

WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A SERVICE OF WORD

JULY 9, 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

Lift up your voice and call out to God.

We cry out, believing that God hears us.

Come together and wait for God.

We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.

Surely God's presence is here with us now.

We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.

Come, worship the Lord.

We celebrate the wonder of God that restores us.

+OPENING PRAYER

Come to this sanctuary, this house, this home, Holy Christ,

And let us receive you with lavish welcome.

You are the Restorer of our fortunes, the Promise of new life –

We pour out our praise to you.

Fill this room with your Spirit:

The sound of wind, the warmth of flame, the scent of perfume

And fill our hearts with your compassion,

Not just in this time and place, but in all times and in all places,

So that as we celebrate the great things you have done for us,

We may also embody the love you give to all. Amen.

+SONG OF PRAISE "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" UNSER HERRSCHER

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so
3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be

en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,
done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,

Grace Notes

In the first stanza of this hymn "Zion" is not a synonym for Jerusalem but a reference to the part of the city where the Temple stood. It prepares the way for the interior temple of the heart in stanza two. The pre-existing tune is by prominent German Reformed hymnwriter Joachim Neander.

waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed
there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O
while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the

is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.
en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.
foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

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

**O Lord,
You have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You see me when I walk or lie down,
you know every detail of my conduct.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, You know it completely.
So examine me, and know my heart, O God;
test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way that leads to eternal life.**

Silence is kept.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Grace Notes

When we share the Peace of Christ, we remember that what we share is not merely a hope for a lack of enmity but the hope for the presence of true relationship and genuine community.

Although far shorter than most Psalms, Psalm 134 is not actually the shortest Psalm. That distinction goes to Psalm 117.

Still, in just a few words, this Psalm of Ascent is a short praise for those who keep watch over the temple of the Lord in the night.

+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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM

134

*Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
who stand by night in the house of the Lord!*

Lift up your hands to the holy place, and bless the Lord.

May the Lord, maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion.

SERMON

“Lux Lucet in Tenebris”

Dr. Lowry

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

+HYMN OF RESPONSE “Sometimes a Light Surprises” SALLEY GARDENS

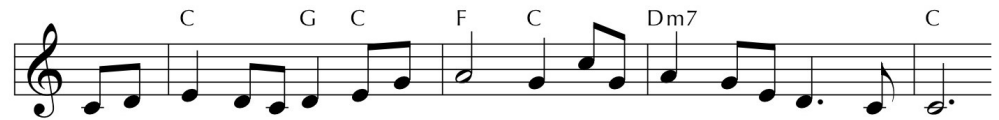


1 Some - times a light sur - pris - es the child of God who sings;
2 In ho - ly con - tem - pla - tion we sweet - ly then pur - sue
3 It can bring with it noth - ing but he will bear us through;
4 Though vine nor fig tree nei - ther their longed - for fruit should bear,

Grace Notes

This is one of the few hymns firmly rooted in what can happen during worship, and that experience—gaining spiritual insight while singing—is no less possible now than when this text was written in the 18th century. It is set here to a folk song thought to be of Irish origin.

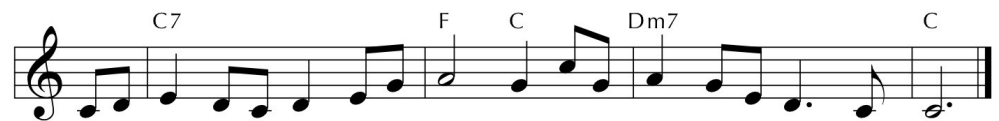
The Affirmation of Faith today is drawn from a statement of faith published by the United Church of Canada.



it is the Lord who ris - es with heal - ing in his wings;
the theme of God's sal - va - tion and find it ev - er new;
who gives the lil - ies cloth - ing will clothe his peo - ple, too;
though all the fields should with - er, nor flocks nor herds be there,



when com - forts are de - clin - ing, he grants the soul a - gain
set free from pres - ent sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can say,
be - neath the spread - ing heav - ens no crea - ture but is fed;
yet God the same a - bid - ing, his praise shall tune my voice;



a sea - son of clear shin - ing to cheer it af - ter rain.
“Let the un - known to - mor - row bring with it what it may.”
and he who feeds the ra - vens will give his chil - dren bread.
for while in him con - fid - ing, I can - not but re - joice.

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Grace Notes

This adaptation of Psalm 149 is organized around themes of praise and service, with a strong implication that they are not really separable but are two aspects of the same God-centered impulse. This text is set to a jubilant tune derived from a late 19th-century English anthem.

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 "Give Praise to the Lord" LAUDATE DOMINUM

1 Give praise to the Lord, and sing a new song;
2 With tim - brel and harp and joy - ful ac - claim,
3 In glo - ry ex - ult, all saints of the Lord;
4 For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail,

a - mid all the saints God's prais - es pro - long;
with glad - ness, O God, we praise your great name;
with song in the night high prais - es ac - cord;
but o - ver the earth their power shall pre - vail;

a song to your Mak - er and Rul - er now raise,
for now in your peo - ple good plea - sure you seek;
go forth in God's ser - vice and strong in God's might
all king - doms and na - tions shall yield to their sway.

all chil - dren of Zi - on: re - joice and give praise.
with robes of sal - va - tion you cov - er the meek.
to con - quer all e - vil and stand for the right.
To God give the glo - ry; sing prais - es for aye.

Grace Notes

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!

+CHARGE & BENEEDICTION

+POSTLUDE



WORSHIP NOTES

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

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MIDWEEK MANNA BIBLE STUDY has begun again! Join us on Wednesdays at 12:05pm in the New Chapel as we continue our study into Ezekiel. All are welcome, even if you haven't attended before. This is a great way to connect spiritually during the otherwise hectic week. We look forward to seeing you there!

NEW YEAR NEW YOU YOGA Yoga will meet July, 13th and 20th and will then take a break until September. Yoga is open to all whether you are a beginner or an expert. All you need to bring is a yoga mat and an open mind.

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 opened 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.

TASTE AND SEE BIBLE STUDY From Carol Clark, a Taste and See Bible Study will begin on July 13th. We will be doing some "tasting" from Margaret Feinberg. These Bible studies will take place on July 13, 20, 27 and August 3 at Park Hill Presbyterian Church from 10:00-11:15am. Please let Donna Callaway know if you can attend.

FRESH PRODUCE FOR EL ZÓCALO Fresh produce is always a treat for the immigrant community that El Zócalo serves. Westover members and friends have an opportunity to provide fresh vegetables and fruit for this community on Thursday, July 13 between the hours of 11am and 1pm. A Westover volunteer will be waiting at the entrance of the North parking lot by Fellowship Hall to receive your donation.

Suggestions for what to purchase are categorized according to the first letter of members and friends last names:

A-E: 4 Roma tomatoes and 2 green bell peppers

F-K: 2 zucchini, 2 cucumbers, and 1 bunch of radishes

L-O: 3 onions, 2 bulbs of garlic, and 1 bunch of cilantro

P-Z: 2 mangos, 2 apples, and 1 bunch of grapes

If you would rather make a money donation, we will gladly accept it and grocery shop for the most needed items. We might even shop for small melons which are highly prized by the recipients. We accept cash or checks made out to Westover Hills Presbyterian Church, for El Zocalo produce.

TREATS AND TREASURES 2023 **TREATS AND TREASURES 2023** Treats and Treasures 2023, chaired by Carol Enderlin and Nancy Passini will be returning. Important dates:

July 29- Item Donation Drop Off on South Road by Fellowship Hall from 10am-2pm, volunteers will unload your items and hand you a receipt

July 29- Item Pick Up Day (if you have heavy items to donate-like furniture, contact Eileen Joyce at 501.350.3949 to arrange a pickup. Pickups will only be happening on this day)

July 30 and August 6- Volunteer prep (contact Carol Enderlin at 501. 908. 6830 if you would like to volunteer during the day)

July 31 to August 10 and 14 Monday- Friday- Volunteer Prep (contact Carol Enderlin at 501. 908. 6830 if you would like to volunteer during the day)

August 1-10- Tuesdays and Thursdays- Night volunteer dates from 5-7:30pm (If you would like to volunteer at night please contact Nancy Passini at 501.650.3002)

August 11- Early Shopping Sale from 4-7pm, \$5 at the door in the Fellowship Hall

August 12- Big Sale Event from 7am-3pm, free event

If you would like to volunteer for the Early Shopping or Big Sale Contact Carol Enderlin at 501.908.6830. We look forward to seeing you all there!

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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PASTORAL CARE

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS Pastor Robert, Brian, and Brians family (passing of Brian's sister); Phyllis Thomas (mother-in-law of Karen Stephens Thomas, daughter of Ray and Kay Stephens; breast cancer) Anna Grace Clark (friend of Shirley Garlington, brain tumor treatment); Don Campbell II and Rev. Don Campbell (death of Don's wife and Rev Don's daughter -in-law Andrea); Sandra Vitols (Pastor Robert's sister-in-law) newly diagnosed with liver and colon cancer; Bill Ballard and family (recent death of his mother); 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; Amy Crawford (late stage liver cancer); Kimberly Crawford and Caroline Crawford (daughters of Amy Crawford); Brad Stokes; The WHPC Staff: Robert, Tammy, David, Ulysses, Shawn, and Sydney; WHPC Preschool and Play Day staff, children, and families.

DEACONS FOR JULY are Brenda Lelansky and Carol Enderlin

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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