Gratitude in Every Season
We continue to show our gratitude to God by sharing the blessings bestowed on us.

May 3, 2015
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Tree of Life
- The Chancel of the Westminster Sanctuary -

In 1903 the Sanctuary was renovated by Tiffany Studios, who stenciled Christian symbols in gold throughout the Chancel. The designer was René Théophile de Quelin.
Welcome to this place of Christian worship

Do not wait for someone else to begin worship. Pray silently for yourself, for those about you, for the poor and the oppressed, for those unable to be present, and for those who will shortly lead our common worship. Latecomers may enter the Sanctuary during the singing of the first hymn or during the Response to the Assurance. Ushers are available for assistance. Please turn off all cell phones.

Prelude - 10:45AM

Grand Chœur Dialogué

Eugéné Gigout (1844-1925)

The Singers (1946)

John Wesley Work III (1901-1967)

Orch. Paul Ferington

God sent his Singers upon earth
With songs of sadness and of mirth,
That they might touch the hearts of men,
And bring them back to heaven again.

The first, a youth, with soul of fire,
Held in his hand a golden lyre;
Through groves he wandered, and by streams,
Playing the music of our dreams.

The second, with a bearded face,
Stood singing in the market-place,
And stirred with accents deep and loud
The hearts of all the listening crowd.

A gray old man, the third and last,
Sang in cathedrals dim and vast,
While the majestic organ rolled
Contrition from its mouths of gold.

And those who heard the Singers three
Disputed which the best might be;
For still their music seemed to start
Discordant echoes in each heart,

But the great Master said, "I see
No best in kind, but in degree;
I gave a various gift to each,
To charm, to strengthen, and to teach.

These are the three great chords of might,
And he whose ear is tuned aright
Will hear no discord in the three,
But the most perfect harmony." (text: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, 1807-1882)
Order of Worship - 11AM

The 8:45AM worship service can be found on pages 13&14 of this bulletin.

On Communion Sundays, the children meet for Sunday School in the Holmes Chapel. They will join the service in time for Communion.

Chiming of the Trinity
The sounding of the chimes, invoking Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, is an invitation to prepare for worship through a time of silent reflection. Please be respectful of those who are praying.

Call to Worship
The people stand and remain standing for the Hymn in Procession.

Hymn in Procession, No. 455
All Creatures of Our God and King

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
God of mercy,
we confess that we have not borne
the fruit of the Spirit.
We have not loved others
as you have loved us.
We have denied the promises of baptism
and cut ourselves off from you.
Forgive us, restore us,
that we may abide in your love
and live out your mercy,
for the sake of Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.
Kyrie
I. Kyrie

Awake my soul, and with the sun  Redeem thy mis-spent time that’s past,
Thy daily stage of duty run;    Live this day as if ’twere thy last;
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise  Improve thy talent with due care
To pay the morning sacrifice  For the great Day thyself prepare. (text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711)

Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy.
Christe eleison. Christ have mercy.
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

Response

Mass of the Children
II. Gloria

Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to all those of good will.
We praise you. We bless you. We worship you. We glorify you.
We give thanks to you according to your great glory.
Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father almighty.

Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
You who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
You who takes away the sins of the world, hear our prayer.
You who sits at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us.
For you alone are Holy. You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ.

With the Holy Spirit in the Glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Please turn to your neighbor and share the peace of Christ. It is appropriate to say, “The peace of Christ be with you”, and to respond, “And also with you.” The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity (Col. 1:20-21).
What’s more, in the midst of divisions we symbolize our unity through handshakes and hugs (Eph. 2:14-21).
Likewise, when we regularly pass the peace we practice God’s call to make every effort to maintain the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3

Welcome and Announcements
Dr. Yorty

Invitation to the Offering
Offertory Anthem

The Deacons receive the gifts, a portion of the blessings God has given us, which we return unto God. Worshippers are invited to sign the Friendship Pad located in the aisle seat of each pew, and then pass it to others in the pew.

Look at the World (1996)  
John Rutter

Look at the world, everything all around us  
Look at the world and marvel every day.  
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,  
So many miracles along our way.

Praise to Thee, O Lord for all creation.  
Give us thankful hearts that we may see  
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,  
All things come of Thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower,  
Look at the sky the sunshine and the rain.  
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,  
Valley and flowing river, field, and plain.

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer,  
Bringing the harvest before winter's cold.  
Everything grows, everything has a season,  
Till it is gathered to the Father's fold.

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish,  
Comes from the Lord in token of His love.  
We are His hands, stewards of all His bounty  
His is the earth and His the heavens above.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

John 15:1-8

Meditation

Family Tree

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

It is the practice of this congregation to welcome all baptized persons, including those children whose parents have given their permission, to join in receiving the elements. Unfermented grape juice is used.

