

# A WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

APRIL 23, 2023 10:30AM

## WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Michael Gallup

PRELUDE

David Austin, Music Director

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist, H.K. Stewart

The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:

**Let our joy be complete.**

Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song;

**Love one another!**

Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song:

**No longer servants but friends!**

Come, let our worship make a joyful noise,

**Rejoicing in the friendship of God.**

†OPENING PRAYER

O Beloved One,  
All the ends of the earth marvel  
at your deeds of power; we feel your presence  
as growth returning to the countryside;  
we rejoice as we remember your faithfulness and steadfast love  
revealed in the risen Christ.  
Surround us with that faithfulness and steadfast love  
Fill us with generosity and courage so that we may be called your friends  
and go forth to befriend your world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

†OPENING SONG OF PRAISE #411 *"Arise! Your Light Is Come"*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ has risen and we have risen to new life with him.  
Yet we must confess the ways we have continued to remain in our tombs of sin and death.  
Together let us confess our sins, embrace the promise of the risen Christ, and stand together in the  
light of God's grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, You who are always doing a new thing,  
we confess that we sometimes close windows  
against the fresh air of new ideas,  
against the noise of other people's worries,  
against the winds of change.  
God of every place and time,  
we confess that we often draw the curtains  
against people who are different,  
against world news or community concerns.  
Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes,  
our shuttered churches,  
the security systems on our hearts.  
Open up our lives,  
and let your Spirit blow through. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**...in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE. "Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me".**

**GLORY TO GOD**

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
2 World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
F B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

## **\*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**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 10:1-17, 34-48

SERMON

Rev. Gallup

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #458**

*"Earth and All Stars"*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE SURSUM CORDA AND GREAT 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**WE DEPART IN GOD'S NAME**

\*PARTING HYMN #497. *"With Grateful Hearts Our Faith Professing"*

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE