

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

Music: Public Domain

Vivace, Voluntary I, W. Boyce

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;

People: God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me,

People: and let us exalt God's name together.

*HYMN 436

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us, O Quanta Qualia

Music: Public Domain

1 God of compassion, in mercy befriend us, giver of grace for our needs all-availing.
Wisdom and strength for each day ever send us, patience untiring and courage unailing.

2 Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us, stilled our rude hearts with your word of consoling. Wrap now your peace, like a mantle, around us, guarding our thoughts and our passions controlling.

3 How shall we stray, with your hand to direct us, you who the stars in their courses are guiding? What shall we fear, with your power to protect us, we who walk forth in your greatness confiding?

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against our adversaries. We have hoarded the fruits of our labors rather than share our bounty with the needy. We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness but have indulged in evil gossip. We have not forgiven the wrongs others have done, even though we desire your forgiveness toward us in Jesus Christ. Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us (continue with individual confession...) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Let us put away bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Troy Lepien

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Kings 19:1-9

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

SERMON

Broom Tree Moments

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

*HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me, Kelvingrove

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1. Will you come and follow me If I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown In you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind If I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer In you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see If I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean In you and you in me?

4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside
And never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found To reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound In you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true When you but call my name. Let me turn and follow
you And never be the same. In your company I'll go Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow In you and you in me.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Leaders Today:

Preacher: Nii Abrahams

Liturgist: Sue Dornfeld

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr

Ushers: Karen Stephens and Doug Kornetzke



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Preacher: Nii Addo Abrahams, Associate Director of Campus Ministry Pres House

Nii Addo (Nii) Abrahams is a second-generation Ghanaian immigrant who spent most of his life in southwest Missouri. He has an M.A. in Religious Studies from Missouri State University and a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. Nii has a deep passion for the Star Wars universe (pre- and post-Disney) and is an avid supporter of Manchester United Football Club. He also appreciates a high-quality donut, especially after a long bike ride.

Pastor Scott Away - Please note that Pastor Scott will be away until August 10. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Pastor Sandy Nuernberg at 608-695-4248 or sn333@aol.com

School Supplies

Westminster's Adopt-a-School Partner Thoreau Elementary School is requesting school supplies for students in need. Because the school was mostly online, more than the usual number of first time attending students are expected. Needed items are:

Pencils (Ticonderoga preferred), scissors, glue, crayons (Crayola preferred), and colored pencils. We also plan to provide 60 backpacks with encouraging notes. If you'd rather leave the shopping to us, feel free to make checks payable to Westminster and write "school supplies" in the memo. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

Summer Backyard Book Group

Pastor Scott will be leading the final book group for *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas at 4pm on August 19 and August 26 on the church patio. Books available in the office for \$13.

Pillowcases

The Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilts currently has enough sheets, so we are no longer collecting those, BUT we are still collecting pillow cases for Little Dresses for Africa over the next month. So if you have any extra, please bring them to church (bin in Narthex). Thanks!

Madinah Academy - Reception

We are very happy Madinah has found a place to continue their growth. Please join us and the staff of Madinah after worship at **11am on Sunday August 29** for a special reception with coffee and treats as we celebrate our friendship and say good bye.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

Homebound Highlights (rotating each week): Patrick Mullin, Bucky Pike, Nell Seiberlich, Shirley Toomey

Members & Friends: Carla McCann, Kelly McCann, Sherry (Granquist's daughter), Gloria Stange, Nicholas Tortorich, Hannah Kwiatkowski, the family of Lou Ann Schermerhorn