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, God of majesty and splendor...
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the choirs of angels, and sing the glory of your name:

Mass of the Children

III. Sanctus and Benedictus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty...

Prayers of Intercession are offered...

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever and ever.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

We will distribute the elements of communion today by intinction – simply take the bread and dip it in the cup. It is appropriate to say “Amen” or “Thanks be to God” when receiving the bread and the cup as they are gifts of God for the people of God. On each tray there are wafers of gluten-free bread in a separate dish. Please take the right side (facing the chancel) of the aisle closest to you to receive the elements and return to your pew on the right side (facing the rear or Delaware Avenue) of the same aisle.

Voluntary

Mass of the Children

IV. Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Little lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life and bid thee feed,
By the stream and o’er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing, woolly bright;

Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice;
Little lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little lamb, I’ll tell thee;
He is called by thy name,
For he calls himself a Lamb:
He is meek and he is mild,
He became a little child:
I a child and thou a lamb,
We are called by his name.
Little lamb, God bless thee. (text: William Blake, 1757-1827)

Have mercy upon us.
Prayer of Thanksgiving

O Lord our God,
we rise from this table
knowing a love beyond our deserving.
Thank you for giving us
a place at your table;
for serving us the bread of life;
for offering to us,
even to us, the cup of salvation.
In humility and hope,
we go now from this night
to your promised day.
In Christ we pray.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

Now Let Us Rise and Hymn the Grace
Owen

The people stand to sing.

Benediction and Choral Response

John Rutter

Mass of the Children

V. Dona Nobis Pacem

Lord, Open Thou mine eyes that I may see Thee;
Lord, open Thou my lips that I may praise Thee;
Lord, open Thou my heart that I may love Thee;
Serve Thee with joy, fear none above Thee.
Christ be my sword and shield, my strong defender;
Christ be my light and my Redeemer.
Lord, be with me this day in each endeavor;
Lord, keep my soul with thee, now and forever.  (text: Based on Lancelot Andrews, 1555-1626)
Dona Nobis Pacem.  
Grant us peace.

Christ, be my guide today, my guide tomorrow;  
Christ in my days of joy, my days of sorrow;  
Christ in the silent hours when I lie sleeping,  
Safe in His holy angels' keeping.  
Christ be within the hearts of all who love me;  
Christ all around, and Christ above me.  
Christ in my thought and prayer and my confessing;  
Christ, when I go to rest, grant me your blessing.  

(text: Based on St. Patrick's Breastplate, 5th c.)

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Glory to Thee, my God this night  
For all the blessings of the light;  
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,  
Beneath Thine own almighty wings.

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

(text: Thomas Ken)

Worship Leaders

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty  
Reader: Elaine Mattar  
Organists: Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music  
Matthew Marco, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar  

Choirs:  
Westminster Presbyterian Choir, Garrett F. Martin, conductor  
Senior Choristers of the Westminster Choir School, Garrett F. Martin, conductor  
Buffalo State Philharmonia, Paul Ferington, conductor  
Buffalo State College Chorale, Buffalo State College Choirs, John Fleischman, conductor  
Buffalo State College Chamber Choir: Victoria Furby, conductor  

Soloists: Holly Bewley, soprano  
John Fleischman, baritone

Elders Serving Today  
Bob Bojdak, Maureen Boyd, Debbie Erwin, Ellen Kennedy, Sandy Laub, Brad Smith, Tom Warszawski

Deacons Serving Today  
Cathy Forrest, Eric Forrest, Janet Kifner-Arnatt, Florence Kilambo Kalumbu, Earl McColgin,  
Becky Read-Lukan, Sarah Reynolds, Austin Sanders, Roh-Yu Shen, Roy Stewart

Chancel Flowers  
The flowers at the Lord’s Table are given in memory of Ruth V. Erickson by Marilyn Bassett.

