

## JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

*Come unto me, all ye that labour  
and are heavy laden, and I  
will give you rest.*

*Matthew 11:28 KJV*



WESTMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JOHNSTOWN, PA.  
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**ORDER OF SERVICE  
HEALTH SUNDAY  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

**10:15 AM**

**PRELUDE**

**“How Great Thou Art”**

**Carl Gustav Boberg**

*Ron Good/Kenan Kevenk, soloists*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**Edna Nti**

**INTROIT**

**“Surely the Presence”**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Rev. Hyiwot Teshome**

Liturgist: All creation holds its breath. The time is almost here.

**All: The heavenly choir of angels waits for its cue to sing. Joy is all around us.**

Liturgist: Prepare your hearts! For God would restore us to health.

**All: God heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds. Together, let us worship.**

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**Rev. Hyiwot Teshome**

Almighty God, we give You praise and honor for Your ways are righteous and true. We give You worship for You are Holy and Just. We gather this morning to worship You with our hearts, soul and spirit. We know there are troubles surrounding us, surrounding our nation, surrounding our world and we know that You are with us, and You walk by our side. On this health Sunday, we turn to You, dear Lord, to worship and adore You in Christ and through Christ, we pray. Amen!

**\*HYMN #483**

**“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above” MIT FREUDEN  
ZART**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**Rev. Sara Sadler**

**O God, when you have not answered in the ways or in the time we desire, we have been tempted to lean on our own understanding and not acknowledge you in all ways. We so often have sought to control our lives and order our own steps, often ignoring your wisdom and pushing your guidance aside. Lord, have mercy. Help us to trust you to journey with us and to guide us. Help us to rest in your promise that “You will never leave us nor forsake us.” Through Christ name we pray. Amen.**

**(Time for Silent Confession)**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Rev. Sara Sadler**

**God loves us so much that He sent His son to die for us. God loves us so much that He forgives our sins. Rejoice in the Good News of the Gospel that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***\*GLORIA PATRI: 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.***

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**ANTHEM**

**“Hear Me, Redeemer”**  
*Kristen Kane, soloist*

**Henri Mollicone**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**1<sup>st</sup> John 4: 7 – 18**  
**(Pew Bible Pg. 226)**

**Rev. Bernard Nti**

**L: The Word of the Lord**

**P: Thanks be to God**

**INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER**

**Rev. Bernard Nti**

**TALK: BREAKING THE SILENCE: A CONVERSATION ON DEPRESSION.**  
**(Dr. W. Daniel Hale)**

\*HYMN                      “We Are Marching in the Light of God”      SIYAHAMBA  
(See insert)

\*APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Bernard Nti

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“What a Friend We Have”

Charles Converse

*Mr. Good and Mr. Kevenk, soloists*

\*DOXOLOGY

*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. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Rev. Sara Sadler

We give these gifts freely, we receive these gifts gratefully, we dedicate these gifts to the work of our congregation: serving human wholeness, caring for our planet, loving one another and loving God with all our heart, soul and might. Amen.

\*HYMN #343

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

BEECHER

\*CHARGE/BENEDICTION

Rev. Bernard Nti

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Lord Make Us More Holy”

*Lord make us more holy; Lord Make us more holy;*

\*POSTLUDE

*Lord make us more holy, until we meet again:*

*Holy, holy, holy, until we meet again*

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

PASTOR

Rev. Bernard Nti

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We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,  
 Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.  
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing  
 Si - ya - ham - ba

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oo

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,  
 Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*  
 We are dancing...  
 We are praying...  
 We are singing...

*Siyanamba*

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the  
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;  
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

This lively Zulu/Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other languages around the globe. Some additional stanzas are suggested, but others may be improvised as appropriate to the occasion.

## **SERVING THIS MORNING**

Liturgist(s).....Pastor Hyiwot, Pastor Sara, Pastor Ben  
Acolyte.....Mariah Stephens  
Ushers.....Joan Rush, Jen Priest, Gabby Riffle, Adam Curry  
Fellowship.....FPC Johnstown, TPC New Florence and WPC Johnstown  
Opener.....Bill Harris  
Children's Chat.....No Children's Chat  
Audio/Video.....Kevin Howell  
Chancel Flowers.....The Nti Family

### **CHANCEL FLOWER**

The flower on the Chancel Table is presented in memory of Mrs. Paulina Kwateng. She is the mother of Edna Nti and the mother-in-law of Pastor Ben.

