

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
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ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

A SERVICE OF WORD

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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

Shouts of joy! Songs of praise!
Sounds of hope and love!

**These are moments of thanksgiving –
thanks giving to our God!**

Adonai is our God. Our creator.
We are God's people, led by God's love.

**These are moments of thanksgiving –
thanks giving to our God!**

Enter God's house thanks giving.
Enter God's house full of praise!

**These are moments of thanksgiving –
thanks giving to our God!**

God's love is never ending.
God is good! Alleluia!

+OPENING PRAYER

God of power and might,
you sent prophets to your people,
calling us back to your covenant,
and teaching us your ways.
In the fullness of time,
you sent us your Son Jesus,
teaching with such authority,
that our eyes were opened
to see your ways anew.
Open our hearts and minds,
that we may understand
and proclaim your teachings for all to hear.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

+SONG OF PRAISE "For the Fruit of All Creation" AR HYD Y NOS

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

Grace Notes

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this song is about much more than the abundance of harvest. It also touches on the gifts of God, stewardship, and thanksgiving.

The tune is a Welsh melody meaning "through the night" and is the tune of a popular Welsh lullaby.

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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

If we were to name all the gods we have before you, we would be here a very long time.

We elevate politicians into saviors, though they are as broken as we are.

We misuse your name so much during the day, we have trouble speaking to you in prayer at night.

We are so busy, we do not notice how creation witnesses to your goodness and grace.

Forgive us, God our Hope. Help us to let go of what we value most, so we may open our hearts, our lives, our spirits to what truly matters, the promise of the grace of Christ.

We pray these things not in shame but in hope, not in fear but in thanksgiving.

Silence is kept.

Grace Notes

Based on Psalm 117 and set to a tune from Ghana, this short song proclaims the universal scope of God's presence and love.

Woody Guthrie was a prolific songwriter in the country, folk, and children's genres. Raised in Oklahoma, Guthrie joined thousands of other "Okies" who travelled to California during and after the dust bowl period.

Throughout his life, Guthrie was associated with the American left. He was married three times and had eight children. The most famous of his children is folk singer Arlo Guthrie.

Woody Guthrie died in 1967 of complications from Huntington's Disease.

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!



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!



God's love is great and en - dures for - ev - er.
Ef - ia - se o - ye n'a n'a - do - e do - e so.



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!

+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

"This Land is Your Land"

Woody Guthrie

Woody Guthrie, Lyrics
The Carter Family, Tune

*This land is your land and
this land is my land*

*As I went walking that
ribbon of highway*

*I roamed and rambled and
I've followed my footsteps*

*From California to the New
York island*

*I saw above me that endless
skyway*

*To the sparkling sands of
her diamond deserts*

*From the redwood forest to
the Gulf Stream waters*

*Saw below me that golden
valley*

*All around me a voice was
sounding*

*This land was made for you
and me*

*This land was made for you
and me*

*This land was made for you
and me*

Grace Notes

“**This Land Is Your Land**” is perhaps Woody Guthrie’s most famous composition. It was written in 1940 in response to what he allegedly felt was the over-playing of Irving Berlin’s “God Bless America.”

The earliest recording of the song is a 1945 pressing that includes verses not included in later renditions.

The story of the people crossing the Jordan is the closing act of the Exodus saga. The story begins with the people crossing the sea out of Egypt and ends with them crossing the river into the promised land.

*When the sun come shining, then I was
strolling*

*And the wheat fields waving and the dust
clouds rolling*

*The voice was chanting as the fog was
lifting*

This land was made for you and me

*This land is your land and this land is my
land*

From California to the New York island

*From the redwood forest to the Gulf
Stream waters*

This land was made for you and me

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joshua 24:14-28

“So now, revere the Lord. Serve him honestly and faithfully. Put aside the gods that your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates and in Egypt and serve the Lord. But if it seems wrong in your opinion to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Choose the gods whom your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live. But my family and I will serve the Lord.”

Then the people answered, “God forbid that we ever leave the Lord to serve other gods! The Lord is our God. He is the one who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. He has done these mighty signs in our sight. He has protected us the whole way we’ve gone and in all the nations through which we’ve passed. The Lord has driven out all the nations before us, including the Amorites who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God.”

Then Joshua said to the people, “You can’t serve the Lord, because he is a holy God. He is a jealous God. He won’t forgive your rebellion and your sins. If you leave the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn around and do you harm and finish you off, in spite of having done you good in the past.”

Then the people said to Joshua, “No! The Lord is the one we will serve.”

So Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the Lord.”

They said, “We are witnesses!”

“So now put aside the foreign gods that are among you. Focus your hearts on the Lord, the God of Israel.”

The people said to Joshua, “We will serve the Lord our God and will obey him.”

On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people and established just rule for them at Shechem. Joshua wrote these words in God’s Instruction scroll. Then he took a large stone and put it up there under the oak in the sanctuary of the LORD. Joshua said to all the people, “This stone will serve here as a witness against us, because it has heard all the LORD’s words that he spoke to us. It will serve as a witness against you in case you aren’t true to your God.” Then Joshua sent the people away to each one’s legacy.

SERMON

“Living Up to Our Promises”

Dr. Lowry

Grace Notes

The right hand of God typically refers to the might and power of God. In this lively Caribbean hymn, the image is used to demonstrate ways God is still at work in the world. The first verse refers to the writing on the wall in Daniel's telling of the story of Belshazzar's feast and continues to the final verse to the work of the Spirit to transform and heal.

The Affirmation of Faith is a paraphrase of the 4th chapter of the Tetrapolitan Confession, a Reformed Confession of faith from 16th century Germany. Written by Martin Bucer and Wolfgang Capito. The confession is based on an earlier draft of the Augsburg Confession but was amended to make it comport more with Zwinglian Reformed theology.

The purpose of the confession was to head off schism within German Protestantism.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+HYMN OF RESPONSE "The Right Hand of God" LA MANO DE DIOS



1 The right hand of God is writ-ing in our land, writ - ing with
 2 The right hand of God is point-ing in our land, point - ing the
 3 The right hand of God is strik-ing in our land, strik-ing out at
 4 The right hand of God is heal-ing in our land, heal-ing bro - ken



pow - er and with love; our con - flicts and our fears, our
 way we must go; so cloud - ed is the way, so
 en - vy, hate, and greed. Our self - ish - ness and lust, our
 bod - ies, minds, and souls; so won-drous is its touch with



tri-umphs and our tears, are re - cord-ed by the right hand of God.
 eas - i - ly we stray, but we're guid-ed by the right hand of God.
 pride and deeds un - just, are de - stroyed by the right hand of God.
 love that means so much, when we're healed by the right hand of God.



+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

There can be no question that the duties of a Christian should be devoted to those things that make the world a better place. We do this by proclaiming both eternal life and the present life.

As for the life eternal, we are called to proclaim and demonstrate the love, mercy, compassion, and grace of God so the whole world may see that God is indeed good.

As for the present life, we are called to create just and equitable communities where none of God's children will ever want.

The whole law of God, which is a most absolute commandment to righteousness, is summed up in Jesus words: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Grace Notes

The **Sursum Corda**, (lit. “upward hearts”) is the opening dialogue to the traditional Eucharistic prayers in the Christian liturgy. The dialogue dates back to at least the 3rd century and the Anaphora of the Apostolic Tradition.

An anaphora is a eucharistic prayer. This particular anaphora that includes the earliest use of the Sursum Corda is unusually short. Some, such as the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, are quite ornate and theologically sophisticated.

The beauty of the Sursum Corda is that it can be used in both a simple liturgy like the one used today or a more elaborate and ornate one. In each case it indicates the same truth; our hearts are turned to God.

Therefore, all righteousness that is pleasing to the eyes of God begins with our love for neighbor. It is in our response to that command that we are righteous in the eyes of God.

The whole of creation is under the watchful eye of God. Among the chief responsibilities of a Christian is participation in the common administration of our communities.

It is only by living and working in the world that we may, in prayer and thanksgiving, proclaim the love of God and work for justice, mercy and peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

WE GATHER AT GOD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE SURSUM CORDA

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grace Notes

The full name of the Welsh village for which this tune is named is:

Llanfairpwngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllantysiliogogoch.

The translation of the name from Welsh to English is "St Marys Church in the Hollow of the White Hazel Near to the Rapid Whirlpool of LLantysilio of the Red Cave."

At the 2011 census the population was 3,107 of whom 71% speak Welsh and, presumably, can pronounce the name of the town!

WE DEPART IN GOD'S NAME

+PARTING HYMN "Come, Behold the Feast of Heaven"

LLANFAIR

1 Come, be - hold! the feast of heaven
2 All is read - y, come at - tend Al - le - lu - ia!
3 All who trust in God be - long
4 As the Lord our God has willed,

has to mor - tal flesh been given.
as the Lord's in - vit - ed friend; Al - le - lu - ia!
at this ban - quet with this throng.
here the hun - gry soul is filled;

Hear the Word of God de - clared:
come from north, west, south, and east; Al - le - lu - ia!
Share the mys - tic ho - ly food;
here the wea - ry are re - freshed.

"Come! the ban - quet is pre - pared."
cel - e - brate the joy - ful feast. Al - le - lu - ia!
taste and see: the Lord is good.
All who share God's feast are blessed.

+CHARGE & BENEEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