To purchase Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends. Sign up on the “Flower Calendar” on the Kiosk in the Gallery Room  
You may also call Marilyn Bassett at 634-4211 to choose a date.
Buffalo State Philharmonia
Paul Ferington, conductor

FIRST VIOLIN
Sarah Rice, Co-Concertmaster
Richard Kay*, Co-Concertmaster
Alana Carr
Jacquie Rondinelli
Jaliyah Linton
Jessica Cain
Charles Coughlin
Mike Kukla
Dmitry Gerikh +
Mari Nihira +
Amy Vredenburg +
Antonie LeFevre +

SECOND VIOLIN
Evan Courtin, Co-Principal
Robert Prokes*, Co-Principal
Mandy Parrish-Sams
Sarah Fuchs
Elizabeth Ruth
Nicholas Leo
Amberlynn Hejza
Joanna White
Gretchen Fisher +
Claire Fisher +
Kiersten Fisher +

VIOLA
Patricia Prokes*, Co-Principal
Emily Bauerlein, Co-Principal
Sarah Filkhorn
Karly Masters
Nick D’Amaro

BASS CLARINET
Kacy Harrison

BASSOON
Mary Britton
A. J. Neubert
Ellen Barnum*

OBOE
Brianna Corgel
Kristen Stadelmaier* + English Horn

HORN
Kirstie Cummings
Mary Gorman
Sarah Newton
Erin McGarry

TRUMPET
Matt Caputy
Jeremy Nesbitt
Christopher Nichols

TROMBONE
Eric Carvill
Teresa Leone
Nicholas Torres

PERCUSSION
Harrison Graser
Dominic Scaduto
Colin Sperrazza

TUBA
Travis Hendra +

LIBRARIAN
Kristen Stadelmaier

PIANO
Teresa Leone

PERSONNEL MANAGER
Ellen Barnum*

STAGE MANAGER
Amanda Paruta

The Music Library of the BSC Philharmonia is generously supported by the Fatta Foundation. Wind and percussion section parts are rotated among section members for each selection.

Westminster Choir
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Choirmaster
Matthew Marco, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar

Melinda Achtziger
Elaine Apczynski
William Blakeslee
Dorothy Brown
David Butler
Kenneth Carter
Alexei Carstensen
John Collyer
Valerie Cooley
Christine Curtis
Rhys Curtis
Avis Devine
Bill Devine
Mary Alice Devine

Anne Marie Faltisco
John Fleishman
Heidi Fors
Jaime Goldfuss
Sarah Gordon
Kacy Harrison
David Hohn
Lucinda Hohn
Hillary Hunt
Clio Jabine
Douglas Kirkpatrick
Doug Kohler
David Lewis
Cynthia Mayo

Walter S. Mayo
Lauren Mason
Paula Mazur
Scott Nachbar
Bobbie Billings Neal
Deanne O’Day
Brian Page
Robin Douglas Paget
Justine Parmele
Roger Parris
Bina Pawley
Donna Paxson
Karen Peck
Max Pipinich

Chuck Rice
James Rusk
Victor Schuel
Hanford Searl, Jr.
Elenora Seib
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Julie Zenger
Maggie Zindle

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Julia Anderson
Alex Renzoni

Mia Stevens
Bryan Renzoni

Jack Zenger
Maddie Cherr

Clio Jabine
Lauren Mason
Notes on Today's Music

Many of the great composers have, over the centuries, created settings of the "ordinary" of the Mass. These five parts - Kyrie, Gloria In Excelsis, Credo (Creed), Sanctus/Benedictus, and Agnus Dei - are a regular, unchangeable part of every Mass just as they are, in somewhat modified forms, a regular part of our own communion liturgy.

Today, our choirs incorporate musical settings of these "ordinary" texts by contemporary English composer John Rutter into our worship service. This Mass (actually Missa Brevis; omitting a sung Creed) was written in late 2002/early 2003 and premiered at Carnegie Hall with the composer conducting (and the Western New York Children's Chorus participating.) Rutter writes: "The text of the Mass of the Children is that of a standard Latin Missa Brevis to which several relevant English poetic texts have been added. The first and last of these are taken from Bishop Thomas Ken's renowned morning and evening hymns (17th c.) for the scholars of Winchester College, giving the whole work the framework of a complete day, from waking to sleeping, within which other texts and moods appear like events in that day or landmarks in a life.

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Dr. Yorty will continue our journey through the Gospel of John in these weeks of Easter as the church, in utero, begins to form. Before the birthday of the church on Pentecost, John compares us to a family tree, reminds us that God chose us before we chose God, literally connects us to one another from the disparate people we are and brokenness we bring, and finally animates the Body of Christ with the breath of the Holy Spirit.

