



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## The Service of Worship

May 31, 2020 – Pentecost

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

#### ORGAN PRELUDES

Prelude on *Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, heiliger Geist* (Come, Creator God, Holy Spirit)  
Johann Pachelbel

Fantasia on *Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott* (Come, Holy Spirit, Lord God) J.S. Bach

GREETING Alex Stayer-Brewington

#### MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Sarabande--Bourrée Anglaise (from Partita in A Minor) J.S. Bach  
*Kathy Hancock, flute*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (from the Iona Community) Dana Lange

In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,  
**God was.**

Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for  
the purposes of heaven,

**God is.**

In the future, when we have turned to dust, and all we know has found  
its fulfillment,

**God will be.**

Not denying the world but delighting in it, not understanding the world,  
but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
**God was, God is, God will be.**

THE HYMN NO. 285 LIKE THE MURMUR OF THE DOVE'S SONG Bridegroom  
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#### THE ACT OF CONFESSION

Chris Tuttle

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.

**Holy Spirit, in those early days of the church we were afraid. We were still the church, and we continued to gather and pray and hope, but fear gripped us. Yet on Pentecost you broke in as tongues of fire, propelling us out into the diversity of your creation. We confess that we are still controlled too much by fear. We are afraid of people who are different. We are afraid of people who might get us sick. We are afraid that everything we thought we knew is changing. Forgive us. Forgive us for stepping back from the call to love all of our neighbors. Forgive us for thinking we get a break from discipleship under "stay-at-home" orders. Forgive us for putting others at risk when we are cavalier. Remind us of the essential work you continue to call us to do even when we cannot gather in person. Enliven our spirits with creativity. Encourage us each day so that we might, even in this time, sing your praises. 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 ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE GLORIA PATRI NO. 581

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Teacher Appreciation Sunday with Jennifer Feiler

#### A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Spirit of the Living God,**

**Fall afresh on us.**

**Fill us with your peace,**

**Giving us hearts that understand,**

**Ears that listen,**

**And lives that speak.**

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Numbers 11: 24-30

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 2:1-18

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

Alex Stayer-Brewington

MOMENTS OF SILENCE

THE HYMN NO. 291 SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS

Spirit

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from "A Brief Statement of Faith") Cherrie Barton Henry

**We trust in God, the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
In a broken and fearful world,  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

BirthDay Prayer: O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BirthDay Hymn

African-American spiritual

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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](mailto: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](http://www.wpcdurham.org/give), or through your myWPC account. For questions regarding online giving, please email Sharon Morgan ([sharon@wpcdurham.org](mailto: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 through June 28.**

**Only essential personnel are permitted on campus during this time.**

**Thanks for your understanding.**

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# 285 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Capo 3: (G/A) (D) (A) (D/F#) (E7)  
 Bb/C F C F/A G7

1 Like the mur-mur of the dove's song, like the chal-lenge of her  
 2 To the mem-bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch-es of the  
 3 With the heal-ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease-less voice of

(A) (Em) (B)  
 C Gm D

flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the  
 Vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our  
 prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the

(Em) (D) (G) (A/G) (F#m) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)  
 Gm F Bb C/Bb Am Dm Gm C7 F

new flame's ea - ger might:  
 midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
 peace be - yond com - pare:

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 MUSIC: Peter Cutts, 1969  
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BRIDEGROOM  
 8.7.8.7.6

## GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

# 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain Spirit  
 D G A D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm E A D G

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,

A D Bm

spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id - ness,

G A D G D Fine

wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the  
 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the  
 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a  
 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient

D Bm

deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a  
 hill; then you whis - pered in si - lence when the  
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

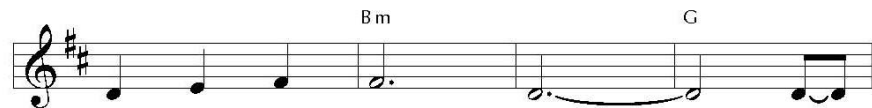
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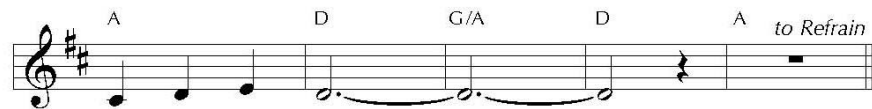
val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -  
 law and a land. When they were con - found -  
 whole world was still. And down in the cit -  
 cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -



ons you called to each thing, "A -  
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you  
 y, you called once a - gain when you  
 sions; our men clear their eyes. With



wake from your slum - bers and  
 spoke through your proph - ets to  
 blew through your peo - ple on the  
 bold new de - ci - sions your



rise on your wings."  
 o - pen their eyes.  
 rush of the wind.  
 peo - ple a - rise.

TEXT: James K. Manley, 1975, alt.  
 MUSIC: James K. Manley, 1976  
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SPIRIT  
 Irregular

*Dona nobis pacem* 752  
*Sim shalom*  
*Rabbu habna salamann tamman*



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.



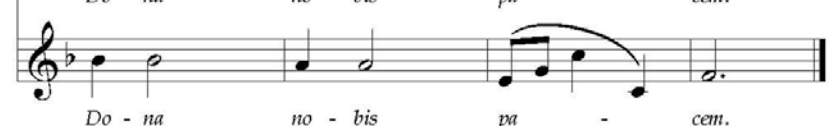
Do - na no - bis pa - cem.



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  
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DONA NOBIS PACEM  
 Irregular



## MAY 31 WEEKLY UPDATE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunities to learn, worship, serve, and stay connected

### NEW Online School in June: Explore Core Practices of the Christian Life

What's that old adage - "you play like you practice"? Our new Online School course, "[Animate: Practices](#)," will help you connect with the essential practices for a Christian way of living. Gain perspectives on prayer, food, worship, sacraments, money, service, and community. Watch several short videos taught by well-known Christian thought leaders, then spend time reflecting and journaling on your own, connecting with and responding to classmates via Zoom each Monday in June at 7:00pm (June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29). These classes are great for anyone, whether you are new to the Christian walk or have journeyed many miles. Register now at <https://bit.ly/WPCOnlineschool>. **Contact:** Marietta Wynands ([marietta@wpcdurham.org](mailto:marietta@wpcdurham.org))



### Registration is OPEN for MISSION-X, a Habitat for Humanity Mission Experience@Home!

Register now at <https://bit.ly/WPCMissionX> for any or all of three phases of construction:



- Week 1: June 21 - 28
- Week 2: July 19-26
- Week 3: August 9 - 16
- Construction site: Your house and backyard

Every "crew" (that's you!) receives a crate with all the blueprints and supplies needed to carry out a week's worth of projects at home. Each phase of construction begins with an opening event and closing celebration. We'll use Zoom as needed, but hope to meet in person for later phases. More details to come after you register! **Contact** "Contractor" Dawn Wilcox with questions ([dawnkwilcox@gmail.com](mailto:dawnkwilcox@gmail.com))

### Nominations for Elders and Deacons

The Nominating Committee is working 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. 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](mailto:nominations@wpcdurham.org).

### WPC Youth Group Happenings: Parents! Art! Seniors! Hangouts! Bible Studies!

- **Gathering for Parents of High Schoolers** As Christians, we never walk alone. We go with Christ, and we go with one another. This is a tremendous comfort when we reach uncharted waters - and we are definitely in uncharted waters right now. All parents of high-schoolers are invited to this Zoom conversation on June 3, at 7:30pm.
- **An Art Contest!** In honor of the close of the Easter season and the beginning of summer, our theme is "God Bless the Grass." All youth are invited to submit art exploring themes found in Malvina Reynolds' song "God Bless the Grass." We're inviting entries in four different categories: Photography, film/video, paintings, drawings, and other forms (poems, plays, cakes, statues, dances, and anything else you can think of). Send submissions to Alex by Sunday, June 7. There will be prizes!
- **Honoring Our Seniors** Attention, parents of high school and college seniors! Plans are in the works to honor our seniors on June 14. If you have a high school or college senior in the family, please email Alex with pictures, stories, facts, etc., that we could share with the congregation. Please send your materials to Alex by Wednesday, June 3.
- **Ongoing: Class Hangouts and Bible Studies** Don't forget! Tuesday is the day for Class Hangouts; High School Bible study happens on Thursdays at 2:30pm; and Middle School happens Thursdays at 4:00pm. Contact Alex for the Zoom links and passwords.



