



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Service of Worship

May 17, 2020 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDES

Organ: Prelude on *Hyfrydol* Paul Manz
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Piano: Sarabande – Menuet – Courante J. S. Bach
(from Partita No. 4 in D Major for Keyboard; BWV 828)

GREETING Chris Tuttle

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Sing Ye a Joyful Song (from *Biblical Songs*) Antonin Dvorak

Sing ye a joyful song unto the Lord, who hath done marvelous things.

Praise the Lord, all the earth! Sing praises, shout and be joyful.

Let the sea roar and all that is therein,

The round earth and all they that dwell there.

Lift your voices, floods and tempests,

Mountains, clap your hands for joy.

Let the fields laugh and sing with waving corn,

And let all the trees of the forest be joyful! – Psalm 98: 1-8

Davis Bingham, soloist; Nancy Gay, pianist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 66) Mark Hill

Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

Sing praise to the glory of God!

Come and see what God has done:

**Our Lord turned the sea to dry land, those held in bondage passed
through the waters on foot.**

Night has turned to day. From captivity we have moved to freedom.

All the earth bows down to you; they sing the praises of your holy name forever.

THE HYMN NO. 624 I GREET THEE, WHO MY SURE REDEEMER ART Toulon

THE ACT OF CONFESSION Alex Stayer-Brewington

Why do we confess our sin?

Because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

But why do we do this together?

Because we are a community, a covenant people.

Then let us confess our sin.

**Just and merciful Lord, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought,
word, and deed. We have failed to love you with the wholeness of our being, and
we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. We have chosen what is easy over
what is right, and neglected your way when it was inconvenient or socially
unacceptable.**

**Forgive us, O God. Teach us to love your righteousness. Give us strength and
courage that we might faithfully follow you. Shine a guiding light upon the path
of your choosing that we may walk in grace and peace all the days of our lives.**

Amen.

A TIME OF PERSONAL SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON arr. David N. Johnson

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

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THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Marietta Wynands

Find instructions for writing your own Psalm of praise at <https://bit.ly/DIYpsalm>.

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your
own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 66: 8-20

Please read aloud the verses in bold.

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,
who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.
For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.
You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows,
those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

**I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice
of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast
love from me.

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 17: 22-31

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

“What is Being Revealed?”

Chris Tuttle

MOMENTS OF SILENCE

THE HYMN NO. 366 LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Hyfrydol

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from A Declaration of Faith*) Cherrie Barton Henry
**God made us for life in community. God created human beings with a need for
community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with
grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness. We believe
that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and
responsibility. We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility by
trying to live without God and other people or against God and other people.
Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being, and intended for free
and responsible fellowship with them. Since every human being is made for
communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt. We are
to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well.**

IN OUR PRAYERS

Individuals on our prayer list will be prayed for by first name only to protect privacy.

*If you or someone you know needs our prayers, please send an email to
prayersandcares@wpcdurham.org, and it will be received by our staff and
Congregational Care Committee.*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING

*You may give your offering through our website at www.wpcdurham.org/give, or
through your myWPC account. For questions regarding online giving, please email
Sharon Morgan (sharon@wpcdurham.org).*

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GO IN GOD'S NAME

THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION

MUSICAL BLESSING

THE HYMN NO. 752 DONA NOBIS PACEM (GRANT US PEACE) Dona Nobis Pacem

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**PLEASE NOTE: Despite the lifting of some restrictions by Governor Cooper,
Westminster's campus remains closed.**

Only essential personnel are permitted on campus during this time.

Thanks for your understanding.

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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.

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery
 3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
 4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing; all thy
 trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
 life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-
 let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-

faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion;
 find the prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
 more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
 ly re-stored in thee: changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,

Hymn 366 continued on page 4

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1747, alt.
MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831, alt.

HYFRYDOL
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Dona nobis pacem 752
Sim shalom
Rabbu habna salamann tamman

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (A)
F C F C

Latin Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem.
Hebrew Sim sha - lom, sim sha - lom, sim sha - lom.
Arabic Rab - bu hab - na sa - la - mann tam - man.

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

(G) (D) (A) (D)
B^b F C F

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.
Sim sha - lom a - lei - nu.
Rab - bu hab - na sa - la - mann.

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

*May be sung as a canon.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Anon.; arr. Eric T. Myers, 2012
Music Arr. © 2012 Eric T. Myers

DONA NOBIS PACEM
Irregular



MAY 17 WEEKLY UPDATE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunities to learn, serve, worship, and stay connected

Click to Join WPC's Online School! We've begun an exciting adventure in Christian Formation and you're invited to join! Register today for Westminster's Online School! Watch engaging videos, respond to thoughtful prompts, read and respond to what other students are saying. Once a week, the class will meet by Zoom to discuss what we're learning.



