

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 16, 2021

7th Sunday of Easter | Graduation Sunday

Live Streaming and In Person Worship

8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Christopher Edmonston, Pastor

Chip Pope, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry

Kirsten Homdrom, Associate Director of Music

Karl Zinsmeister, Director of Music

Kelly Gold, Director of Children's and Youth Music

Members of the Chancel, Sanctuary, and Youth Choirs

ORDER OF SERVICE

GREETING

PRELUDE

Prelude on Rhosymedre

R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come and sit; we shall study the Word.

All: Together we shall read and understand.

One: Come and kneel; we shall break the bread.

All: Together we shall eat and be satisfied.

One: Come and walk; we shall part the waters.

All: Together we shall risk, and, behold, we shall be changed.

HYMN 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our journeys, as we consider endings, transitions, and new beginnings, we confess our sins before you and each other. We struggle with regrets from the past. We struggle with anxiety over what lies ahead. We struggle to be in one place while looking toward another place. Guide us in this journey, O God, and forgive us. Move us to give thanks for our past relationships and experiences. Move us to trust in your care for what is to come. Move us to a more full appreciation of the places where we find ourselves this day. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Live in Charity

205

Ubi caritas

The musical score is written in 7/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of vocal and piano accompaniment. The first system has a vocal line with lyrics: "Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love. U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords. The second system has a vocal line with lyrics: "Live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you. u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est." and includes a triplet of eighth notes in the vocal line. The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All: And also with you

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(11:00) **Thomas Andrew Mueller**, child of Ellen and Andrew Mueller

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 1

¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

²but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

NEW TESTAMENT

John 15:1–17

¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.

²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit.

Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

⁴Abide in me as I abide in you.

Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine,
neither can you unless you abide in me.

⁵I am the vine, you are the branches.

Those who abide in me and I

in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers;
such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you,
ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear
much fruit and become my disciples.

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love,
just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.

¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you,
and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you
love one another as I have loved you.

¹³No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you.

¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer,
because the servant does not know what the master is doing;
but I have called you friends, because I have made known
to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you.

And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last,
so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.

¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

SERMON

“Are We Called?”

MUSICAL OFFERING

Footsteps

Craig Courtney (pub. 2018)

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

You are a beloved Child of God. You have been claimed by God and called by name. Soon you will begin a new journey that will bring with it new opportunities and challenges. May you always remember our love for you. Have courage. Wherever you should wander, no matter how dark the night, may the warmth of this blanket, the love of your family, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the fellowship of the Church, and the love of God, be with you now and forever. Amen.

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 “*A Declaration of Faith*”)

In forming his people and sending them into the world
Jesus called individuals to be disciples.

They were to share the joy of his companionship,
to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death.

We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship.

Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ
is God’s undeserved gift to each of us.

It is also God’s demand upon every one of us,
never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.

Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters,
we strive to become more faithful and effective
in our daily practice of the Christian life.

HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

The Rejoicing

GF Handel/Ed. & arr. M. Burkhardt

JOYS & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Ward Stephen “Steve” Chiles – May 10, 2021

WMPC family member: daughter and son-in-law Hannah and Jonathan Wilks and grandson Jack; and son, Josh Chiles.

Susan Page Hornaday – May 10, 2021

WMPC family members: brother and sister-in-law, and their children, Page, Lynne, Carter and Parker Hornaday.

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Laura, Bryan, and Abby-Kate Boyd, on the death of Laura’s father, Paul Heman Boisvert, May 9, Port Charlotte, FL.

Peebee and Philip Scott, and Rob Bridger IV, on the death of Peebee’s brother, John Miller, May 12, Raleigh, NC.

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The flowers in the chancel today are the wedding flowers of Lacy Chowning Towles and William Hodges Tulloss, whose marriage was celebrated yesterday. They are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lacy’s grandparents, Mr. Danny Jackson Thomas, and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Chowning Towles, Jr. Lacy is the daughter of Kim and John Towles.

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757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may.

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2021!

Emily Anne Agar
Nathaniel David Albertson
Robert Trace Alphin
Tess Ross Ashford-Lavy
Griffin Isaac Baird
Emily Louise Bannerman
Grace Anne Barnard
Caroline Grace Barnhill
Catherine DeFord Belch
Elizabeth Spencer Bond
Allison Ray Boney
Betsy Richardson Boney
Nancy Lorraine Brewer
Savannah Rose Capell
Samuel Bowman Caviness
Thomas Whitaker Clark
Livia Elise Colvin
Samuel Grayson Corkey
Brayden Lewis Crowder
Lindsay Elizabeth DeAngelis
Emma Patrice Dobek
Peyton Royall Dunnagan
Allison Rae Fairlee
Caitlin Chandler Fountain
Mary Margaret Gilbert
Jennings Douglas Glenn Jr.
Ashlynn Grace Jackson Gould
Christopher McGinley Gruskin
Willis Stanton Hardesty III
William Ira Harris III
Edward John Helton
Elizabeth Dale Huffstetler
Ashton Louise Jones
Kathryn Wells Katzenbach
Ann Coley Kirkland
Marvin Burke Koonce IV
Quintus Thomas Lamar
Sutton Thompson Lasso

