

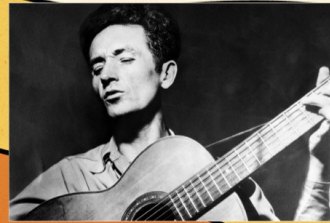
WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING
TO FOLK MUSIC



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WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JUNE 4-JULY 2

TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

A SERVICE OF WORD

JUNE 11, 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.

WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Dr. Robert Lowry, Pastor

PRELUDE David Austin, Music Director

+CALL TO WORSHIP David Stricklin, Liturgist

Strength is commanding the wind and sea to obey,

Hope is staying in the boat.

Strength is standing in solidarity with the powerless.

Faith is still staying in rough weather.

Strength is turning a cheek,

Grace is loving an enemy.

We come to worship a God who redefines our vision of strength, hope, faith, and grace.

Praise the God who is with us in the boat!

+OPENING PRAYER

Mighty God, who speaks a word of peace to calm our troubled sea;

Caring God, who nudges us away from fear and toward faith;

Ever-present God, who fills us with awe

but also raises many questions without easy answers;

Open our eyes to see you in our boat—today,

Strengthen our hearts for the challenges that lie ahead,

Open our ears this hour to hear the word you speak.

This we pray, In Jesus' name. Amen.

+SONG OF PRAISE "Out of Deep Unordered Water" RUSTINGTON

1 Out of deep, un - or - dered wa - ter God cre -
2 Wa - ter on the hu - man fore - head, birth - mark
3 Stand - ing round the font re - minds us of the

at - ed light and land, world of bird and beast and,
of the love of God, is the sign of death and
He - brews' climb a - shore. Life is hal - lowed by the

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Uniting the waters of the font, creation, the parted sea through which the people of Israel pass, and the rivers that sustain life, the writer reminds us that in baptism we are grafted into the fullness of God's work in the world.

The writer Fred Kaan was a pastor of the Congregationalist Church in Britain (subsequently part of the United Reformed Church). A prolific hymn writer he was also active in the creation of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches through the union of the International Congregational Council and the Presbyterian Alliance.

lat - er, in God's im - age, wom - an, man.
ris - ing; through the seas there runs a road.
knowl - edge God has been this way be - fore.

There is wa - ter in the riv - er bring-ing life to tree and plant.

Let cre - a - tion praise its giv - er: there is wa - ter in the font.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Brothers and sisters, nothing we can say or do can ever separate us from God's mercy and love.

The gifts of God are eternal and will never be withdrawn. God's ultimate desire and purpose is not to punish but to forgive. So together we may pray with hope, not fear.

Let us pray together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
when lashed by life's windstorms
we often lash out in return.**

**Forgive us
when we blame you or others
for our troubles.**

**Teach us to find you
in the eye of the storm.**

**Show us the calm center
that comes from a word of peace.**

Silence is kept.

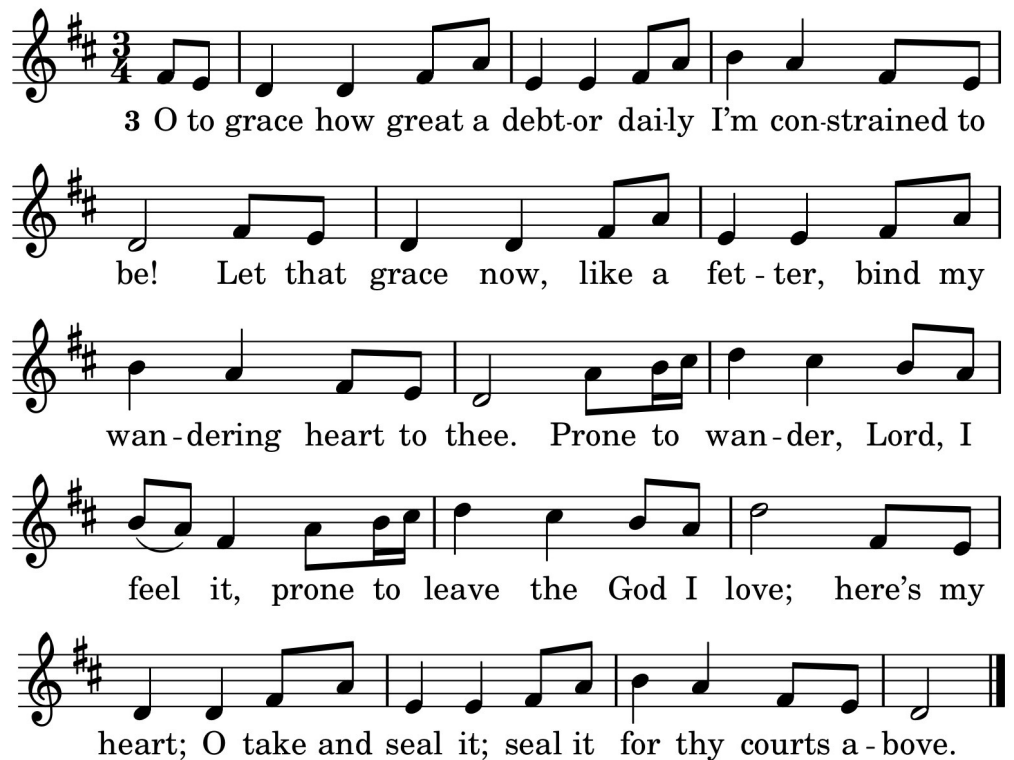
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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

+SUNG RESPONSE “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” NETTLETON



O to grace how great a debt-or daily I'm con-strained to
be! Let that grace now, like a fet-ter, bind my
wan-dering heart to thee. Prone to wan-der, Lord, I
feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my
heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a-bove.

