

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 15 2022 at 11 a.m.

5th Sunday of Easter

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE

Adagio Cantabile
from Unaccompanied Violin Sonata
by J.S. Bach, arr. Slocum

Brad Slocum,
Organist

THRESHOLD

In The Bulb There is A Flower
by Natalie Sleeth

Chancel Choir,
Rev. Rola Al Ashkar

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

What are you thinking about right now? What worries, judgments, fears, and opinions absorb your consciousness as you settle into this expansive worship space? This morning—through immersion into music, story, prayer, ritual and community—we will awaken from the trance of everyday life and be raised to experience the world with senses honed by God's liberating grace and love.

*In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

Christ is risen! Let us worship God!

▲HYMN OF PRAISE #610 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
Vss. 1, 2, 3, 5

▲CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new,
let us confess our sin to God and to our neighbor.

▲PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy, your command to love one another
across all differences opens us to new horizons,**

**yet we often respond with fear and judgment
that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our
sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that
leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

▲DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God's promises are trustworthy and true;
your sins are forgiven.
Be at peace to serve the Lord,
and may you always be known by your love.

▲PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE

As our Lord gives peace to us, let us share this peace with each other saying,
"The peace of Christ be with you."
And also with you.
Let us exchange words and signs of peace.

We Listen for God's Word

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rola

(Please sign the red fellowship pad and pass it along the pew and back.)

CHILDREN'S TIME TO SHINE

Rola

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

BLESSING FOR OUR CHILDREN

Tune: *Beach Spring*

*May God bless you as you go to learn the stories of our faith;
Jesus loves you and will help you grow to trust in God always.
Grow in wisdom and in knowledge; grow to live by Love's way;
grow to laugh and sing and worship as you walk throughout your days.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Judy Neel

O God of promise, your word made flesh in Jesus Christ is trustworthy and true. By
the power of your Holy Spirit, may it rise up in us this day like a gift

from the spring of the water of life to refresh our thirsty souls. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Revelation 21:1-6
(New Testament pg. 259 in pew Bible)

Judy

Words of Holy Scripture. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

A Heart To Serve
by Valerie Showers Crescenz

O Lord, if I will wait for Thee, my heart's desire you'll give to me; What I desire, Lord, most of all is but a heart that hears your call. O Lord, create in me anew a heart that's honest, pure and true; A heart to love, a heart to learn, a heart to share, a heart to serve. Whatever joy my future brings will not be found in earthly things; I'll have the greatest of rewards: a heart whose joy is in the Lord. Give me a heart that loves you best, a heart that finds in you my rest, A heart to love, a heart to learn, a heart to share, a heart to serve.

SECOND READING

Acts 11:1-18
(New Testament pg. 130 in pew Bible)

Rev. Wes Nordman

SERMON

Trances and Such

Wes

We Respond to God's Love

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Dylan & Emma Cody

HYMN #490

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

PRAYERS FOR WESTMINSTER & THE WORLD

Judy

As we strive to be more inclusive, we have temporarily changed the reference to God as "Father" to "Creator." Please feel free to use the language that is closest to your heart.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (contemporary ecumenical version)

Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Offering Our Gifts to God

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Wes

OFFERTORY

Fairest Lord Jesus
by Hermann Schroeder

▲OFFERTORY RESPONSE #259 *God of Heaven*
Vs. 1

*The God of heaven thunders,
whose voice in strident echoes
resounds above the waters,
and all the world sings,
"Glory, glory, glory!"*

▲PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Wes

We Are Sent Into God's World

▲HYMN #373 *O Day of Peace*

▲BENEDICTION

Wes

▲CHARGE

Judy

POSTLUDE

Vivace
by Georg P. Telemann



TODAY

Coffee Hour

After today's service, please join us for Coffee Hour in the Courtyard.

Cody Baptism

Baylor and Lindsey Cody's daughter, Emma Cody, and Carson and Diane Cody's son, Dylan Cody, will be baptized together during the service today.

Adult Education

Join us for our Adult Education series that uses the book *A Bigger Table* as the basis for the discussion on community building. Please join us at 10 am in the Club Room throughout May to discuss how Westminster can build a bigger table that seats all.

Worship Arts Class

Interested in going to our Adult Education Class? Have your child, kindergarten through 12th grade, join us from 10:00 - 10:45 am in the Cameron Room for creative art projects and music each week. Nursery and preschool care are also available at this time.

CROP Hunger Walk

Today, May 15, 2022, marks the first day of the annual CROP hunger walk. Please join our team "Westminster Soles" in ending hunger one step at a time when walking any distance or any day until May 22nd. This year C.W.S. dedicates the walk to the people of Ukraine. We walk in solidarity with our Ukrainian neighbors who have no choice but to walk fleeing violence and conflict. The funds raised assist in the mental health, food, water, and sanitation of the victims of war. If you would like to donate online please access the website at: crophungerwalk.org/sacramentoca. Search for "Westminster Soles" then click the "donate" button. Checks to be made out to CWS/CROP. Your donation checks can be made out to **CWS/CROP** and handed into the office by May 31st.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer list

Please pray for Amy Yannello, Samuel Ruacho, and Joan Alston. Please pray for special care members Lynn Courtney and Madeline Crane.

Westminster's VBS Registration is only weeks away!

Slots are still available for *Knights of the North Castle*, Westminster's Vacation Bible School, which runs from June 27th to July 1st. This year elementary-age kids can stay until 4:30! We will have music, stories, crafts, science experiments, and a medieval feast on Friday night! Contact Betsy at betsy@westminsac.org. Invite your friends!

Covenant Conversations - June 4th 9:30 am—4pm

You are invited and encouraged to gather with Covenant Network of Presbyterians, members of North Central California Presbytery, and guests from across our region in prayerful reflection and thoughtful conversation about our calling to be a people of hospitality, radical love, inclusion, and equity here at Westminster. This Covenant Conversation welcomes all and will include worship, plenary speakers, workshops, conversation, and lunch, as well as resources to take back to your church. Covenant

Conversations will include live and online options. The registration form is on Westminster's website.

Memorial Day Hot Dog Sale

Kick off the summer and support youth service trips after the 11:00 am service on May 29th! The Hargreaves have graciously agreed to grill up delicious hot dogs and vegan alternatives to raise money for the Smith River summer trip.