



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Baccalaureate and Youth Sunday  
28 June 2020 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Voluntary Toccata

Christopher Steele

**\*Ringing of the Bell** *The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.*

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 89:1-4

We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;  
With our mouths we will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.  
You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to my servant David:  
'I will establish your descendants forever,  
and build your throne for all generations.'"  
Let us worship God and proclaim the love of Christ.

**\*Hymn 826**

Lift High the Cross

*Crucifer*

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,  
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [Refrain]

All newborn servants of the Crucified  
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. [Refrain]

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
your death has brought us life eternally. [Refrain]

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory. [Refrain]

**\*Invitation to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life, you call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, and to a wholeness with each other and with you. But we have chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from You. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, not living out our calling. Mend us and make us new creations in your grace and mercy. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

**\*Sung Response**

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

**\*Declaration of Pardon**

Friends, believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
The peace of Christ be with you. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**\*Response of Praise** Gloria Patri

**Recognition of High School  
Graduates**

Each graduate will receive two gifts from Westminster:  
a copy of the PC (USA) Book of Common Prayer and a hand-knitted scarf by  
the Knit 2 Purl 4 Mission.

*Drew Borland* from SHS attending Miami University Honors Program in Oxford, Ohio.

*Ben Brower* from SHS attending Lincoln Land Community College

*Sam Brower* from SHS attending Lincoln Land Community College

*Ella Kurmann* from SHS attending Lincoln Land Community College

*Carolyn Lowe* from SHG attending Belmont College Honors Program in Nashville, TN

*Natalie Miller* from SHS attending University of Kansas

*Jack Milliman* from SHS attending the University of Missouri

*Jocelyn Nester* from GHS attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, FL

*Lydia Pehlman* from Bentonville HS attending Baylor University Honors College in TX

*Allison Scott* from SHS attending DePaul University in Chicago, IL

*Mack Shepherd* from PPHS attending Hope College in Holland, MI

Unable to attend this Sunday:

*Noah Bright* from Macomb HS attending U.S. Military Academy in West Point, NY

*Ethan Sommer* from SHS attending Northeastern University in Boston, MA

*Eli Vogler* from GHS attending San Diego State University

*Zach Wheelhouse* from SHS attending Columbia College in Chicago, IL

**First Scripture Reading** Genesis 22:1-14

After these things God tested Abraham. God said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." God said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God Godself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." The angel of the Lord said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide;" as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

**Music** Lord of the Dance Traditional Shaker Melody

I danced in the morning when the world was begun  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.  
Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you in the dance said He.  
I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance and follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
They came with me and the dance went on.  
I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
And left me there on a cross to die.  
I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black,  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone:  
But I am the dance and I still go on.  
They cut me down and I leap up high,  
I am the life that will never, never die,  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:  
I am the Lord of the dance said he.

**Second Scripture Reading** Matthew 10:40-42

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

**Meditation/Sermon** Here I Am Ella Kurmann, Drew Borland, Youth Rev. Christian K. Choi

*God said to him... and he said “Here I am”, Isaac said to his father... and he said, “Here I am, my son,” the angel of the Lord said, and he said, “Here I am.”*  
*Genesis 22:1, 7, 11.*

**Music** Light of a Clear Blue Morning Dolly Parton

It's been a long dark night, and I've been waiting for the morning  
It's been a long hard fight, but I see a brand-new day a-dawning.  
I've been looking for the sunshine 'cause I ain't seen it in so long.  
Everything's gonna work out fine. Everything's gonna be alright,  
It's gonna be okay. I can see the light of a clear blue morning.  
I can see the light of a brand-new day.

**The Church at Prayer**

**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.

## Introduction to Offering

Offertory Response      Doxology      Hymnal, 606

**\*Prayer of Dedication**      Holy and Loving God, thank you for calling us by name, for providing for our needs, and for freeing us to live in union with Christ. We offer to you what you have given to us in joy with love for the common good. Bless gifts, givers, and receivers so that we can give you our richest praise in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

**\*Hymn 69**      Here I am, Lord      *Here I Am*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them Whom shall I send

Refrain:

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my peoples pain.  
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them, Whom shall I send [Refrain]

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them, Whom shall I send [Refrain]

## \*Charge and Benediction

**\*Voluntary**      New Era      Nigel Ogden

*Photos of the graduates will be shown during the closing voluntary.*

*Additionally, as the families leave the Sanctuary,  
each graduate will receive a personalized treat prepared by Pat Hymans, Westminster's Hospitality Coordinator.*

## Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Pastor and Head of Staff  
Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry  
Dale T. Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts  
Carolyn Lowe, Soprano  
Adam Miller, Tenor  
Bob Fox, Videographer  
Elsie Fox, Director