**May 10**  
The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty  
*Chosen First; John 15:9-17*

**May 17**  
The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty  
*Remembering Who We Are; Acts 1:15-17, 21-26*

**May 24**  
The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty  
*Re-connected; Ezekiel 37:1-14, John 15:26-27, 16: 12-15*

**May 31**  
LayPreacher, Mark Aquino, Youth Coordinator

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**THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER**

**Sunday, May 3**  
7:00AM Name Tag Sunday  
8:00AM Children's Choir Rehearsal  
8:30AM Heavenly Grounds  
8:30AM Infant/Toddler Care  
8:45AM Worship W/Communion  
9:30AM Dialogue Diner  
9:35AM Spiritual Life/Adult Bible/Case Library  
9:35AM 6th & 7th Graders Meet  
10:00AM Choir Rehearsal  
11:00AM Youth Service/Sunday School (First Sunday)  
11:00AM Worship W/Communion  
11:00AM Worship/Mass For the Children

**Monday, May 4 - WPC Closed**  
6:00PM Four Congregation Interfaith Dinner

**Tuesday, May 5**  
7:15AM Wake Up Group

**Wednesday, May 6**  
12:30PM Passages Lunch  
1:15PM Passages Program  
4:00PM ENERGY Program  
5:00PM Spiritual Life Committee Mtg.  
6:00PM Zen Dharma

**Thursday, May 7**  
7:15AM Wake Up Group  
7:30AM Ministry of Generosity  
8:30AM Centering Prayer  
4:00PM ENERGY Program

**Friday, May 8**

**Saturday, May 9**  
6:00PM Gay Bingo

**Sunday, May 10**  
8:00AM Children's Choir Rehearsal  
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10:00AM Choir Rehearsal  
11:00AM Worship (First Sunday)
We invite members and visitors to sign the friendship/registration pad as it is passed during the service. Please indicate if you would like information sent to you or request a call from the pastor.

As a More Light church, we invite all persons of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community to membership and full participation in worship, leadership, service opportunities and all ministries of Westminster.

We light our peace candle remembering those relatives of Westminster members and all who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our prayers for peace include our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools & families.

Wireless Receivers for hearing assistance are available in the Church Conference Room.

If you need assistance, please ask any Deacon.

**BECOME A PART OF OUR LIFE**

Anyone who would like to learn more about our community and the many ministries we support is invited to attend a meeting immediately following worship on any of the following dates: June 21, August 9, October 11, and December 13, 2015. The Rev. Thomas Yorty, Pastor of Westminster, will tell the story of our church along with the current programs of outreach and mission in the city and region. There will be time for conversation and an opportunity to get answers to any questions you may have. Light, healthy refreshments will be served. At the conclusion of the meeting, those who so desire will be received into the membership of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Yorty (tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org or 830-8596), Karen Keaton (khkeaton@verizon.net) or any staff member.

**MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

The ENRICHMENT & FELLOWSHIP

Passages: A Program for Older Adults - Join us on May 5th when our speaker will be Janice Nowak, a nutritionist who will talk about healthy menus for seniors. 12:30PM-speaker at 1:15PM. Sign up on the Information Table or call the church office, 884-9437.

WOW Lunchtime Bible Study is meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 12:15PM in the Case Library. Join us as we look at Paul’s advice to the church in Corinth and consider what we have in common with Paul and his community of believers. Questions? Contact Debbie Katz, Director of Christian Education at dkatz@westminster-bflo.org, 884-9437, ext. 329.

Westminster Member - Life Changes? If you are recovering from an illness/surgery or are a caregiver with an ill family member, or have had a new baby, Westminster can provide a simple meal for those in need. Please contact Jamie at 884-9437, ext. 326 or email jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org

Save the Date: Westminster Goes to the Ballpark! Saturday, June 13, Buffalo Bisons vs. Charlotte Knights, 7:05PM at Coca-Cola Field. You are invited to join fellow church members for a pre-game picnic at the church at 4:30PM and fireworks at the park after the game! We’ll supply the hot dogs. Please bring a dish to share. Tickets are $10.75 and you can purchase them from George Gates before or after worship on Sundays. **Please Note: Parking is available in the United Way lot.**

**WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL**

The Four Gospels
Presenter: The Rev. Geri Lyon
*But it says so in the Bible... really?* Which two gospels have birth narratives? How are the disciples portrayed? What is the original short ending of the gospel of Mark? Why do they call Matthew, Mark and Luke the synoptic gospels? Who were the audiences which are addressed in

**MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

The ENERGY Program - creates a caring environment where refugee and immigrant students, grades 1-6 from Buffalo’s West Side gain social and cultural awareness and self-confidence through improving their English language skills. Contact Carol Greetham at 507-8216 or carol@wedibuffalo.org for more information, to donate or to volunteer.

The West Side Bazaar: Take friends and family over to 25 Grant Street for a delicious lunch and do some shopping! Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 11AM – 8PM, Friday 11AM-8PM, Saturday 10AM- 8PM. Sunday & Monday: Closed. Bazaar Bucks on sale now. Plenty of FREE PARKING!

