

# WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

Summer Worship Series II  
August 6-27



## The Gospel in Meter and Rhyme

THEMES OF FAITH AND DOUBT IN POETRY

- \* 'Hymn' by Caedman
- \* 'Done is the battell' by William Dunbar
- \* 'Protest' by Wu Dan
- \* 'Good Friday' by Christina Rossetti

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

A SERVICE OF WORD

AUGUST 13, 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.

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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, Liz Branch

Equal with God: **Jesus is Lord**      (gradually getting quieter)

Emptied himself: **Jesus is Lord**

Came as a slave: **Jesus is Lord**

Found as a man: **Jesus is Lord**

Humbly obeyed: **Jesus is Lord**

Went to his death: **Jesus is Lord**

Death on a cross: **Jesus is Lord**

God raised him up: **Jesus is Lord**      (getting louder)

Gave him the name: **Jesus is Lord**

Higher than all: **Jesus is Lord**

Every knee bow: **Jesus is Lord**

All tongues confess: **Jesus is Lord**

+OPENING PRAYER

Though you are God,

With all the influence and status that the name implies,

You refused to pull rank,

And parade your power among us.

Instead, you chose to step down into our experience,

Living among us, as one of us,

With all the struggle and suffering

That goes with being human.

More than that, you adopted the role of slave,

Washing feet, serving people of no reputation or social standing,

And giving of yourself completely.

As incredible as it sounds,

You are the God who serves,

And we can respond in no other way

Than to give ourselves to you in praise. Amen.

+SONG OF PRAISE #332 "Live into Hope"      TRURO LM

## Grace Notes

### 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...

**We count on your mercy,**

**Yet we expect you to punish the wicked.**

**We serve you in faith,**

**But when others don't,**

**We forget the joy of doing your work.**

**We pout in prosperity**

**When you distribute your generosity so... "unjustly."**

**Forgive us, Lord, for the sins we know in our hearts.**

**Save us, Lord, from the sins we hide.**

*Silence is kept.*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

### + SUNG RESPONSE

This traditional liturgical response is set here to music by Fintan O'Carroll in the Celtic style.

Celtic music has a long liturgical history in both the larger church and in the Presbyterian tradition. When Christianity came to Scotland, Celtic traditions, spirituality, and music had an outsized influence on the church.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

A E Bm E A D E A

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### + 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

## Grace Notes

“Done Is the Battell” is a 16th century Scottish poem by court poet William Dunbar. The poem uses a number of common devices for court poetry of the day.

The rhyming scheme ABABBCBC along with the meter is a common setting of Scottish poems of the era.

It was also common for court poets to make use of Latin to demonstrate their education.

A graduate of St. Andrew’s University, Dunbar is noted for his theological themes. This poem depicts the resurrection of Christ as an event that indwells history rather than an isolated moment. The resurrection represents the ongoing victory of God in Christ in the world over the forces of evil and wrong represented by the dragon.

## POEM

### “Done Is the Battell (sic)”

William Dunbar

Done is a battle on the dragon black,  
Our champion Christ confoundit has his force;  
The yetis of hell are broken with a crack,  
The sign triumphal raisit is of the cross,  
The devillis trymmillis with hiddous voce,  
The saulis are borrowit and to the bliss can go,  
Christ with his bloud our ransonis dois indoce:  
*Surrexit Dominus de sepulchro.*

Dungan is the deidly dragon Lucifer,  
The cruewall serpent with the mortal stang;  
The auld kene tiger, with his teith on char,  
Whilk in a wait has lyen for us so lang,  
Thinking to grip us in his clawis strang;  
The merciful Lord wald nocht that it were so,  
He made him for to failye of that fang.  
*Surrexit Dominus de sepulchro.*

He for our saik that sufferit to be slane,  
And lyk a lamb in sacrifice was dicht,  
Is lyk a lion risen up agane,  
And as a gyane raxit him on hicht;  
Sprungen is Aurora radious and bricht,  
On loft is gone the glorious Apollo,  
The blissful day departit fro the nicht:  
*Surrexit Dominus de sepulchro.*

The grit victour again is rissen on hicht,  
That for our querrell to the deth was woundit;  
The sun that wox all pale now shynis bricht,  
And, derkness clearit, our faith is now refoundit;  
The knell of mercy fra the heaven is soundit,  
The Christin are deliverit of their wo,  
The Jowis and their errour are confoundit:  
*Surrexit Dominus de sepulchro.*

The fo is chasit, the battle is done ceis,  
The presone broken, the jevellouris fleit and flemit;  
The weir is gon, confermit is the peis,  
The fetteris lowsit and the dungeon temit,  
The ransoun made, the prisoneris redeemit;  
The field is won, owrecomen is the fo,  
Dispuilit of the treasure that he yemit:  
*Surrexit Dominus de sepulchro.*

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 1:3-11

*I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers. I'm thankful for all of you every time I pray, and it's always a prayer full of joy. I'm glad because of the way you have been my partners in the ministry of the gospel from the time you first believed until now.*

*I'm sure about this: the one who started a good work in you will stay with you to complete the job by the day of Christ Jesus. I have good reason to think this way about all of you because I keep you in my heart.*

## Grace Notes

Although not included as a constitutional confession, A Declaration of Faith is an official statement of the church valued for its use in worship and teaching.

