

WHITE MEMORIAL

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

November 8, 2020

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

Live Streaming and In Person Worship with registration
8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Christopher H. Edmonston, Pastor

Cate Church Norman, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

Anne Galliher, Pastoral Resident

Kirsten Homdrom, Associate Director of Music

Carol Hardman, soprano

Martha Hutchens, alto

Wayne Rogers, tenor

Jared Smith, bass

ORDER OF SERVICE

GREETING

PRELUDE

Adagio cantabile from Sonata in c minor, Op. 13
Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR GENEROSITY

DeLana Anderson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said, “The greatest of all is the servant of all.”
He is ever calling us to generous lives of service.

**May God bless our worship and praise this day.
May our worship be guided by the Holy Spirit,
the same Spirit which calls us into the world to pray
for the world and to address its needs.**

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Let us praise God together
this day that we would be renewed once more
for proclamation and service in the world.

HYMN 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(adapted from the website re:Worship)

**Lord, we know who you are,
and we know you bring in the kingdom of heaven.
But when you assign us the job of lighting the way,
we barely announce your divine rule to ourselves.
We celebrate your redemptive action in history
with our calendar - Sundays, seasons, year after year.
Yet we become drowsy: unprepared,
because we are not disciples each day, at all hours.
Those times we live for ourselves.
Forgive us, Lord, the sins we cannot bear to name,
Save us, Lord, from our lack of faith.
Remind us, God, of your plan to resurrect our lives
and reconcile our hearts to you.
With our hearts reconciled to you,
help us to be reconciled to one another.
In the name of Christ we pray our prayer
and offer our hopes.
Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(11:00) **Charlotte Chaplin Nowell**, child of Austen and Bert Nowell
Anne Magnolia Price, child of Anna Claire and Patrick Price

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 58:6-8

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

NEW TESTAMENT

Mark 10:35-45

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?"

³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."

³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;

⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.

⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.

⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,

⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.

⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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SERMON

Stewardship of Hands: "Serving and Sharing"

MUSICAL OFFERING

O Come You Servants of the Lord

Christopher Tye (1505-1573)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

RESPONDING IN FAITH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from the *Confession of 1967*)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

HYMN 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Allegretto from Sonata in c-sharp minor, Op. 27. No. 2
Ludwig van Beethoven

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Music included in today's service:

Adagio cantabile from Sonata in c minor, Op. 13;

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JOYS & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Seawell Ross Turner III – November 5, 2020

WMPC family members: wife, Pam Turner, mother, Rachel Turner
and sister, Mary Ann Turner.

MARRIAGES

Christian Towle Love and James McWilliams Musselwhite,
October 31, Tuscaloosa, AL. Christian is the daughter of Beth Love.

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GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN 2021 UPDATE

As of Wednesday, November 4, we have received 499 pledges totaling \$2,341,941. If you have not already, please consider making a pledge at www.whitememorial.org/generosity.

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Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
 (repeat stanza 1)

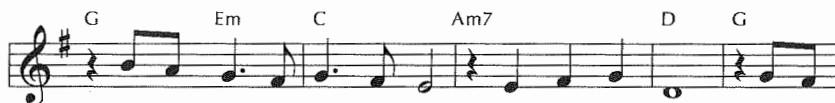
The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

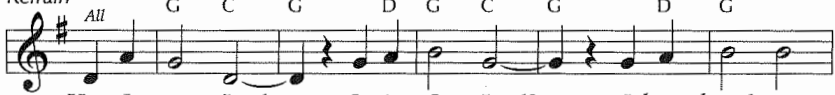


made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

What's happening this week at WMPC

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 8

Healing Through Grief Workshop
3:00-4:30 p.m. | Zoom

Cancer Companions

4:30-6:00 p.m. | Zoom

This class will use Cancer Companions devotionals, videos and Bible Lessons to explore how we can draw closer to God as we go through difficult times.

MONDAY | NOVEMBER 9

9@9 a.m.

Daily | Facebook Live

Begin the morning each weekday with a live Bible study led by Grier Booker Richards, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Chip Pope, Associate Pastor for Youth and their Families.

Churchwide Bible Study: The Parables of Jesus

7:00-8:00 p.m. | Zoom | [Registration required](#)

Christopher Edmonston will be teaching on Luke 18:1-8, The Widow and the Judge. Join us as we continue to explore the depth of Jesus' teaching and ask what these stories might have to say to us today.

TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 10

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

7:30 a.m. | Zoom | [Registration required](#)

WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 11

Centering Prayer

5:30 p.m. | Zoom | [Registration required](#)

In all of the craziness and weariness of the pandemic, join us for 30 minutes each week to center and pray. It's a little different on zoom, but we're excited to gather. Centering Prayer is simply sitting in silence, open to God's word and love. Prepare yourself by sitting in a quiet space, if you wish light a candle and allow your mind and breath to slow down. Please mute your computer as we begin the opening reading. We will meet every Wednesday at 5:30 through November 11. If you have questions, contact Melinda Fox at Melindafox22@gmail.com.

THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 12

Keenagers

10:00 a.m. | Zoom | [Registration required](#)

If you are 55+ years old, we invite you to join Keenagers via Zoom on Thursday for Social Connection time. Please contact Tonya Higgins at thiggins@whitememorial.org to receive your Zoom link.

Lectio Live

1:00 p.m. | Facebook Live

Cate Church Norman, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care or Anne Galliher, Pastoral Resident practice a contemplative way to read the Bible called Lectio Divina. It's an ancient yet simple practice that means "holy reading." In Lectio Divina, we slow down and listen for God's word. We take time to listen for words or phrases that stand out for us, and we listen for a call that God may be placing on us.

SAVE THE DATES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Daily Bread Days:

Bread Making as a Spiritual Practice

7:30-8:15 p.m. | Live Stream

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Advent Contemplative Retreat:

Waiting with Wonder

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Zoom | [Registration required](#)

All-day virtual retreat to get ready for the Advent season.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Theologian In Residence

Registration Required for classes

Jonathan Lee Walton will teach on Saturday and Sunday from 9:30-11 a.m. via Zoom. He will also preach at the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. services on Sunday.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Winter ADVENTure

3:00-5:00 p.m. | McDonald Lane

WMPC Children's Ministry invites Ages 3-5th grade to join the fun! Spoiler alert! Be on the lookout for snow!

Registration for most events can be found on our website www.whitememorial.org/register