**DIVERSITY SUNDAY** is May 19. If you would like to share your favorite food from your heritage, call Joyce Norris at 814-243-2659

### **DR. DAN HALE**

Is our guest speaker today, and following in Fellowship Hall with a Q&A Symposium on Congregational Depression awareness.

Dr. Hale is an Assistant Professor at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences where he serves as co-Director of the Congregational Depression Awareness Program. He is the co-author of *Building Healthy Communities through Medical-Religious Partnerships*, published by the Johns Hopkins University Press and now in its third edition (2018), and *Healing Bodies and Souls: A Practical Guide for Congregations* (Fortress Press, 2003). His most recent book is *Depression – Out of the Darkness and into the Light* (Gatekeeper Press, 2020). Dr. Hale is the recipient of numerous awards, including the NAMI Metropolitan Baltimore award for the Mental Health Professional of the Year (2016), the Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award for Excellence in Education and Inspirational Leadership (2016), and the Maryland Foundation for Psychiatry Anti-Stigma Advocacy Prize (2018).

## SUNDAY, April 28<sup>th</sup> 2024

*WE WELCOME ALL who join us in worship today. We are a Presbyterian congregation in the reformed tradition, seeking to glorify God in our worship, our nurture and support of one another, and our service to the world, near and far. We are strengthened by your presence! We invite all guests into our fellowship and ministry.*

### **Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 a.m.....Adult Sunday School – (K)  
10:15 a.m.....Worship, Congregational Depression w/ Dr. Hale – (S)  
10:30 a.m..... Sunday School K-4, 5&6, – (UL3, UL4)  
11:15 a.m.....Fellowship Hour, Symposium – (F)  
6:00 p.m.....Teen Group – (F)

### **Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 a.m.....Prayers and Squares  
11:00 a.m.....Prayer Group (C)  
7:00 p.m.....Cable Broadcast, Channel 9

### **Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 a.m.....Young Men’s Breakfast – E&P  
10:00 a.m.....Spiritual Direction – (P)  
6:30 p.m..... Prayer Meeting – (K)

### **Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

- 7:30 a.m.....Men’s Breakfast – Jax  
5:30 p.m.....WFCM - K

### **Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- 1:30 p.m..... Staff Meeting – (K)  
6:30 p.m.....Bible Study – (K)

### **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 a.m.....Adult Sunday School – (K)  
10:15 a.m.....Worship, Communion Sunday – (S)  
10:30 a.m.....No Sunday School  
11:15 a.m.....Fellowship Hour - (F)

**S–Sanctuary F–Fellowship Hall K–Koinonia Room**

**C–Chapel P–Parlor MR–Music Room**

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## **BIBLE STUDIES**

Bible Studies resumed April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm in the Koinonia room. Thanks to all those who completed my Questionnaire on "Exploring the WPC liturgy and its theological meaning and its impact on our Christian Practice." Please come and join us every Thursday at 6:30 for informative and interesting conversations!

## **THE FAMILY SOUP KITCHEN**

"...blessed is he (or she) who is generous to the poor." Proverbs 14:21 (ESV) The Family Soup Kitchen needs help from all of us. Please put your contributions in the grocery cart outside the elevator on the lower floor. They can primarily use non-perishable foods and healthy snacks. The Deacons thank you.

## **BOOK CLUB**

"Mostly What God Does" by Savannah Guthrie. Will meet April 29 @ 7:00p

**PLEASE JOIN THE KOINONIA COMMITTEE** on Sunday May 5th from 3 PM to 5 PM at the church for a day of live music, food (walking tacos), and fellowship. We will have pinatas for the children, divided up into age groups. Come and join our church family and the community as we celebrate God's love and faithfulness to us.

PS bring your favorite lawn chair!

## **TUESDAY PRAYER MEETING**

Come join us to pray for WPC, our community and country on Tuesdays at 6.30pm in the small chapel. Contact Jen Priest or the office for more information. Thank you.

**Prayer Board:** Gary and Deb, Lyn, Linda and Holly, Cindy C., Marianne R, Sue G., Teens, Ted & Diane, Linda B, 2024 Graduates, Pastor Ben, Session, Deacons, Rev Standish, Church Staff, Rev Carole, John & Joyce, Anna A., Shut-ins, Kirkstadts, Good News Club, & Brian M.

## **PLEASE KEEP ALL THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

If you know of an active-duty person to be included in the list, call the church office with name, rank, address and, if appropriate, an e-mail address. We remember that some of these people are in a war zone and may not be available for regular communication. The following person is on assignment without a current address: SPC Andrew Medley.

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