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JUNE 4-JULY 2

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

A SERVICE OF WORD

JUNE 18, 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 Liturgist, Sahr Lebbie

Jesus entered into Jerusalem humbly on a donkey,
seeking to transform the people.

**People gathered from everywhere to wave palm branches
and praise him as royalty.**

Jesus enters into our lives humbly,
seeking to transform our hearts and lives.

**Let us worship Jesus Christ together,
and receive him into our presence.**

Hosanna in the highest!

+OPENING PRAYER

Our God arrives, clothed in frail human flesh,
riding a meek donkey's foal.

This is not the first time You have come to us, O God
The history of human affairs is the history of Your arrival among us,

As Creator,
Purpose-Giver,
Liberator,
Prophet's voice and
Priest's desire.

The story of each of our lives is the story of Your coming to us,

As Comforter,
Friend,
Example,
Challenger
Abundant-Life-Provider,

And so we praise You;

Open our eyes to Your Presence, Lord;

Come to us again, Lord;
Hosanna – Save us again, Lord.

And be glorified among us.

For You are our God.

Amen.

+SONG OF PRAISE #476 “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above” LYONS

Grace Notes

We often think of sin as individual acts of wrongdoing. Sometimes the greatest sin is found in inaction, in silence.

Whether we fall short of God's call by what we have done or left undone, by what we have said or left unsaid, one thing is always true. God's love for us is greater than any failure of our lives. We confess, not to earn that love, but to acknowledge that it is already there for us and with us.

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

**Sustainer of the weary,
we know how we sang for joy when Christ came into our lives,
and how we have not followed him when he leads us on this journey.
We have hidden our faces from the pain and suffering of our world.
We have turned a deaf ear to the cries of the poor, the hungry, the oppressed.
We trust in the slick promotions of the world,
and not in your words that can transform our lives.**

**Forgive us, Steadfast God, and shine your face upon us.
Help us to have the same mind as Christ,
so we would know your promises;
help us to have the same heart as Christ,
so we might serve your children;
help us to have the same Spirit as Christ,
so we might go wherever you lead us.**

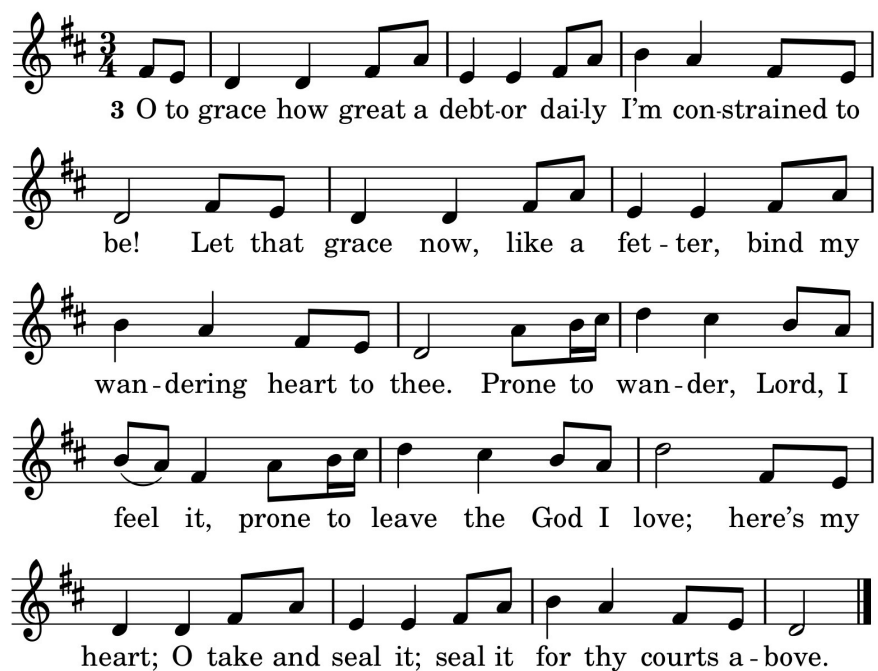
Silence is kept.

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 dai-ly 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.

Grace Notes

American folk singer and activist Pete Seeger became a fixture on American radio in the 1940's. Born into a musical family, his father was Harvard-trained composer Charles Louis Seeger, Jr. and his mother, Constance De Clyver Seeger (nee Edson), a concert violinist, was trained at the Paris Conservatory and Julliard.

Seeger is best remembered as an activist for the labor movement and other progressive causes. Supportive of fighting to defeat Hitler, he opposed the draft as it disadvantaged the poor who would do most of the fighting. In the end, the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the emerging facts of Nazi atrocities changed Seeger's mind.

Seeger was awarded multiple Grammys, a Peabody, the National Medal of Arts and was a Kennedy Center Honoree in 1994.

The Bells of Rhymney consists of Seeger's music and lyrics drawn from words written by Welsh poet Idris Davies. The lyrics are drawn from Davies' poem *Gwalia Deserta*, first published in 1938.