+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

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“America”

Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel
Lyrics by Paul Simon

*“Let us be lovers, we'll marry our fortunes together
I've got some real estate here in my bag”
So we bought a pack of cigarettes and Mrs. Wagner pies
And walked off to look for America*

*“Kathy”, I said as we boarded a Greyhound in Pittsburgh
“Michigan seems like a dream to me now”
It took me four days to hitchhike from Saginaw
I've gone to look for America*

*Laughing on the bus
Playing games with the faces
She said the man in the gabardine suit was a spy*

Simon and Garfunkel are synonymous with the 1960's and American music. Born in New Jersey and raised in Queens, Paul Simon is one of the most recognized artists of the 20th century. Art Garfunkel, a native of Queens, began his musical career early in the first grade. In 1956 when they were 15 years old, the two school friends would start performing together and would remain a duo until the early 1970's.

Garfunkel is ABD for his doctorate in mathematics from Columbia University.

Simon achieved solo success with his 1986 album *Graceland* which has sold more than 16 million copies.

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This short composition of Paul Simon is an ode to the national sense of being unmoored that followed the tragic events of 1968. The song concerns two young lovers who hitchhike their way across the US looking for “America” in both a literal and metaphorical sense.

What they find is that the America they thought they would see has disappeared in both its beauty and its ideals. The narrator’s companion, Kathy, is a reference to Simon’s then girlfriend Kathy Chitty with whom he took a five day road trip in 1964.

This is one of the most popular songs to emerge from the revival of religious music in Spain in the 1970’s. It invites the singer to become like the fishermen in the boats who left to follow Jesus.

I said "Be careful, his bowtie is really a camera"

"Toss me a cigarette, I think there's one in my raincoat"

"We smoked the last one an hour ago"

So I looked at the scenery, she read her magazine

And the moon rose over an open field

"Kathy, I'm lost", I said, though I knew she was sleeping

I'm empty and aching and I don't know why

Counting the cars on the New Jersey Turnpike

They've all come to look for America

All come to look for America

All come to look for America

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 8:22-25

One day Jesus and his disciples boarded a boat. He said to them, "Let's cross over to the other side of the lake." So they set sail.

While they were sailing, he fell asleep. Gale-force winds swept down on the lake. The boat was filling up with water and they were in danger. So they went and woke Jesus, shouting, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" But he got up and gave orders to the wind and the violent waves. The storm died down and it was calm. He said to his disciples, "Where is your faith?"

Filled with awe and wonder, they said to each other, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him!"

SERMON

"Stormy Seas"

Dr. Lowry

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

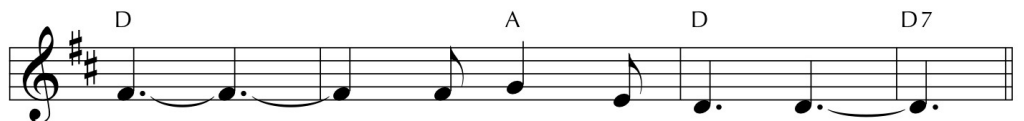
PESCADOR DE HOMBRES



1 Lord, you have come to the lake - shore look - ing
 2 You know so well my pos - ses - sions; my boat
 3 You need my hands, full of car - ing, through my
 4 You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans, ev - er



nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones; you on - ly
 car - ries no gold and no weap - ons; you will
 la - bors to give oth - ers rest and con - stant
 longed for by souls who are wait - ing, my lov - ing



asked me to fol - low hum - bly.
 find there my nets and la - bor.
 love that keeps on lov - ing.
 friend, as thus you call me:

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Refrain / Estribillo

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while
Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos, son - ri -
smil - ing have spo - ken my name; now my
en - do has di - cho mi nom - bre, en la g -
boat's left on the shore-line be - hind me. By your
re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca, jun - to a
side I will seek oth - er seas.
ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

An affirmation of faith is not a declaration of things we believe or do 100% of the time. They are instead aspirational words that describe the world and the kind of people we strive to be. We believe in these things even though we do not always live up to them. We believe because, in Christ, we have hope for a better tomorrow and a better us.

Do we believe?

Yes, in spite of ourselves, we do believe!

