

CREATION

SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES

Spoken into Creation

Pillars of Creation, captured by the James Webb Space Telescope in near-infrared-light view. (Courtesy NASA)

Westminster Presbyterian Church



June 11, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

THE Celebration OF Worship

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Let All Things Now Living
God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

arr. Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Introit

God of the Earth, the Sky, the Sea

God of the earth, the sky, the sea, maker of all above, below,
Creation lives and moves in you; there is your power, your law is there.
We give you thanks, your name we sing! Almighty God, our praise we bring.

*Call to Worship

Leader: In the beginning God created all things,
and God saw that they were good.

People: **At our beginning, God created us to be
unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted by God.**

Leader: In all our new beginnings, God creates something new.
So we will seek God in the freshness of this morning,

People: **in the laughter of friends,
in the colors of creation,
and in this beautiful world.**

1. I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!
3. There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

*Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,
your spirit swept over the waters of creation;
you are sweeping over us now, creating something new.**

**Call us away from the distractions of the world
to experience what you are doing now, in us,
and through us,
and in our world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we destroy your creation
by our carelessness and selfishness.
Renew us to live in awe of all creation.
Have mercy on us.**

(A time of silence for personal confession)

*Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*Sung Response

Lord, Be Glorified

Bob Kilpatrick

- 1 In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.
- 2 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

Prayers of the People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

***Prayer for Illumination**

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 1:1-2:4 (selected verses)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

All Things Bright and Beautiful

John Rutter

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.
Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings.
The purpleheaded mountain, the river running by,
The sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky;
The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one.
He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***Closing Hymn No. 370**

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

- 1 This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.
- 2 This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world. The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Go Ye Now in Peace

Joyce Eilers

Go ye now in peace and know that the love of God will guide you.
Feel his presence here beside you showing you the way.
Know that the God who sent His Son to die that you might live will never
leave you lost and alone in His beloved world. Go ye now in peace.

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Paul Manz

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Carolyn Kerr, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, the Quartet, and the Chancel Choir.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to Doug and Bob White and their families on the death of their mother, Maureen.

A memorial service will be held for Glenn Johnson on Monday, June 12, at 11:00 a.m. at Friendship Village.

A memorial service will be held for Louis and Carol Farmer on Friday, June 16, at 4:00 p.m. in Galbreath Chapel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events

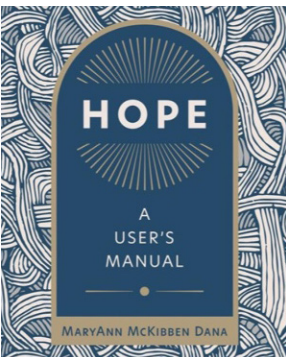


Westminster Seminars:

Polarization & the Unmaking of America

June 11, 18, and 25 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

Derek Woodard-Lehman, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, will explore dynamics of polarization in American life. The series will examine the causes and effects of polarization and look at how we as Christians can be good citizens, good neighbors, and good witnesses in these troubled times. Read more on the church website.



Hope Discussion Group

Tuesdays, June 13 - July 18 (not July 4) | 6:30 p.m. | Room 238

Wednesdays, June 14 - July 12 | 7:00 p.m. | Room 283

Looking for ways to cultivate real hope? Join us for a 6-week group on MaryAnn McKibben Dana's book and accompanying podcast *Hope: A User's Manual*. Read the book and/or listen to the podcast. Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. with Cricket Ruppert beginning June 6 or Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. with Kristy Berrott beginning June 7. Registration online is strongly encouraged if you would like a copy of the book to be provided.



Small Group for Former Catholics

Wednesdays, June 14, 21, 28 | 7:00 p.m. | Room 238

Do you still recall Mass, Confession, Holy Communion, genuflection, Latin hymns and prayers, rosaries, invoking St. Anthony when you lose something, silent sanctuaries, and many other things Catholic? Consider joining a new weekly discussion group about transitioning to Westminster. For more information, contact John Hayes at jhayesesq@outlook.com.



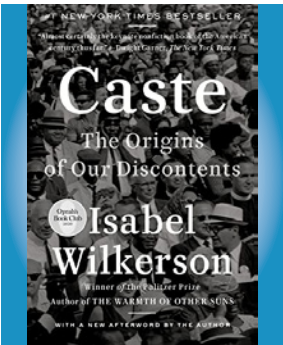
Westminster Organ Summer

Thursdays, June 15 through July 13 | 5:00 p.m. | Sanctuary/Livestream

Enjoy these free 30-minute concerts either in person in Westminster's sanctuary or via livestream on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/WestminsterUSC.

Full schedule here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-organ-summer>.

The concerts are friendly and informal, so come as you are!



The Grace-Westminster Book Club

Mondays | 7:00 p.m. | via Zoom

Join the Grace-Westminster Book Club as we begin reading *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent* by Isabel Wilkerson. The Pulitzer Prize winning author examines the unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions. For Zoom link, email Bobbie Hartman at hartman1967@verizon.net.



Horses with Hope Therapeutic Riding Program

The horses have returned to their summer home next door at Gilfillan Farm. All are invited to explore how you might volunteer for this great program. Training is provided. For information, contact Jan Baumann at baumann@westminster-church.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



Food to Go

Sundays, June 18 & 25 | Following Sunday Worship

You can be part of the solution. Many kids rely on school for breakfast and lunch and in the summer, they miss these meals.

Purchase any of the items listed and bring to one of the services.

- Pop Tarts, individually wrapped
- Cereal, individual serving packages
- Fruit Roll Ups, individually wrapped
- GoGo Squeez Applesauce
- Tuna, single serving foil pouches

SIGN-UPS: All are welcome: singles, couples, families, young adults, and retirees!



Gather with different folks in our church family over some good food and friendly conversation in a relaxed, casual atmosphere. There is no formal agenda or assignment associated with this activity, just good old-fashioned conversation. Get to know others within the community that you may not interact with otherwise. Maybe they go to different services, engage in different activities around the church, or maybe you've seen them around but have never spoken. To sign up, go to <https://www.westminster-church.org/forms/form-forks-fellowship>



Thank you for your generosity! The SHIM Food Drive was a huge success.

Families who rely on all three of their food pantries will benefit.

Volunteer Opportunities

To volunteer for the following opportunities, contact Jan Baumann at baumann@westminster-church.org 412-559-1034.



Receptionists Needed

Weekdays; choice of shifts 9:00-noon or noon-3:00

Would you like to hang out with the staff during the week? Join the team that works at the front desk greeting and answering the phone. Flexible shift options available. For more info, contact Jan Baumann.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

JUNE 11 - JUNE 17, 2023



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SUNDAY, JUNE 11

8:30	Traditional Worship	North Courtyard <i>(weather permitting)</i>
9:00	Welcome Center/	North Main Entry
9:45	Bridge Contemporary Worship	WROC/Lvstrm.
	Bridge Sunday School 9:45 (PreK-4th Grade)	Rm. 176
	Wiggle Room - The Bridge**	WROC Fitness
	Westminster Seminar	Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Lvstrm.
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
12:00	Barefoot School Training	Rm. 273

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

1:00	Movers and Shakers	Fellowship Hall
6:30	The Artist's Way	Rm. 231
7:00	Barefoot School Training	Rm. 273
	Hope Small Group Discussion	Rm. 283
	Small Group for Former Catholics	Rm. 238

Wednesdays @ Westminster are on summer break. Programs resume August 30.

*Sunday School – 9:45 a.m., dismissed from worship after children's message. A time for children in PreK through 4th grade to explore the Bible, enjoy fellowship together, and grow in their faith.

**Wiggle Room – 11:00 - Room 239. Available to families with children from birth through age 3 who would prefer a separate space to step away while listening to the worship service. Please see an usher if you need help finding the Wiggle Room.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

12:00	Dementia Caregiver Support Group	Rm. 290
4:00	Farmer's Market	South Parking Lot
5:00	Westminster Organ Summer Series	Sanctuary
7:30	NA	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

6:30 a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
4:00	Louis and Carol Farmer Memorial Service	Galbreath Chapel
7:00	AA	Rm. 107
	AI Anon	Rm. 231

MONDAY, JUNE 12

12:00	AA	Rm. 176
7:00	The Grace - Westminster Book Club	Zoom
	WECEP Board Meeting	Zoom

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
6:30	Hope Small Group Discussion	Rm. 238
7:00	Outreach Commission	Rm. 176
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107



Children's & Family Ministry



Music & Choirs

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Giving to Westminster

ONLINE: <https://www.westminster-church.org/give>

TEXT-TO-GIVE: Text WPCUSC to 73256. Standard text messaging rates may apply.



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