**Serve with Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel** Volunteers are needed every Wednesday afternoon to help with Iglesia's food distribution to neighbors in need. Any volunteers age 14 and up can help direct traffic, count vehicles, and do "contactless" loading of groceries into car trunks. There is also a work-from-home opportunity to bag rice and beans for the weekly food distribution - it's great for adults that are staying in and families with children. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/HelpIglesia>. **Contact:** Cherrie Barton Henry ([cherrie@wpcdurham.org](mailto:cherrie@wpcdurham.org))



The Simonsons packaged rice and beans for Iglesia Emanuel.

**COVID-19 Relief Fund** Some in the congregation have voiced an interest in donating the COVID-19 stimulus check money they received to those in the community with greater needs. Though this may not be the case for everyone, if this resonates with you and you'd like to give a portion or all of your relief check to the church, members of our Local Missions Committee and the Session have formed a COVID-19 Fund Task Force to research and direct funds collected to the most needy of



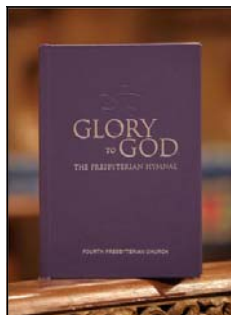
our Durham nonprofits. This isn't a campaign or drive on Westminster's part, but a response to those who have asked for a vehicle to put the funds they've received to good purposes. If you find yourself in the same place, you are welcomed to contribute. Please mail a check to the church (put "COVID19 Relief Fund" in the memo line), or visit <https://www.wpcdurham.org/give/> to contribute online (choose COVID19 Relief Fund from the drop-down list of funds available). Thank you!



**For June: WSYC's Summer Camp To-Go** Westminister School for Young Children has created [Summer Camp To-Go Kits](#) for children ages 2-5. It's full of activities for ideas, activities, and experiences for summer camp at home. Themes include "Splish Splash" (June 8); "My Big Backyard" (June 15); "Imagine It" (June 22); and "Patriotic Parade" (June 29). The cost is \$25 per kit. Each year of summer camp WSYC supports children in the community, and this summer's recipient is PORCH. There

will be a drop box available for non-perishable goods outside the preschool when you come to pick up your kits. You may also add a donation when you register for your kits. **Contact:** Kathy Stickley

**Need a Hymnal at Home?** With the crisis ongoing and the likelihood we'll be worshipping off-site for some time, you may be interested in purchasing your own copy of our Presbyterian hymnal, *Glory to God*, for use at home. Monica Rossman, our Music Minister, says *Glory to God* can be a useful devotional tool for either music or text sources (or both); you don't have to be a choir member to appreciate the wonderful resources it offers. Hymnals are available from the PC(USA) online store for \$18 each. You may [order your copy here](#). If you would like to have a hymnal at home, but cannot afford to purchase at this time, please contact Monica and an order will be placed on your behalf. **Contact:** Monica Rossman ([monica@wpcdurham.org](mailto:monica@wpcdurham.org))



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#### Diversions: Things to Listen to, Read, and Do During Quarantine

- **Great Performances: Leonard Bernstein's "Mass"** Enjoy a 2019 production of Leonard Bernstein's "Mass," which embraces elements of musical theater, folk, and rock music with Latin text from the liturgy, as well as music and lyrics by Bernstein and additional text by "Wicked" composer and lyricist Stephen Schwartz. As the performance begins, the character of the Celebrant declares his faith but faces resistance from the Street Chorus who questions him and sends him on a journey of discovery. With metaphorical themes and letters written by cast members addressing social issues such as oppression, immigration and bullying, the musical is as relevant today as when it premiered in 1971.
- **New Ideas, Science & Engineering with Mark Rober** A former NASA engineer, Rober is an American YouTuber, engineer, and inventor. He's known for his videos on popular science, do-it-yourself gadgets, and creative ideas. Several of his videos have gone viral, including his trap for package thieves that releases a fountain of ultra-fine glitter. In his latest, watch Rober build a [perfect squirrel-proof birdfeeder](#) using principles of mechanical engineering (we promise it's more entertaining than it sounds!)

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

Our 3rd and 4th grade Church School students have been on a mission challenge - to brighten the days of church members who have been isolating at home and WPC's high school seniors. Check out Izzy, Emmy, and Sarah's great artwork! What are some ways you're sharing God's love during these days of staying at home and social distancing?