Our first class, called [Animate: Bible](#), has begun, but it isn't too late to jump onboard! Zoom gatherings are Wednesdays in May at 7:00pm. Our next class, [Animate: Practices](#), begins in June with Zoom meetings on Mondays at 7:00pm. Get the details and register at www.wpcdurham.org/christian-education-courses. Contact: Marietta Wynands (marietta@wpcdurham.org)

Our Neighbors in Need: Volunteer with Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel

Westminster, along with our other Durham PC(USA) congregations, have united to help Iglesia Emanuel with its very needed, very popular food pantry and food distribution. Volunteers are needed to direct traffic, count vehicles, and load trunks of cars on Wednesday afternoons. Any volunteers age 14 and up can help on-site. WPC Youth has been serving regularly for the last couple of weeks. There is also a work-from-home opportunity to bag rice and beans for the weekly food distribution – it's a great opportunity for adults that are staying in and families with children. The need is great, so please consider signing up at <https://bit.ly/HelpIglesia>. Contact: Cherrie Barton Henry (cherrie@wpcdurham.org)



Attention, WPC Family: Need an Extra Hand? Do you need a facemask or help getting groceries? There are Westminster members willing to provide these for you. Email us at westminster@wpcdurham.org, and we'll make the connection!

Nominations for Elders and Deacons The Nominating Committee is beginning its quest to identify five new elders (four adults, one youth) and eight new deacons (seven adults, one youth) to serve in the class of 2023. We are also searching for an individual to complete the one-year term of an elder who moved out-of-state. Elders compose the Session, the main governing body in the Presbyterian Church, and are responsible for worship, programs, finances, and facilities. The Diaconate largely guides our mission life and the way we care for each other. Both work in partnership with the staff to discern and lead the mission and ministries of this place as we seek to follow Christ together. This is an important opportunity to serve the church in meaningful ways and be a part

of God's vision for Westminster. The congregation is invited to submit nominations; please email them to nominations@wpcdurham.org. Contact: Carol Mansfield (carol.anne.mansfield@gmail.com)

WPC Youth Next Week

- **Mondays:** Alex is live on the Youth Group's Instagram at 12:00 noon. Talk about the week, check in, and pray.
- **Tuesdays:** Class Hangouts! Seniors at 12:00 noon, 9th/10th graders at 3:30pm
- **Wednesdays:** Middle School Bible Study at 4:00pm
- **Thursdays:** High School Bible Study at 2:30pm.

Please contact Alex for Zoom links and passwords (alex@wpcdurham.org). Also, watch your email for a new activity coming soon. In the meantime, check out Alex's "[Sunday Songs for Peaceful People](#)" playlist on Spotify – it's his "get in the mood for worship" mix! Last but not least, don't forget to sign up to serve at Iglesia Emanuel next week.

Send Love to Our Christian Education Teachers & Leaders As we wrap up this year of Christian formation in this challenging time, we want to make sure we send our thanks to all those who have taken leadership roles in our Christian Education ministries. That includes our Church School teachers for all ages, midweek bible study groups, Godly Play leaders and assistants, music leaders, and our nursery caregivers.

This year we'd like to celebrate and thank these leaders for their time, talents, and patience by putting together a special message of thanks that includes videos, art, and pictures. Please send a brief video (no more than 10 seconds) thanking your or your child's leaders or a photo of art your child has made offering thanks. We welcome your creativity! All pictures, art, and videos may be uploaded to this [shared Google Drive folder](#) or emailed to Dawn Wilcox (dawnkwilcox@gmail.com). The deadline is May 20, and Teacher Appreciation Sunday is Pentecost, May 31st.

Summer Mission-eXperience @ HOME! This summer, we'll be trying out our very first virtual Summer Mission-eXperience. Join us as we learn about the ministry of **Habitat for Humanity** through Scripture, song, crafts, and more. Households will receive a crate of materials for their "construction crew" to work through. The crates will include all you need to complete the activities, plus there will be videos to accompany the lessons. You can complete the activities as you can during the week with the hopes of having a Zoom call to begin and end the week to bring us together for a shared experience. Registration will be coming soon, so mark the weeks of **June 21, July 19, and August 9** on your calendars! You can participate in all weeks or just one and the activities are designed so you can "build" at your own pace. Contact: Dawn Wilcox (dawnkwilcox@gmail.com)



