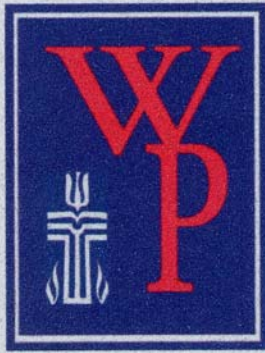


*Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth. Isaiah 43:19*



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## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
234<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence Day  
in the United States of America

July 4, 2010

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Fanfare*

Paxton

*God of Our Fathers*

Paxton

Prayer of Preparation (*you may wish to prepare for worship by praying silently*)

Lord, I am grateful for the gift of salvation and my relationship with the Prince of Peace. And I am grateful to live in a nation that is strong and free. Show me how these blessings can work together for good for the sake of God and Country. Amen

Greeting and Announcements

Frank Whitesell

The Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Please stand and exchange the Peace of Christ with your neighbor.

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship – Psalm 105:1-4, 7-10 (*responsive*)

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

**Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

**Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

**O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

Come, let us worship the Lord, our God!

- \* Hymn of Praise 262 – *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*
- \* Call to Confession

- \* Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Eternal God, our judge and our redeemer, we confess that we are far more concerned with our nation's safety, power, and prestige, than with world peace. We confess that we put life, liberty, and the pursuit of personal happiness above everything, including our relationship with You. We have not honored you as LORD of our lives. We spend most of our time and best efforts looking out for ourselves. Lord, we need correction. And guidance. We need your forgiveness. And your inspiration. We need your grace so we can respond in faith. For the sake of your Son, forgive us, and make us like Him. Forgive also our inmost sins we dare not name aloud . . . .**

- \* Assurance of Pardon

- \* The Congregation's Response: Hymn 561 – *Gloria Patri*

### **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – II Kings 5:1-14

(pew Bible pg. 293)

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *We Shall Behold Him*

Rambo

Connie Roberts, soprano

Second Lesson – Galatians 5:1-25

(pew Bible pg. 948)

Sermon – *For Freedom Christ Has Set You Free!*

Rev. Stephen Ramp

### **GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

- \* Communion Hymn 513 – *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Tithes and Offerings

Call for the Offering

Offertory – *America the Beautiful*

Ward

### **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you,

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful and the earth be glad. In joy, with prophets, apostles, martyrs and saints of every time and place, we join in giving you praise:

**Holy, holy, holy LORD; God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the LORD. Hosanna in the highest!**

God of glory, in thanks we remember how Jesus broke bread and gave the cup to make us partakers of his body and blood, so that he might live in us and we in him.

**Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us. Leading his followers, he guides us. Dying on the cross, he rescues us. Risen from the dead, he gives us new life.**

Believing Christ's promise of eternal life, we live in him and declare:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!**

Almighty God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that as we receive bread and wine, we may be assured that Christ's promise in these signs will be fulfilled. Lift our hearts and minds on high, where with Christ your only Son, and with the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, now and forever.

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **UNISON PRAYER**

**We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread of heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen our faith that our lives will reflect honor and glory upon our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

- \* Hymn of Consecration 561 – *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* (vv. 1, 2 & 4)
- \* Charge and Benediction
- \* Choral Amen
- \* Postlude – *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

Broughton



\* Please stand at the \* as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**. Also, please take your bulletin and papers home or place them in the recycling basket in the narthex.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

July 5-10, 2010

Monday, July 5	Romans 8:26-30 Matthew 23:1-12
Tuesday, July 6	Romans 8:31-39 Matthew 23:13-26
Wednesday, July 7	Romans 9:1-18 Matthew 23:27-39
Thursday, July 8	Romans 9:19-33 Matthew 24:1-14
Friday, July 9	Romans 10:1-13 Matthew 24:15-31
Saturday, July 10	Romans 10:14-21 Matthew 24:32-51

### PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

*Nina Aufer, friend of the Reidenbachs – continuing fight against ALS*

*Julie Barkurn, neighbor of the Harris family – cancer*

*Bob Cummings – recovering from stomach surgery*

*Janie Forbes, mother of Laurie Klinedinst (BreadBasket shopper) – failing health*

*Michelle Gibbs, Peggy Speed's friend – breast cancer*

*Becky Morgan, McComb friend of the Ramps – liver cancer*

*Bobby Dossett, Sam Dossett's brother – experimental treatment for aggressive cancer*

*Judy, friend of the Hickmans – lung cancer, massive chemotherapy*

*Don McLelland, the Cannedy's son-in-law – recovering from 4 bypass surgeries*

*John Menefee – continued chemo treatments and for stamina*

*Nona Kay Miller, Pat Davis' friend – chemo for lung cancer*

*Austin Riddle, infant friend of Kenny Harrell and Glenda Miller – genetic digestive disorder*

*Margie Roberts, Robin Roberts' mother – recovering from pneumonia*

*Mary Robinson, Ray Robinson's wife – recovering from car accident*

*Jack Seale, Pam Dossett's brother – radiation for bronchial and brain cancer*

*Kelli Shoemake, niece of Beverly Grice and Molly Smith – scoliosis surgery in Jackson on July 7*

*David Sliman, Jr., friend of the Greggs – cancer*

*Judge Jim Thomas – recovering from stroke*

PRAYERS FOR SAFE TRAVEL FOR YOUTH (*returning July 5 from mission trip*)

### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING FOR NEW BIRTH

*Blake Dyar Gibson, son of Kayla Dyar and Shea Gibson, born June 29*

PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY, OUR LEADERS, AND OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

## Greeting and Announcements



**Welcome to Westminster!** We're very glad you're worshipping with us. We hope you will hear God's purpose, sense Christ's presence, and experience the Holy Spirit's power as blessing and gift. If you are looking for a place to grow and serve, we'd love to tell you more about Westminster. Brochures are in the pew racks. Please silence your cell phone and attune your heart to hear God speaking to you.

It is a sad fact that millions of people die each year of preventable waterborne disease, and most of them are children under the age of five. Water-borne disease is the **#1** cause of death in children worldwide. With your gift, you enable **Living Waters for the World** to make an impact on these dreadful statistics. Please give generously.



Please join us following the worship service for the **Red, Hot, and Blue picnic**. The Diaconate has provided everything – hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, chips, brownies, cookies, and drinks! All you need to bring is your appetite!

The July/August **Today** devotionals are in the entrance halls. Some large print copies are also available.

The **church office** will be closed Monday, July 5.

There will be a **planning meeting** on Tuesday, July 6 at 9:30 am for the PW Cluster B Fall Gathering.

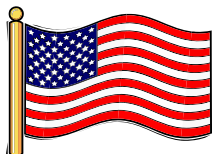


**Summer co-ed softball** league has begun. Team Westminster has two games this week: Tuesday, July 6 on Field 3 at 6:30 pm and Thursday, July 8, on Field 1 at 7:30 pm.

The **Long Range Planning Task Force** meets Wednesday at 5:30 pm.

There will be no Wednesday night supper or service this week. The next Wednesday potluck supper will be **July 14**.

Because we will fill **BreadBasket** applications for a second week in July, we are seeking extra volunteers. If you have approximately an hour and a half to devote to this worthwhile community project, please sign up in the narthex for a day during the week of July 19-23. Training is provided for first-timers. For more details, contact Kay Salter in the office.



*Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!*

Just as the human body needs eyes, hands, ears, lungs, etc., so does the Body of Christ. We have many small group opportunities for growth, fellowship and service here at Westminster. We encourage members to use their gifts to participate in the mission of this congregation and to invite others to join us in serving Jesus Christ.

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A Symbolic Statement of the Church

The Cross – Christianity

The Transept – Bible and Pulpit

The Dove – The Holy Spirit

The Intersection – Baptismal Font or  
Communion Cup

Flames – Implied triangle, the Trinity

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