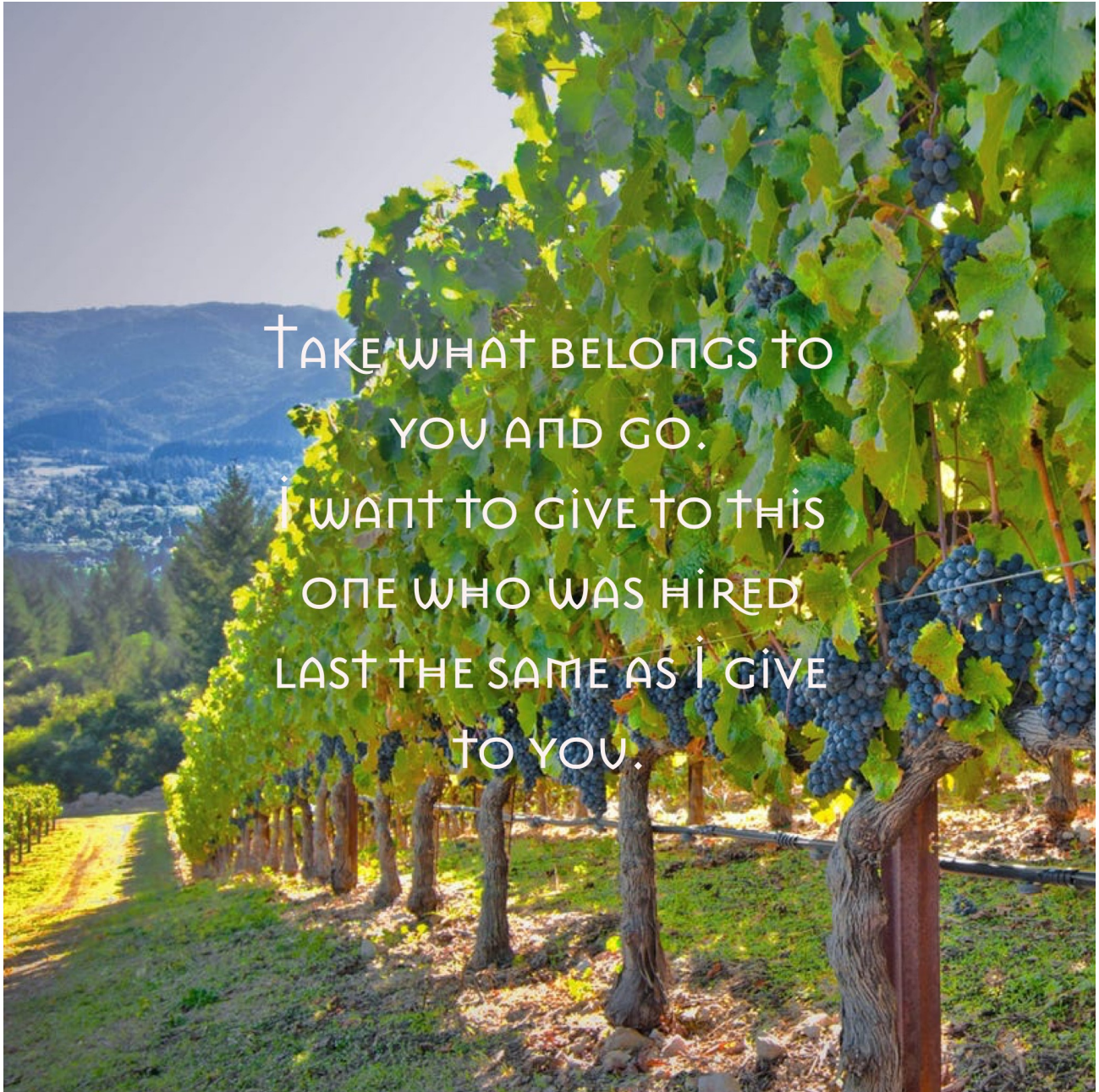


WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



SECOND SUNDAY OF LEPT

A SERVICE OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

MARCH 5, 2023 10:30AM

Grace Notes

Welcome to WHPC! If you are visiting us today, we are so glad you joined us for worship. If you have not already, please take a moment to record your contact information on the visitor card you will find in the pew and drop it in the offering box or hand it to a greeter at the door. We are always glad to share the great things happening at WHPC!

If you are looking for a new church home and would like to join in fellowship with Westover Hills, please join us in the Parlor (outside the sanctuary doors) and we will gladly share more about life at WHPC or, if you are ready, receive you into membership.

Childcare is available in the nursery. Please check with a greeter.

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A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

**Indicates the congregation is invited to stand.*

Bold text indicates unison readings.

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Dr. Robert Wm Lowry, Pastor

PRELUDE David Austin, Music Director

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist, John MacLeod

Already overburdened with the demands
of work and leisure, family and friends,
we come to this place in search of rest.

May we find here the strength to work for justice.

Forgiveness is elusive and anger is justified;
too often we settle for the sweet fleeting fruit of revenge.

May we find here the patience to embody mercy.