**While some follow fad and fashion,
changing with the seasons in Paris, London and New York,
we follow the man from Nazareth.**

**While some put their hope in a big lotto win,
or chase profits at no matter what cost to family,
we put our hope in loving one another as our Christ has loved us.**

**While some may give in to a sophisticated cynicism,
or some fall into apathy or despair,
we put out faith in the God who has given us his only true son.**

**While some may boast of their superior education,
culture, race, or living standard,
we boast in the self-giving of that Son on a Cross.**

**While some try to justify themselves by prizing fame or power,
or by claiming superior morals,
we allow the grace of our Lord to Jesus to be our best prize.**

Because of Jesus,

yes, we believe in the living God

**by whose Holy Spirit all things are open to change and renewal.
And that includes us and the church, thanks be to God!**

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If you are looking for a new church home or would like to learn more about Westover Hills, please let an usher, greeter, or Dr. Lowry know. We would love to tell you more about life at WHPC!

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

WE DEPART IN GOD'S NAME

+PARTING HYMN #525 *"Here I Am, Lord"*

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY are Dr. Robert Lowry, Music Director David Austin, Liturgist David Stricklin, and the Westover Hills Chancel Choir.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

WHAT DO THE LETTERS IN LGBTQIA+ MEAN? HOW DO YOU KEEP TRACK OF ALL THE PRONOUNS? June is Pride Month and the first three Sundays of June the Adult Sunday School class will discuss the history, issues, and current realities facing the LGBTQIA+ community. We will also discuss how we can be welcoming and hospitable to the community at Westover. The schedule for the week is:

- June 11– Robert will lead a discussion on the meaning of the letters in LGBTQIA+ and what some of the language we hear surrounding gender and sexuality means in today's conversation.
- June 18– We will be joined by two young people who identify as gender-fluid or transgender to learn from them about pronouns, gender identity, and what their own identity means to them.

MIDWEEK MANNA BIBLE STUDY will resume June 21.

NEW YEAR NEW YOU YOGA Yoga will be taking a break during the month of June but will return on July 6th.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST We will collect money to purchase fruit for Women and Children First during the month of June. We will make deliveries each week during the summer. Envelopes are in the pews, or you may write checks with the word fruit on the memo line. The purpose is to offer a healthy alternative and promote proper nutrition. WHPC has sponsored this project since 2005 and we look forward to continuing this project well into the future.

THE SID MCCOLLUM FARMER'S MARKET The annual Farmer's Market has returned. The Farmer's Market is open every Tuesday from 3:30-6:00pm, so come and check out the local produce and other items from local vendors. If you have any questions, you may contact Bob Quinn.

LIFEQUEST SUMMER TERM Come join the fun at LifeQuest this summer! Registration opens June 12. Registration Fee is \$35. A wide variety of classes will be offered in in-person, online and in hybrid formats. For more information and class brochure, call 501-225-6073.

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.

SOME CARELINE CHANGES A few things have changed in the Careline. These include:

- Pastor Robert's calendar for the month
- The full church and building calendar for the month (rather than only the week as previously practiced)
- More info from mission partners for community events and opportunities.

THE CARELINE CONTINUES TO UNDERGO RENOVATIONS If you have suggestions on what needs to be included, how to make the Careline more readable, etc. please contact Sydney in the church office. We are committed to making this a resource to the whole church and welcome your input!

PRAYER LIST UPDATE If you or a loved one would like to be on the prayer list, please contact the church office at office.westoverhills@gmail.com. The name will remain on the prayer list until the office is notified to remove it or it will be removed at the beginning of a new quarter. The prayer list will be updated on June 13th so be sure to email the office if you or a loved one would like to remain on the list.

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

PLEASE SEND NEWS FOR CARELINE to office.westoverhills@gmail.com. If you would like to receive the twice-weekly church e-newsletter (CareLine), please fill out a contact card from a pew rack, add 'CareLine request' and drop the card in an offering box

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PASTOR ROBERT'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

- Sunday- Session Meeting Following Worship
- Monday- Personal Day
- Tuesday- All Day Research and Writing
- Wednesday- 10am Solar Under the Sun Board Meeting
- Friday- Day Off

PASTORAL CARE

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS Betty Ballard (Bill Ballard's mother, in hospice comfort care in Bryant); Brad Stokes; Betty Herron (friend of Robert Lowry and Catherine Lowry); Amy Crawford (late stage liver cancer); Kimberly Crawford and Caroline Crawford (daughters of Amy Crawford); Jonathon Simpson (awaiting confirmation date for kidney transplant); Amber Simpson (awaiting approval as a donor for her brother); Connie James (mother of Jonathon and Amber, donated her kidney 27 years ago to Jonathon); Susan Mauney (knee surgery); Winnie Robinson (declining health); Michael Thompson (diagnosed with leukemia); Jane Estes (recovery from long haul Covid and toxic mold healing and remediation of their home); Vivianna McAtee; Ralph Cotham, Andrea Campbell; the camp, staff, and campers at Ferncliff Camp; the young people at Pulaski County Juvenile Detention Center (PCJDC); Tornado victims and those who responded to the crisis; WHPC staff: Robert, David, Ulysses, Tammy, Shawn, and Sydney; WHPC Preschool kids, families, and staff.

DEACONS FOR JUNE are Laura Whitmore and Marcey Berry

CALENDAR

The church calendar is available on the website
(scan QR code or visit www.westoverhills.org to be directed to our website)



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