The confession was written by the PC(US) in the 1960's as a contemporary expression of faith. Like the UPCUSA Confession of 1967 which is included in the *Book of Confessions* today, A Declaration of Faith was met with some controversy at first.

There have been moves over the years to include A Declaration of Faith in the Book of Confessions however none has made it through the General Assembly process to date.

*You are all my partners in God's grace, both during my time in prison and in the defense and support of the gospel. God is my witness that I feel affection for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.*

*This is my prayer: that your love might become even more and more rich with the knowledge and all kinds of insight. I pray this so that you will be able to decide what really matters and so you will be sincere and blameless on the day of Christ. I pray that you will then be filled with the fruit of righteousness, which comes from Jesus Christ, in order to give glory and praise to God.*

SERMON

“The Preservation of the Saints”

Dr. Lowry

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN OF RESPONSE #358 “*Help Us Accept Each Other*” BARONITA

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Declaration of Faith

**In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God kept his promises.**

**All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ.**

**But the work of God in Christ is not over.**

**God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.**

**The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.**

**In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,**

**certainty of victory over death,**

**assurance of mercy**

**and judgment beyond death.**

**This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.**

**We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.**

**But hope plunges us into the struggle**

**for victories over evil that are possible now**

**in the world, the church, and our individual lives.**

**Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition,**

**however invincible it may seem,**

**for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.**

**Jesus is Lord!**

**He has been Lord from the beginning.**

**He will be Lord at the end.**

**Even now he is Lord.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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.**

### *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!

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## WE DEPART IN GOD'S NAME

†PARTING HYMN # 521 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" FINEST WHEAT

†CHARGE & BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

**To everyone who donated, priced, packed, trucked, fixed, polished, loaded and unloaded, arranged and rearranged, folded, unboxed, untangled, provided snacks, gave moral support, and offered prayers for this year's Treats and Treasures, we give you all a huge...**



# WORSHIP NOTES

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

## THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**MIDWEEK MANNA BIBLE STUDY** is taking a break and will be returning on August 30<sup>th</sup>!

**NEW YEAR NEW YOU YOGA** Yoga will be taking a break and will be returning on September 7th.

**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.

**TREATS AND TREASURES 2023** chaired by Carol Enderlin and Nancy Passini has been a great experience. Important dates:

- You have one more opportunity to shop: Final Sale today after worship!

**2ND WEDNESDAY SPIRITUALITY GROUP** Please join us for our Second Wednesday Spirituality Group every second Wednesday of the month. This group meets in the New Chapel and if you need directions you may contact H.K Stewart for more information or directions. The next few classes will take place on September 13, October 11, November 8, and December 13.

**ADULT CLASSES SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9** Adult Classes in August: Inter Religious Discussions

We offer the August adult class discussions to build our understanding and of and relationship to our inter-religious partners. We are particularly interested in others' faith and practice and how we at Westover Hills can follow God and serve our community together with them.

During the month of August, the adult class meetings will focus on the following topics:

August 13- Judaism- Rabbi Barry Block, Congregation B'nai Israel

August 20- Buddhism- Doug Holmes

August 27- Baha'i- Dan Reimer

**STEW POT CLOTHES CLOSET** It is HOT! And the Clothes Closet has been having more and more folks in need. WE have had to increase the number of hours we are open. Donations have begun to slow down, so we are asking for the following items:

- Ball caps
- Men's athletic shoes
- Men's jeans and docker type pants waist size 30-36
- Travel size toothpaste, shampoo, lotion, soap and backpacks

There is a donation box in the office as well as in the Narthex of the Sanctuary. We do appreciate all that you do for the Clothes Closet!

**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](mailto: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.

**FOLLOW US** on Instagram [@westoverhillspc](https://www.instagram.com/westoverhillspc) or on Twitter [@ChurchWestover](https://twitter.com/ChurchWestover)

**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](mailto: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.

**The Prayer List will be updated on September 5, so if you or a loved one would like to remain on the prayer list please contact the office.**

## PASTORAL CARE

**PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS** Linda Maddux (Carmen Stokes sister-in-law); Cliff Hutchinson (shoulder injury); Lila Quinn; Julie Gaffney and Family (Friend of Judi King; father passed away on 7/29); Jim Miller (broken ankle; rehab); George Ngundune (Christiana Esem-Kuwong's grandson in Missouri, undiagnosed illness); Cindy Brown (Betty Deere's friend, in AR Heart Hospital); Jim Phillips; Hope Walker (back injury); Courtenay Jackson; Ray Stephens (Cochlear Implant Surgery Recovery); Suzanne Carroll (El Dorado, mother of Tammy Carroll Miller, heart attack); 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); 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 AUGUST** are Ann Bell and Rosemary McGinnis

## CALENDAR

The church calendar is available on the website

(scan QR code or visit [www.westoverhills.org](http://www.westoverhills.org) to be directed to our website)

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