Deluded by the world in which we live,
receiving power and prestige and money as just reward,
missing the Spirit's call
to a life grounded in humble service.

May we find here the wisdom to walk in the Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

Call all the laborers, O God,
Call your laborers who woke early,
Call your laborers who came late,
Call your laborers who feel wronged,
Call your laborers who feel overlooked,
Call your laborers who can't feed their children with this wage,
Call your laborers who know they are working in your fields,
Call your laborers who use their wage to increase your love,
Call all your laborers, O God,
Tell us to roll up our sleeves
For we know that we have work to do.
Let us find you in the work we share here and now,
in Christ's presence we pray. Amen.

†HYMN OF PRAISE #81 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we are completely put together, the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our distractions, our errors, and our anxieties, God will meet us
and renew us. Together let us confess our sins against God and one another.

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Did anyone ever say to you, "Sometimes life isn't fair"? In a way, God's ways seem unfair to us. We are used to a world that rewards some and not others. We often see value only in the scarcity of a thing.

God's ways do not reward some and not others. Instead, God ensures that all of us are embraced in God's love and mercy...no matter what.

Respectful of individual preferences concerning contact, please extend either a hand or a gesture of peace to your neighbors.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION. (in unison)

**God of fruitful labor,
work sometimes brings out the worst in us.
At home, at school, in the workplace,
even in our relationship with you,
we too easily question what others do and get,
instead of taking care of our own business.
Take away our bitterness.
Teach us the art of the careful complaint.
Give us grateful hearts, we pray. Amen.**

Silence is kept

SUNG RESPONSE "You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy" WAYFARING STRANGER

You are the Lord, Giv-er of mer-cy!

You are the Christ, Giv-er of mer-cy!

You are the Lord, Giv-er of mer-cy!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ which passes all understanding be with you all.

And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 20:1-16

"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. After he agreed with the workers to pay them a denarion, he sent them into his vineyard.

"Then he went out around nine in the morning and saw others standing around the marketplace doing nothing. He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I'll pay you whatever is right.' And they went.

"Again around noon and then at three in the afternoon, he did the same thing. Around five in the afternoon he went and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you just standing around here doing

Grace Notes

Using Jesus' harvest imagery, the urgent text of "Come, Labor On" sounds a compelling call to Christian service. The words gain energy from the strong unison tune in the English cathedral style, whose name echoes the Benedictine motto, "Prayer is work."

nothing all day long?'

"'Because nobody has hired us,' they replied.

"He responded, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

"When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the workers and give them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and moving on finally to the first.' When those who were hired at five in the afternoon came, each one received a denarion. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But each of them also received a denarion. When they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 'These who were hired last worked one hour, and they received the same pay as we did even though we had to work the whole day in the hot sun.'

"But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I did you no wrong. Didn't I agree to pay you a denarion? Take what belongs to you and go. I want to give to this one who was hired last the same as I give to you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with what belongs to me? Or are you resentful because I'm generous?' So those who are last will be first. And those who are first will be last."

SERMON "There Are No Good Christians, Just Honest Ones" Dr. Lowry

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+HYMN OF RESPONSE #415 "Come, Labor On" ORA LABORA

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God the Creator,
who made me and all things,
who set me on my path in this world.**

**I believe in God the Savior,
who is one with the Creator,
who renews me and all creation.**

**This One, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ,
walked his path through this world.
He lived and worked in this world among people just like me.
He walked God's path to death on a cross,
and rose from the dead to open our pathway to eternal life.**

**I believe in God the Holy Spirit, my counselor and guide,
who is one with the Creator and the Christ,
who brings all humanity into communion together;
who calls me to walk a sacred way of life through this world,
caring for creation and the people I meet on the way,
loving them, helping them, welcoming them without prejudice,
being God's hands and feet in the world.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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A reminder that the Presbyterian Church (USA) practices open communion. This means that all who wish to receive the meal are welcomed to the table to taste and see that the Lord is indeed good.

All cups contain alcohol-free juice and all bread is gluten-free.

Composer Lee Hastings Bristol, former President of Westminster Choir College in Princeton and heir to the Bristol-Meyers-Squibb company, wrote this hymn tune just a few years before the bicentennial of the namesake college in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

WE GATHER AT GOD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SURSUM CHORDA

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 thanks and praise.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BREAKING THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE DEPART IN GOD'S NAME

†PARTING HYMN *"May God Support You All Your Days"*

DICKINSON COLLEGE

1 May God sup - port you all your days, in times of
2 May God con - firm your heart's de - sire and bring to
3 May God be near you when you pray, to help you
4 Our hope is in the Ho - ly One. The swift and

glad - ness and in need. May God re - mem - ber you with
full - ness all your plans. May God's sus - tain - ing love in -
with a gen - tle hand. May God for - ev - er guide your
strong will sure - ly fall, but you will stand with God a -

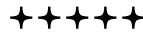
grace and bless your ev - ery word and deed.
spire your shouts of praise and joy - ful dance.
way and lead you to the prom - ised land.
lone, who hears and an - swers when you call.