Mary Rachel Lенаeus
Peyton Alice Lewis
Collier Cobb Lilly II
Marshall Graham Livengood
Sara Louise Martin
James Barnes Mason
William Walker McDowell
Ellie Clare McMahan
Ainsley Elizabeth Mesnard
Owen Arendell Mickle
Margaret Elise Montgomery
Hayden Elizabeth Mullins
Elijah Turner Norman
Alton Gwynn Nowell IV
John Emerson Oliver
Mitchell Scott Payne
Lucas Andrew Pleasants
Julia Cassandra Priu
Charles Holloway Queen
Rosemary Trowbridge Raynal
Emerson Leigh Replogle
Abby Lauren Rinehard
Amy Kirsten Rinehard
Hale McDonald Roberts
Abigail Ford Robertson
Parker Ellerson Rowan
Emma Ainsley Sallade
Lillian Banks Sherman
Ryan Jonathan Silver
Brenton Lohr Smith Jr.
Lily Charlotte Smith
Harrison Scott Sutter
Weatherly Grace Tierney
Roland Harris Vaughan IV
Edward Reid Walker
Joseph Thomas Williams
Hinson Bragg Willson

What's happening this week at WMPC

SUNDAY | MAY 16

ReOpening Updates for the Nursery

Beginning today, we will open two nurseries from 7:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for infants (L103) through four-year olds (L102). [The Worship FAQs has lots of helpful information.](#)

MONDAY | MAY 17

T'ai Chi for Exercise Classes Resume

5:30-6:30 p.m. | Pickard Hall

T'ai Chi is a gentle art that is physically rewarding and mentally stimulating, and brings a feeling of well-being, as well as relaxation, improved balance, and coordination. Classes resume Monday, May 17, 5:30- 6:30 p.m. in Pickard Hall. Classes will run every Monday (except May 31, July 5, August 2, and August 16) through the summer. Social distancing will be observed. For more information, contact Honey Music at honeyjmusic@gmail.com.

TUESDAY | MAY 18

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

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

WEDNESDAY | MAY 19

Boxed Dinners to Go

Pick-up between 5:00-6:30 p.m.

McDonald Lane

Don't forget if you ordered a boxed dinner to go, today is the day to pick-up your Baked Chicken Alfredo, Asparagus, Focaccia, and Dessert!

THURSDAY | MAY 20

Keenagers

10:00 a.m. | Zoom

Join us as Betty Landes shares her knowledge of icons and spiritual symbols. Please contact Tonya Higgins at thiggins@whitememorial.org to receive Zoom link.

SATURDAY | MAY 22

Dr. Brian Blount - Theologian in Residence

Belonging to the Lord

9:00 a.m. - noon | Main Hall and Zoom

Please join us for two special days in May as we begin celebrations of our 75th anniversary year. You are invited to attend these events in person or you can join via Zoom with registration.

[Register to receive your Zoom link for Saturday, May 22.](#)

SUNDAY | MAY 23

Dr. Brian Blount Preaching 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Teaching 9:30-10:30 a.m.

[Register to receive your Zoom link for Sunday, May 23.](#)

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HELP WANTED

VBS Teachers and Helpers!

We invite adults of any age to join our fun Vacation Bible School on the mornings of August 2- 6! We're making plans to follow all safety protocols while offering a fun, memorable week of growing in faith! Would you enjoy serving in some way that week? We'll provide all the plans and supplies, as well as childcare for younger children. We could also use some behind-the-scenes helpers to set up and clean up. If you would be willing to serve or have any questions, please contact Olivia Edwards at oliviabedwards@yahoo.com, Emy Hanson at emyhanson@gmail.com, or Lynn Springfield at lspringfield@whitememorial.org.

VBS Youth Helpers

Middle and high school youth, join us August 2- 6 for a fun week of growing in faith with our younger church while earning community service hours! Most youth helpers are needed from 9:15 a.m. to noon, with some needed at 8:30 a.m. for early arrival and for the nursery. Please contact Ashley Silverman at silverman.ashley@gmail.com.

A/V Volunteers Needed!

Have you ever wanted to learn video, sound or lighting? Join our A/V team and help us stream worship services at 11:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. We're looking for volunteers for sanctuary and OnPoint@1704 worship services. Experienced? Great. No Experience. No problem. We'll train. High schoolers are welcome to explore this opportunity. Check with your school to see if this qualifies for service hours. Contact Parker Gagnier at pgagnier@whitememorial.org for more information.

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