

WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

Hymn

*Nu sculon herigean / heofonrices Weard
Meotodes meahite / and his modgeþanc
weorc Wuldor-Fæder / swa he wundra
gehwæs*

ece Drihten / or onstealde

*He ærest sceop / ielda bearnum
heofon to hrofe / halig Scyppend
ða middangeard / moncynnes Weard
ece Drihten / æfter teode
firum foldan / Frea ælmihtig.*

~ Cædmon

“Hymn” by Caedmon, pre-8th century CE

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A SERVICE OF WORD

AUGUST 6, 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.

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Indicates an invitation to stand in body or spirit.

Bold text indicates unison readings.

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Dr. Robert Lowry, Pastor

PRELUDE David Austin, Music Director

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Come with your questions, come with your awe!

**For the God who broods over the chaos
meets us in this place.**

Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

**For the God who breathes new life into the dust
meets us in this place.**

Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

**For the God who dared to become human
meets us in this place.**

+OPENING PRAYER

Lord, you give life to life!

From Day One, your Spirit brooding over the deep, your wind rushing, your breath filling.

As creatures of the earth, we inhale your grace, rejoicing in life abundant.

We use our breath, our being to raise this hymn of praise:

Hallelujah to the sun's hot passion embracing the ground's great shoulders!

Hallelujahs for the growth from seed to plant greening the earth;
its fruit—beauty and food!

Hallelujahs for generations of life tumbling one after another, life creeping,
swimming, flying, running, below, above, upon, within.

All the world sings, calls, signals, speaks praise to God whose glory grows in
all that breathes!

Fill us, enliven us to be ambassadors of life divine, breathing out your song in
harmony, singing to our Creator, whose Holy Spirit is unending, ageless,
eternal and ever new. Amen.

+SONG OF PRAISE #476 "*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above*" LYONS

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.

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This contemporary setting to a Caribbean melody underscores the celebratory nature of the proclamation, Hallelujah!

Why are there two spellings of the word alleluia/hallelujah?

The short answer is, just because.

The longer answer is that hallelujah is derived from the Hebrew word and alleluia from the Latin. They mean the same thing, but the history of the spellings is rooted in those two distinct languages.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Incarinate God
For the times we've hurt you
Forgive us
For the times we've hurt others
Forgive us
For the times we've hurt ourselves
Forgive us
For we are made in your image
and it is very good. Amen.**

Silence is kept.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

+SUNG RESPONSE

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

HALLE HALLE

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: Halle, halle, hal - le - lu - jah! Halle, halle, hal - le - lu - jah! Halle-lujah! hal-le - Halle, halle, hal - le - lu - jah! Halle - lujah! Hal - le - lu - jah! The score ends with a double bar line and the word 'Fine'.

+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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1

When God began to create the heavens and the earth— the earth was without shape or form, it was dark over the deep sea, and God's wind swept over the waters— God said, "Let there be light." And so light appeared. God saw how good the light was. God separated the light from the darkness. God named the light Day and the darkness Night.

There was evening and there was morning: the first day.

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The authors of the Hebrew creation narrative in Genesis borrowed themes from Mesopotamian myths to tell their own story of YHWH and the unique beliefs of Israelites. The text itself is both a telling of what would become the Judeo-Christian narrative and also as an answer to the creation stories of other traditions. The Genesis account recalls the unique theological character of the Israelite story.

Hebrew linguist Robert Alter points out that one of the points of the text is the underscoring of the monotheistic tradition of first temple Judaism.

God said, "Let there be a dome in the middle of the waters to separate the waters from each other." God made the dome and separated the waters under the dome from the waters above the dome. And it happened in that way. God named the dome Sky.

There was evening and there was morning: the second day.

God said, "Let the waters under the sky come together into one place so that the dry land can appear." And that's what happened. God named the dry land Earth, and he named the gathered waters Seas. God saw how good it was. God said, "Let the earth grow plant life: plants yielding seeds and fruit trees bearing fruit with seeds inside it, each according to its kind throughout the earth." And that's what happened. The earth produced plant life: plants yielding seeds, each according to its kind, and trees bearing fruit with seeds inside it, each according to its kind. God saw how good it was.

There was evening and there was morning: the third day.

God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night. They will mark events, sacred seasons, days, and years. They will be lights in the dome of the sky to shine on the earth." And that's what happened. God made the stars and two great lights: the larger light to rule over the day and the smaller light to rule over the night. God put them in the dome of the sky to shine on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness.

God saw how good it was.

There was evening and there was morning: the fourth day.

God said, "Let the waters swarm with living things, and let birds fly above the earth up in the dome of the sky." God created the great sea animals and all the tiny living things that swarm in the waters, each according to its kind, and all the winged birds, each according to its kind. God saw how good it was. Then God blessed them: "Be fertile and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth."

There was evening and there was morning: the fifth day.