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Elders will be in the Parlor (outside the sanctuary doors) following worship if you would like to learn more about WHPC or if you are ready to join as part of the congregation.

+ CHARGE AND BENEEDICTION

+ POSTLUDE



WORSHIP NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY Pastor Robert Lowry, Music Director David Austin, Liturgist John MacLeod, and the Westover Hills Chancel Choir.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MIDWEEK MANNA BIBLE STUDY is on Wednesdays at 12:05. The weekly group will meet from 12:05-12:55 to give those who work and want to participate time to join during lunch. The study, on Romans, meets in the New Chapel and attendees are invited to bring lunch and join in the conversation. Access will also be available by Zoom; see the CareLine for the link. To learn more, contact Pastor Robert.

NEW YEAR NEW YOU YOGA meets Thursdays in the New Chapel at 10am. This low-impact exercise is for all-comers and is a great way to keep in shape and stay flexible.

FREE “CELTIC SPRING” CONCERT by the Muses on Monday, March 13th at 7:00pm in the Westover Hills sanctuary. This is an outstanding singing group from Hot Springs, so be sure to come and enjoy the great music! To preview their music, see www.themusesproject.org and look for their videos.



The Muses
Creative Artistry Project

“CELTIC SPRING”

2023

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“Musical weavings, celebrating seasonal cycles,
transporting you to the Emerald Isles,
and magical woodland glades

... filled with beauty, sound, and wonder!”



BRIDGE BUILDERS SPRING STUDY will consider two books this spring: *The Conversation: How Seeking and Speaking the Truth about Racism Can Radically Transform Individuals and Organizations*, by Robert Livingston. Also, *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard to Talk About Racism*, by Robin DiAngelo. Both books delve into the deepest feelings one might have, or experienced, about racism. BBRG will meet in person, Tuesday March 7, 14, 21, and 28, 6:30-8:30pm, in the New Chapel at WHPC (off Pine Valley and South Road) and will offer the zoom option. Please register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvdeioqjIqHtKDjbjBAvL62kHMkO4cWMZ3>.

DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH the Mission and Advocacy Committee is asking the Westover Hills community to purchase underwear for the Clothes Closet at the Stewpot. They are in need of both men's and women's underwear. Please shop for medium to extra large sizes in boxers, briefs, and tee shirts for men and for women, medium to extra large underpants. Blankets are also always welcome. For those who would rather not shop for underwear, a check can be written to Westover Hills. Please indicate on your check "Underwear for Stewpot." Volunteers will be happy to shop for you.



THE CARELINE IS GETTING A FACELIFT and an update. Over the next couple of weeks, the Careline may be delayed as we transition into what we hope will be a more user-friendly format.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE is available year round. Presbyterian Women make fair trade products available to the congregation not as a moneymaker but as one of our missions. The price we pay for coffee is the price we charge. Purchasing fair trade coffee helps more money reach the hard-working farmers. Contact Carolyn Nash with questions or to purchase coffee.



THE PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS met at Lyon College Friday and Saturday. Commissioners voted on amendments to the constitution proposed by the General Assembly and elected new members to many presbytery committees. The most notable and exciting piece of business was the reception of Rev. Michael Gallup to the PC(USA) and the Prebytery of Arkansas!

2ND WEDNESDAY SPIRITUALITY GROUP MARCH 8, 5:45PM The 2nd Wednesday Spirituality Discussion Group will meet Wednesday, March 8, from 5:45pm to 6:30pm in the New Chapel. All are welcome.

UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST should be sent to the office and copied to Liz Branch and Robert.

CALENDAR UPDATES AND SESSION DOCUMENTS should be sent to the office and copied to Candice Misenheimer.

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PASTORAL CARE

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS Mark Jennings (friend of Liz Branch– recovering from stroke); Miriam Holt (Liz Branch’s sister- recovering from a fall); Michael Thompson (Son of Alice Ahart’s friend- diagnosed with leukemia); Jane and Bob Batton (friends of Pastor Lowry- lost their 42 year old son); Judy Hudson (Donna Callaway’s sister, in rehab in Jonesboro after heart surgery); Vivianna McAtee; Andrea Campbell; Jane Estes (recovery from long haul Covid and toxic mold healing and remediation of their home); Betty Glenn (recovering at home); Mary Chrisman (broken arm); Susan Mauney (health issues); Jonathon Simpson (friend of Ann Patterson, awaiting kidney transplant); Chriztine and the people of Ukraine (Ukraine collaborator with the WHPC PW on 2013 water project, Chriztine has moved to Hungary for safety); Ljubica and Stanislav Radovic (volleyball coach Tanja Eckart’s parents, who live in Croatia– anxiety over nearby war); Barry Wood (grandfather of Sydney– blood infection and upcoming heart surgery); Earthquake survivors in Turkey and Syria; TLC (at home) members; Church staff: Pastor Robert, Ulysses, David, Tammy, Sydney and Shawn; Preschool kids, families & staff.

DEACONS FOR MARCH are Shirley Garlington and Carol Enderlin

CALENDAR

The church calendar is available on the website

(scan QR code to be directed to our website)



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