Westminster School's Hugs for Healthcare

WSYC continues to support our Durham medical community with "Hugs for Healthcare!" Handmade signs and thank-you notes along with delicious Chapel Hill Toffee are being delivered to the dedicated medical teams in our area. Please join us in sharing some love by creating a note of gratitude. You can find construction paper and a drop-off box by the preschool entrance. If you would like to sponsor a case of toffee (12 individual boxes for \$36) to be delivered, please contact Katie Donoway (kdonoway@gmail.com)



April Financial Update *From Dave Pottenger, Chair, Ways & Means Commission*

Our Operating Revenues, primarily funded by individuals' pledge fulfillments, have remained extraordinarily strong, running significantly ahead of this time last year. People have been very diligent about continuing to fund their pledge commitment, with several choosing to pay their entire 2020 pledge early. We are deeply grateful for everyone's continuing generosity. Your commitment allows Westminster to actively fulfill its mission daily.

Our YTD Operating Expenses have come in under budget due largely to the campus closure. We have, however, maintained our benevolent giving at budgeted levels. We are grateful for our staff's attention to details in managing our expenditures.

The funds we requested from the government's PPP program have been received and will allow us to fully meet our staff payroll needs for both the church and preschool. Several months ago we began an effort to increase the level of financial and governance integration between these two organizations, and this has been very helpful during this time of uncertainty. These PPP funds will provide us with much-appreciated financial flexibility as the year unfolds.

The Fellowship Hall project continues on-schedule and on-budget. We are grateful for the diligence of CT Wilson's team tasked with building this wonderful structure, and for the oversight provided by WPC's Fellowship Hall Building Committee. As per our financial plan, we are now beginning to tap the loan facility established at the beginning of the project. Interest on that debt will be paid out of a separate fund, and not the Operating funds, for the next 12-18 months. We hope to grow this separate fund for longer debt servicing needs over the next year or two.

Lastly, we have established, at the request of several church members, a fund for specific local mission requests that are and will continue to evolve out of the COVID Crisis. For those interested in making a gift to this fund, please contact Sharon Morgan, our church Business Manager.

In summary, WPC is in extraordinary financial shape at this time, and that is due to the bountiful generosity shown by the members of this church. We are hopeful this time of uncertainty is moving closer to an end, and the journey of rebuilding will soon commence. Your support during this time has been, and remains, greatly appreciated.

Recommendations: Things to listen to, read, or do during quarantine This week we're thrilled to share recommendations from WPC member Blair Chesnut:

- **[The Lord of the Rings trilogy](#)**: While the books are filled with wizards and kings and hobbits and magic, the story is ultimately about friendship and love. Sam Gamgee, the quiet hero who tasks himself with caring for protagonist Frodo Baggins, ends up literally carrying his friend in the end: "'Come on, Mr. Frodo, dear! Sam will give you a ride. Just tell him where to go and he'll go.' As Frodo clung upon his back,...Sam staggered to his feet, and then to his amazement he felt the burden light."
- **["The Crown" series on Netflix](#)**: An easy way to a history lesson. Season 2, Episode 6 is an interesting examination of forgiveness.
- **["The Late, Late Show with James Corden"](#)**: The recent from-his-garage shows begin with "Three Things to Cheer You Up." It's a good way to end the day.

What's giving you inspiration, joy, laughter, or peace during these times? Email your suggestions to westminster@wpcdurham.org, and we'll share them in our church communications.

An Update from Duke University Campus Ministry+

From Libby Boehne, Campus Minister

The work of Duke Presbyterian Campus Ministry+ is to walk alongside students through the journey of college, and we explore together what it means to follow Christ on a university campus. Nothing can replace having meals together, being in the chapel basement office, or passing the peace of Christ during a worship service. But since our separation in March, we are adapting, and Zoom has become indispensable for us! The programming and ministry of PCM+ is continuing through weekly worship, Bible study, individual and group hangouts, and mid-day prayer via Zoom. It is a challenge and joy to have dozens of faces from across the country crammed together on one screen every week, but staying connected to a faith community in times like these matters more than ever for college students. The ministry so values your prayers and support, and there are two ways we ask that you pray for us and the Duke University community right now. First, pray for our seniors as they deal with the disappointment of not finishing their time at Duke in-person and navigate finding jobs and making plans. Second, there have been two suicides of Duke undergraduates recently, and it is difficult for many students to be separated from one another in their grief. Please pray that we would be able to know how to bring this faith community together in even stronger ways through this difficult time. Once again, thank you for your support and care, and we hold you in prayer as well.