

# Westover Hills Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Service of the Word

July 23, 2023

10:30am

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## A Service of the Word

\*Indicates an invitation to stand in body or spirit.

**Bold text indicates unison readings.**

### We Gather at God's Invitation

Welcome & Opportunities for Discipleship

Rev. Michael Gallup

Prelude

David Austin, Music Director

#### \*Call to Worship

We have come to worship God, the living God,

**Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.**

We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

**Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.**

We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

**Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope. All glory to God.**

#### \*Opening Prayer

God of love,

We come to worship today to hear your good news, to hear of faith, hope, and love ringing out from your kingdom.

We know that doubt, fear, and hatred can shake even the strongest.

Shape us into faithful, hopeful people, fill us with your love that passes all understanding.

We pray this together in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### \*Song of Praise #267

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

#### 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 The gifts of God are eternal and will never be withdrawn.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

Love is patient; for our quick-temperedness:

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Love is kind; for our indifference towards others:

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Love is not envious; for our petty jealousies:

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Love is not boastful; for our pretentiousness:

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Love is not arrogant; for our opinionated views.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Love does not insist on getting its own way; for our false sense of our own importance:

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Love is not irritable; for our resentful behaviour:

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

May God continue to show us grace, forgive us our sins against love and lead us to life that lasts.

*Silence is kept.*

## Assurance of Pardon

...in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

## \*Sung Response

*“Praise God, All You Nations”*

DA N’ASE



Praise God, all you na - tions. Peo - ple of God, sing praise!  
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!



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God's love is great and en - dures for - ev - er.  
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## \*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

1 Corinthians 13

Sermon

*"Remains"*

Rev. Gallup

## We Respond to God's Word

\*Hymn of Response #376

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He arose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
from whence He shall 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

The Prayers of the People and 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 #531

*"Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels"*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude