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From the Pews, Zach Weaver

Faith is complicated. Its definition and directive are simple—believe, trust, and have loyalty to God. But, much like being told to hit a 90mph fastball, the application is difficult. Our daily lives consist of uncertainties, disappointments, and things we can't explain. Naturally, this causes us to question the ways of the universe. Faith requires us, however, to place trust in God despite these challenges.

The scripture passage this week shows the power of faith. In Mark 5:21-43, Jesus heals a child and a woman suffering from a prolonged illness. And he does it because they have faith. The woman's faith in Jesus convinces her that even if she touches his garment, she will be made well. Her faith causes her to act, and she is healed. When Jesus asks who touched him, she admits doing so and throws herself at his feet. Jesus simply says "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

Jesus then proceeds to see a child at the request of her father. Someone comes from the father's house doubting Jesus, stating "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" Jesus responds, "Do not fear, only believe." With the faith of the daughter's parents, Jesus raises the child thought to be dead.

This passage teaches us the miracles faith can provide. When struggling with faith, I'm reminded of Ralph Waldo Emerson's saying, "[a]ll I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen." Viewing faith through this lens focuses not on the things that make us question our faith. Rather, the focus is acknowledging what we see, feel, and touch shows that there is something greater than us. There are plenty of things we don't have the answers to, but God has given us a tremendous amount to show that he exists and is great. In that light, how can you not believe?

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 27, 2021 | In-Person at 10a | Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Preparation for **Worship**

Loving God, you want us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing except losing you, and to lay all our cares on you, knowing that you care for us. Protect us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds in this mortal life may hide from us the light of your immortal love shown to us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gathering and Preparing for God's Word

Welcome and Announcements

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Prelude	Prelude in Classic Style	arr. Young
Introit	"Surely"	Langston

* Call to Worship *Psalm 130: 5-7*

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope.

People: **My soul waits for the Lord,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

Leader: O Israel, hope in the Lord!

People: **For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with God is great power to redeem.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

* Hymn No. 35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

stanza 1

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* Prayer of Confession

Holy God, our desire to control our lives often runs deeper than our trust in you.

We have placed our hope in that which is fleeting, temporary, and insecure.

Our faith is fickle, our love is conditional, and our commitment to Christ's way is weak.

Forgive us, and remake us in the image of your Son.

Grant us the courage to move forward when we cannot see the way forward.

Help us to be generous with the love you have given us, and hopeful with the faith that has been passed down to us.

We ask it all in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* Gloria Patri (Hymnal, No. 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Margaret Ellis Bryan

Congregational Response

"Baptized in Water"

Bunessan

Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the
sign of Christ our King; ——— born of the Spir - it, we are God's
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

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Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson, *Romans 4:16-17*

Gospel Lesson, *Mark 5:21-43*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "They Laughed at Him"

Responding to **God's Word**

* Affirmation of Faith, *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Call to Prayer "For You, My God, I Wait"

Tice

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.**

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Offering

Offertory

"He Never Failed Me, Yet"

Ray

* Doxology (Hymnal, No. 606)

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

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn No. 435

In Babilone

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Response

"Go Out with Joy"

Davis

* Postlude

Rigoudon

Campra

*All who are able may stand

Leading in Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist*

Laura Williams Sanders, *sponsor*

Nancy Smith, *organist/pianist*

Sanctuary Choir Ensemble

Brett Meredith, *head usher*

Rob Morgan, Carl Muller, *greeters*

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Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship *Margaret Ellis Bryan*, daughter of Rance & Andrea Bryan.

In Memoriam

Joseph S. Whisonant, Jr.

(2/3/1961 - 6/3/2021)

William Howard Boyd, Jr.

(7/5/1950 - 6/20/2021)

"I am the resurrection and the life."

- John 11:25

We Remember in Prayer

The family of Joe Whisonant.

The family of Howard Boyd.

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

On Sunday, May 30, we began our summer schedule. We will live stream our services now at 10:00a. Please note the following changes:

- Our nursery has reopened.
- We will gradually introduce congregational singing back into our liturgy.
- We will have donuts and coffee following worship.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

REGISTER NOW! | AUGUST 2 - 6

RIISING KINDERGARTNERS TO RIISING FIFTH GRADERS

Mark your calendars and join us for the 2021 Westminster Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School - Compassion Camp: Changing the World with Lovingkindness!

Children will spend the week exploring what it means to have compassion for others, ourselves and the world.

This year's VBS will be in-person, with groups gathering both inside and outside.

Registration opened June 6. Register online at vbspro.events/p/2021wpc.

VBS needs volunteers! Please join us for a fun and fulfilling week with many volunteer opportunities! If you are interested in helping with VBS, please contact Rachel Workman (rachelworkman@gmail.com), or Lindsey Donlan (lindsey.donlan@gmail.com).

JUSTFAITH:

Sacred Air will be the next JustFaith program focus beginning in September. It will address climate change and energy through the lenses of faith, science, and environmental justice. Readings from Pope Francis, Hope Jahren, and others will help to guide this nine-week program. Stay tuned for dates/times of meetings. For more information, contact Meg McKnight (670-5078) or Bill Holt (982-3368).

WPC BOOK CLUB:

The Westminster Book Club will meet Tuesday, July 6, at 7p at McAlister's Deli (Augusta St.). Arrive at 6:30p if you want to have dinner and fellowship before the meeting. Kathryn Algary will lead the discussion of Deacon King Kong by James McBride. Join us! New attendees are always welcome.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 27 – July 4, 2021

Sunday, June 27

5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 10:00a Worship Service
- 11:00 Fellowship with donuts
- 6:00p Middler Summer Retreat: Day 1

Monday, June 28

- 9:00a Middler Summer Retreat: Day 2

Tuesday, June 29

- 9:00a Middler Summer Retreat: Day 3
- 6:05p Senior Highs to Drive Game

Wednesday, June 30

- 9:00a Middler Summer Retreat: Day 4
- 6:30p Middler Waffle Cone
Wednesday (Spill the Beans)
- 7:30 Senior High Waffle Cone
Wednesday (Spill the Beans)

Thursday, July 1

- 8:30a Hiking Group: Lake Jocassee
- 9:00a Middler Summer Retreat: Day 5

Sunday, July 4

6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 10:00a Worship Service
- 11:00 Fellowship with donuts

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