

DIAPER DUTY

Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00 am

We invite you join the Diaper Duty brigade, by purchasing diapers and wipes for donation to families in the Canal. Many frontline workers have been unemployed or underemployed for almost a year now and are struggling to make ends meet. Drop them off in the WPC Parking Lot along with the bag lunches. For more information, check out the WPC website or contact Carol Coffman @ boco54@gmail.com.

BAGS OF LOVE

Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00 am

We are collecting bag lunches for families in need in Marin City. Drop them off at the WPC parking lot each Tuesday. If you want more information, please contact carolegunn@comcast.net.

OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP

There are lots of ways to be involved in the worship life of Westminster! Here are just a few of the many opportunities.

- 1) Music. RuthE. would love to share the opportunity to provide special music during worship. Instrumental music is easiest, but singing is also possible. Please reach out to RuthE. directly to let her know of your interest in participating as a soloist or in a small ensemble. music.at.wpc240@gmail.com
- 2) Flowers. Do you have a green thumb or an eye for flower arranging? The WPC flower team decorates the front of the sanctuary each week. You can volunteer as many or as few times as you'd like. We welcome all and have trainers who can assist you. If interested, please contact Meg Rafter at megplus4boys@gmail.com or 610-888-1218.
- 3) Usher. Our ushers are a key part of helping people enter and exit the sanctuary safely, as well as making people feel welcome here at Westminster. Contact Carolyn Grey at carolynkgrey@gmail.com if you would like to join the ushering team.
- 4) Lector. If you are comfortable with public speaking, the lector role would be great for you. The lector leads the call to worship and reads a scripture passage during worship. Contact Bethany at bethany@wpctiburon.org.



May 2, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter

“Allowing Jesus to live through you will not necessarily produce ‘nice’ but will undoubtedly produce ‘godly.’ It will not be as pleasant, efficient or even safe, but it will be right and it will create a better follower of Jesus.”

-Eric Hoke

Order of Worship

Prelude

Sharing of Peace

Robert McClellan

***Call to Worship**

Georgia Bender

One: Children of God, worship in spirit and truth.

Many: We come to connect, to praise, to seek, and to grow.

One: Followers of Jesus, listen for the teachings of the One.

Many: We look for wisdom, direction, and challenge.

One: People of the Way, trust in the Spirit.

Many: We open ourselves to divine transformation.

Welcome and Community Prayer

Bethany Nelson

God of our faith, we strive to walk in your way. We pass down ancient teachings and look for new faithful expressions. We revere Christ as Lord. Yet, even in our best attempts, we fall short. Even in the midst of our practicing our faith, we misstep. Even when thinking we are teaching Christ, we are avoiding Christ’s message. Open our eyes to our own biases, limited ways of seeing things, and tendencies to emphasize what feels pleasant over what is true. Help us to recognize that it is in our course corrections that we find our liberation. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Assurance

Joys & Concerns and The Lord's Prayer Bethany Nelson

Time of Discovery Bethany Nelson

First Scripture Reading Matthew 23:1-22 Georgia Bender

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 23:23-33 Robert McClellan

Sermon Being Nice Robert McClellan
So-called Christian Values Series

Anthem If I Had a Hammer Lee Hayes / Pete Seeger
Performed by Glenn Burke

Silent Reflection

The Lord's Supper

Life of the Beloved Community Robert McClellan

Closing Hymn Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

***Benediction, Grace and Peace** Robert McClellan

Postlude

* Please rise, in body or spirit

Program Staff: The Rev. Dr. Robert McClellan, Pastor; The Rev. Bethany Nelson, Associate Pastor; Jeff Shankle, Director of Youth Ministry; RuthE. Wells, Music Director; Patty Sempell, Worship Accompanist; Brook Scott, Pastoral Associate; The Rev. Dr. Sharon Burch, Parish Associate.

☞ Upcoming Church Events & Speakers ☜

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION Sunday, May 2, 11:30am

Interested in learning more about Westminster? Join Rob and Bethany for an informational session via Zoom. RSVP to Bethany at bethany@wpc Tiburon.org to receive some materials prior to the orientation.

INTERFAITH PRAYER BREAKFAST Tuesday, May 4, 9:00am

The Marin Interfaith Council hosts this Zoom event on the theme, "Where Do We Go From Here?" Featured speakers are Rev. Ineda Adesanya from Allen Temple Baptist Church, Sylvia Boorstein from Spirit Rock, and Rabbi Paul Steinberg from Congregation Kol Shofar. Advanced registration is required at marinifc.org.

BIBLE STUDY WITH ROB 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 4:00pm

We will discuss 1st Thessalonians to understand its meaning in the context in which it was written and what it may mean for us today. Our next gathering is May 4.

CALLING AND VOCATION Wednesdays, May 5 & 12, 9:30am

Join Bethany in conversation about her research for her Doctor of Ministry degree. We will discuss questions such as - How do we best listen for God's call in our lives? What do we do when following God becomes counter-cultural?

CONVERSATION with MARY KAY SWEENEY Wednesday, May 12, 5:00pm

Mary Kay Sweeney, the Executive Director of Homeward Bound of Marin, will join us via Zoom to give us an update about the progress of the new Mill Street shelter as well as other Homeward Bound programs. Westminster has supported Mill Street with monthly meals for many years.

SPIRITUAL LIFE BOOK GROUP Summer Program Mon., May 17, 7:00pm

Please join us for another interesting, thought-provoking, and enlightening book group series. Our Summer book selection is: Eye of the Heart: A Spiritual Journey into the Imaginal Realm by Cynthia Bourgeault. Contact Coral Kisseberth coralkisseb@yahoo.com or Steffen Bartschat sbartschat@comcast.net with any questions.

WPC TIBURON PODCASTS

Curious about the spiritual lives of teens in Marin? Listen to the series "My Journey Update" on the WPC Tiburon podcast. Jeff Shankle talks to youth in our church about their personal spiritual journeys and where they see God taking them. It's insightful, funny, engaging, and inspiring!

YOGA FOR EVERY BODY Mondays, 9:30am

Treat yourself to an uplifting, donation-based yoga class on Mondays via Zoom with Erin Elliott. To register for the class: <https://erinelliottyoga.com/online-classes/>