The poem was written in response to a local coal mining accident and the failure of the 1926 General Strike. The stanzas of the poem follow the pattern of the nursery rhyme "Oranges and Lemons" and recount the church bells throughout South Wales witnessing to the suffering of the miners and the injustice of the coal barons toward the working classes.

Although Seeger's 1958 recording is the earliest iteration of the song, a more famous recording was produced by the Byrds in 1965.

+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 "The Bells of Rhymney"

Pete Seeger

Music by Pete Seeger

Lyrics by Idris Davies

*Oh what can you give me?
Say the sad bells of Rhymney.
Is there hope for the future?
Cry the brown bells of Merthyr.
Who made the mine owner?
Say the black bells of Rhondda.
And who robbed the miner?
Cry the grim bells of Blaina.*

*They will plunder willy-nilly,
Cry the bells of Caerphilly.
They have fangs, they have teeth,
Say the loud bells of Neathe.
Even God is uneasy,
Say the moist bells of Swansea.
They will plunder willy-nilly,
Say the bells of Caerphilly.*

*Put the vandals in court,
Say the bells of Newport.
All would be well if, if, if,
Cry the green bells of Cardiff.
Why so worried, sisters, why?
Sang the silver bells of Wye.
And what will you give me?
Say the sad bells of Rhymney.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 19:29-40

As Jesus came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two disciples a task. He said, "Go into the village over there. When you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying it?' just say, 'Its master needs it.'" Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said. As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

They replied, "Its master needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their clothes on the colt, and lifted Jesus onto it. As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road.

As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen. They said,

*"Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens."*

Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop!"

He answered, "I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout."

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

†HYMN OF RESPONSE “Come! Live in the Light!” WE ARE CALLED



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



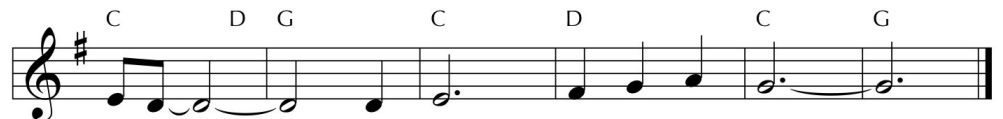
free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Moses, Nehemiah, Jesus,
 and many other leaders in the stories of scripture
 brought hope with their courage to speak against injustice
 by calling out those responsible, and saying:

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

Grace Notes

The Affirmation of Faith was composed by Rev. Scott Cervas of Meadowthorpe Presbyterian Church in Lexington, KY. Scott is a 2001 graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and a classmate of Robert's.

The affirmation recalls the voices of justice from both the Old and New Testaments as well as the 19th and 20th centuries.

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!

“What you are doing isn’t good!”

Susan B. Anthony, Martin Luther King, Jr., Nelson Mandela, and many other leaders in the history of the world brought hope with their courage to speak against injustice by calling out those responsible, and saying:

“What you are doing isn’t good!”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer famously said, “The church is only the church when it exists for others.” He wrote those words while he was in a Nazi prison, because he had the courage to speak against injustice by calling out those responsible, and saying:

“What you are doing isn’t good!”

We don’t have to write books from prison,
but we ARE the church...
and we ARE a community whose purpose
is to exist for others...

**So we MUST have the courage to speak against injustice
by calling out those responsible, and saying,**

“What you are doing isn’t good!”

We don’t have to be nailed to a cross,
but we ARE the church...
and we ARE a community whose purpose
is to exist for others...

**So we WILL have the courage to speak against injustice
by calling out those responsible, and saying,**

“What you are doing isn’t good!”

**...and may our words be followed by our actions,
so that God’s light might shine bright in the world.**

Amen.

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 #563 *“Lift Every Voice and Sing”*

JOHNSON

†CHARGE & BENEDICTION

WORSHIP NOTES

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

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CAMP NOAH WAS A GREAT SUCCESS Thanks to everyone who helped make it happen!

WHAT DO THE LETTERS IN LGBTQIA+ MEAN? HOW DO YOU KEEP TRACK OF ALL THE PRONOUNS? June is Pride Month and the all four 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 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.
- June 25– We will wrap up our conversations with an open Q&A time. If you have questions, thoughts, worries, this is a time for us to engage as a community of faith with the issues facing the LGBTQIA+ community as well as the church in changing times.



MIDWEEK MANNA BIBLE STUDY will resume June 28.

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 has been updated, 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

- Monday– 11-2 Vera Lloyd Development Committee
- Tuesday– 12-2 Clinton Foundation Cohort Zoom Meeting
- Wednesday– TBD
- Thursday– Out of Office
- Friday- Day Off

PASTORAL CARE

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS Jane Estes (recovery from long haul Covid, and toxic mold treatment and recent discovery of additional mold delaying further remediation and Jane's ability to return home safely); Vivianna McAtee; Andrea Campbell (hospice care at home); Amy Crawford (late stage liver cancer); Kimberly Crawford and Caroline Crawford (daughters of Amy Crawford); Betty Ballard (Bill Ballard's mother, in hospice comfort care in Bryant); Brad Stokes; The WHPC Staff: Robert, Tammy, David, Ulysses, Shawn, and Sydney; WHPC Preschool and Play Day staff, children, and families.

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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