and please let T.J., tjpiccolo@ nashvillewpc.org, know if you have any questions! We hope you'll join us for what is sure to be a fun week full of service, learning, and living out our faith!

Middle School

May 30 - June 2



Middle School Hometown Experience

For youth who have completed 5th - 8th grade.

Please scan the QR code below to register.



Senior High

June 20 - 23



Senior High Hometown Experience

For youth who have completed 9th - 12th grade

Please scan the QR code below to register.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



May 13
Women's
Covenant Group
11:30 AM
Harriet Sewell's
Home

We will finish this years' program

with book sharing, as we've done the past several years. Please think about books you've read and loved during the past year, which you think others would also enjoy reading. Join us at Harriet's home for BYO lunch at 11:30 AM. We will provide drinks and dessert. We hope you can join us!

For more info, please contact Janice Kemp, janice.b.kemp@gmail.com

Harriet Sewell hsewell8385@gmail.com

Margaret Wheeler margaret.wheeler@att.net

Financials

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:

Mike Koban, Finance Committee Chair mkoban@prodigy.net

Suzanne McLemore, Treasurer suzannegm58@gmail.com

Jo Ann McFarlin, Administrator jmcfarlin@nashvillewpc.org or 615.292.5526 x231.

April 2024

Month Year to Date

Income: \$278,930 \$1,637,726 Expense: \$275,209 \$ 1,163,979

Net Income (loss):

\$ 3,721 \$ 473,748



May 28 Westminster Book Group

9:30 AM • Fellowship 10:00 AM • Program

Leader: Will Wellman, Parish Associate

Laurus by Eugene Vodolazkin

Our Westminster Book
Group needs new
leadership for the
September 2024 through
May 2025 season.
Speakers choose their
own book to share and
the schedule easily falls
into place. Please consider
volunteering!

Contact Carolyn Harris at 615-720-6486 for more information.



Songwriters In the Round

presented by the Westminster Café benefitting Room In The Inn

featuring Debra Griner, Joe Irrera, Jimbeau Walsh and David Harper

Tuesday, May 21

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 each. Purchase at westminsterjoy.org. Coffee, tea, and pastries from 6:30-7:00 p.m.



Westminster Presbyterian Church | 3900 West End Avenue Park near the North Entrance (behind the church)

Our commitment is to inspire, support, and amplify the diverse voices that shape the rich tapestry of the Nashville songwriter community.



THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, May 12

8:30 AM Worship

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

4:00 PM Tintinnabulation Rehearsal

5:00 PM Laudate Rehearsal

Monday, May 13

10:00 ам Таі Chi

11:30 AM Women's Covenant Group

11:45 AM Centering Prayer

5:00 рм Pickleball

Tuesday, May 14

7:00 AM Daybreak Believers

7:30 AM Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

9:00 AM Harvard Handbells

Wednesday, May 15

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

9:30 AM Westminster Bells

10:00 ам Таі Chi

7:00 PM Men's Basketball

7:00 PM Westminster Choir

Thursday, May 16

8:00 AM Westminster Café

9:30 AM Women's Bible Study

10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting

Friday, May 17

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

10:00 AM Tai Chi

5:00 рм Pickleball

Saturday, May 18

11:30 AM AA

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



June 2 **All-Church Picnic** 12:15 PM **North Parking Lot**



Please scan the QR code to make your reservations.

June 4, 11, 18, 25 **Songwriting Class** 10:00 AM - Noon **Westminster Café**



Please scan the QR code to make your reservation and to learn more.

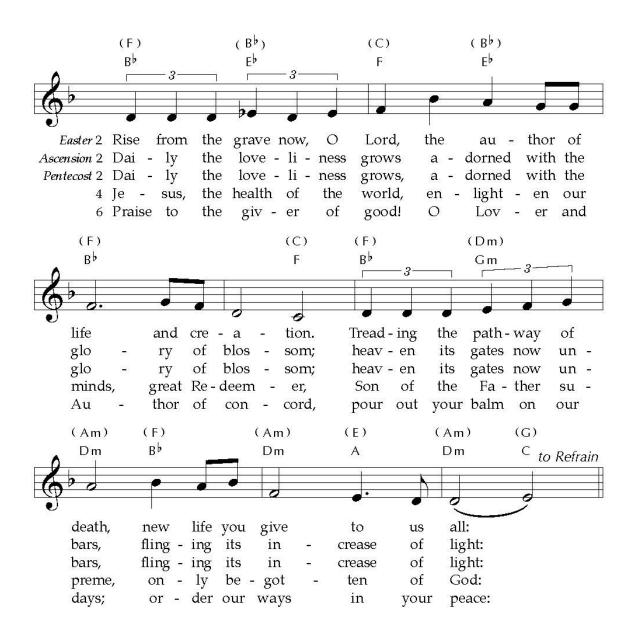
June 9 **Homemade Ice Cream Social** 2:00 - 4:00 PM Westminster Café



Please scan the QR code to make your reservations.

Hail Thee, Festival Day!





We Know That Christ Is Raised 485