Westminster’s Alcohol and Drug Education and Referral Service has been working quietly and steadily since 1981 to help members and friends with any questions they may have about alcohol or other drugs. Call any of us for free and confidential advice. Phil Stevens, Chair 839-3357; Dave Carstensen 884-5403, Ken Carter 833-9287, Ellen Smith 882-2064, Jim Wieland 523-0217.

**Case Library Conversations, Spiritual Life & Adult Bible Study Joint Presentation**

**Sunday, April 19**

**Children are a vital part of the life and worship at Westminster.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AT WESTMINSTER**

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT LEARNING**

**Mission and Community Outreach**

Adult Education at dkatz@wpcbuffalo.org, 884-9437, ext. 329.
each gospel, and do you have a favorite? Come, and let’s have a three-week search for these and some other gospel questions. It’s a search that can take a lifetime, but you have to start somewhere and no experience is necessary!

Sunday, May 31
9:35AM in the Case Library
Case Library Conversations
presents: L. Nathan Hare, President, Community Action Organization of Western New York (CAO) Mr. Hare will speak on the work of 17 Community Action Organization facilities throughout WNY.

YOUTH EVENTS C.I.A (Christians in Action)

Sunday, May 3: 9:30AM – Dialogue Diner, 11AM – Youth Service
Sunday, May 10: 9:30AM – Dialogue Diner, Happy Mother’s Day!

BUFFALO ZEN DHARMA COMMUNITY

Once again the Buffalo Zen Dharma Community is pleased to offer a unique weekend of Zen Buddhist teachings and practice events on May 7-10. This year we have the great pleasure of bringing a fresh and very accomplished voice to Western NY. Ron Hogen Green, a Dharma Holder in the Mountains and Rivers Order.

If you have an interest in what Buddhism may offer you in terms of a more satisfactory and authentic life, please don't miss this opportunity to discover your inner resources with the aid of Hogen Green over the course of the event-filled weekend which is being held at Episcopal Diocese of WNY Ministry Center, 1064 Brighton Rd., Tonawanda, NY 14150 We'll examine this profound teaching through zazen (Zen meditation), lectures and question-and-answer sessions. The Thursday talk will focus on the Buddha Treasure, Friday on the Dharma Treasure, and Saturday on the Sangha Treasure. Talks can be attended individually, or as a series.

For information, visit: http://mro.org/smr/buffalo/specialevents/

WESTMINSTER PRESENTS

Friday, May 15: Experience a Taizé Service. Westminster will offer a Taizé service of music, prayer and contemplation on the third Friday of each month from 5:30-6PM in the Holmes Chapel.

Saturday, May 16: Choral Evensong with the Choristers of the Westminster Choir School and the Choristers of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Whitemarsh, PA, at 4PM.

We’ve Reached Our Goal!

GIVING 2015

GRATITUDE IN EVERY SEASON

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Pledges received as of 04/30/2015

Thank you to all who generously donated in support of Westminster’s mission and ministries. And, to our wonderful chairs Jeff Renzoni and Mike Reynolds and our Ministry of Generosity for their commitment and dedication to Westminster.

We ask if you have not pledged to Giving 2015 please do so. If you are in need of an Intention Card or would like to make your pledge, please contact Monique Brannon at ext. 305 or go to www.wpcbuffalo.org
Worship in the Holmes Chapel
8:45AM

The Gathering is an opportunity for worshippers to greet one another and to share prayer concerns.
An offering plate has been placed on the Communion Table to receive your gifts.

Opening Voluntary
Sonate IV
III. Allegretto

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Call to Worship

Hymn, No. 455

All Creatures of Our God and King

The people stand to sing and sit for the following prayer.

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,
we confess that we have not
borne the fruit of the Spirit.
We have not
loved others as you have loved us.
We have denied
the promises of baptism
and cut ourselves off from you.
Forgive us, restore us,
that we may abide in your love
and live out your mercy,
for the sake of Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

Time for silent prayer

Kyrie

The people sing.

David Johnson

Assurance of Pardon

Response

The people stand to sing.
Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson
John 15:1-8

Anthem
Jesus Christ the Apple Tree
Traditional, arr. Richard Allain

The tree of life my soul has seen, laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but never can tell,
The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I’m weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest a while:
Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying flesh alive:
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Meditation
Family Tree
Dr. Yorty

Prayers of the People
Concluding with the Lord’s Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Sending Hymn
Now Let Us Rise and Hymn the Grace
Owen

The people stand to sing.
Hymn can be found on page 6 of this bulletin.

Benediction

Closing Voluntary
Sonate IV
I. Allegro con brio
Felix Mendelssohn

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