God said, "Let the earth produce every kind of living thing: livestock, crawling things, and wildlife." And that's what happened. God made every kind of wildlife, every kind of livestock, and every kind of creature that crawls on the ground. God saw how good it was. Then God said, "Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth."

*God created humanity in God's own image,
in the divine image God created them,
male and female God created them.*

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and master it. Take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, and everything crawling on the ground." Then God said, "I now give to you all the plants on the earth that yield seeds and all the trees whose fruit produces its seeds within it. These will be your food. To all wildlife, to all the birds in the sky, and to everything crawling on the ground—to everything that breathes—I give all the green grasses for food." And that's what happened. God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good.

There was evening and there was morning: the sixth day.

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN OF RESPONSE "Sing Praise to God, You Heavens"

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

Written in the tradition of the last five Psalms in the Bible, this hymn celebrates God's work in and through creation.

The title of this hymn tune comes from the first five words of the original hymn it accompanied. The composer, Johann Steuerlein, was a German lawyer and musician in the Lutheran tradition.

The affirmation of faith is adapted (except the last three paragraphs) from the Mennonite Confession of Faith.

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1 Sing praise to God, you heav-ens! Sing praise, each shin-ing light!
2 Sing praise, O earth, sing prais-es! Sing prais-es, hill and plain,
3 Sing prais-es, all you crea-tures in whom God takes de-light:
4 Sing prais-es now, God's peo-ple; your gift of speech em-ploy



Sing, plan-ets in your or-bits; sing, stars all burn-ing bright!
you moun-tains thrust-ing sky-ward, you val-leys ripe with grain!
you whales that roam the o-ceans, you ea-gles in your flight!
to praise the Lord, your Mak-er, with thank-ful-ness and joy!



Sing praise, you winds and tem-pests, you driv-ing rain and snow!
Sing praise, each fra-grant flow-er; your fair-est hues dis-play.
Sing praise, you sheep on hill-sides, you cat-tle in the stall!
Sing with the whole cre-a-tion; a cos-mic cho-rus raise:



Sing, clouds that race and bil-low and shad-ow earth be-low!
Sing praise, you trees of au-tumn in glow-ing, glad ar-ray!
Though word-less, sing your prais-es to God who made you all!
"To God a-lone be glo-ry and ev-er-last-ing praise!"



†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from Mennonite Confession of Faith

We believe that God has created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, and that God preserves and renews what has been made.

All creation ultimately has its source outside itself and belongs to the

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Creator. The world has been created good because God is good and provides all that is needed for life.

We believe that the universe has been called into being as an expression of God's love and sovereign freedom alone.

Creation witnesses to the eternal power and divine nature of God, who gives meaning and purpose to life and who alone is worthy of worship and praise.

We give thanks for the gifts of moral and scientific knowledge.

Moral knowledge guides us toward life in harmony with God's creation and reminds us of our responsibility to God's good works.

Scientific knowledge gives us insight and understanding of the beautiful complexity of creation and opens our hearts and minds to wonder and awe.

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

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!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE DEPART IN GOD'S NAME

+PARTING HYMN #536 "Lord Make Us More Holy"

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY are Dr. Robert Lowry, Music Director David Austin, Liturgist Eileen Joyce, 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 30th!

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 TREATS AND TREASURES 2023 The season of Treats and Treasures 2023, chaired by Carol Enderlin and Nancy Passini is here, Important dates:

July 31 to August 10 and 14 Monday- Friday- Volunteer Dates 9-3pm (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!

JEWELRY FOR TREATS AND TREASURES Please bring any jewelry items for Treats & Treasures to Kay Stephens so that she has time to sort, clean, and repair (if needed) items. Thanks to all of you who have already brought your goodies.

SUNDAY LOGISTICS DURING TREATS & TREASURES SEASON

For the next several weeks, during Treats & Treasures set up, sale, and take down, please note the following logistical details:

On Sunday mornings, the sanctuary door will be unlocked by 9am; other doors will remain locked until 10am

By 10am, you can also enter the sanctuary building (and gain access to stairwell or elevator) through the copper doors by the choir room

Adult class will meet in the Hardie Chapel, in the office building; Hardie Chapel door will be unlocked by 8:45am.

Regardless of where or when you are in the sanctuary building, you can always exit to the outside through any exterior door.

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- TBA

STEWOPOT 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!

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 Julie Gaffney and Family (Friend of Judi King; father passed away on 7/29); Jim Miller (broken ankle; rehab); George Ngundune (Christine Esem-Kuwong's grandson in Missouri, undiagnosed illness); Cindy Brown (Betty Deere's friend, in AR Heart Hospital); Jim Phillips (Cardiac Catheterization at Springhill Baptist on August 2 to determine if he has a blood clot); Hope Walker (back injury); Courtenay Jackson; Ray Stephens (Cochlear Implant Surgery Recovery); Suzanne Carroll (El Dorado, mother of Tammy Carroll Miller, heart attack); Pastor Robert, Brian, and Brian's 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); 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 to be directed to our website)



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