



WHITEHOUSE UMC

...to love, serve, and share Christ

THE 23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 8, 2020—9:30 AM

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Dr. Sarah Roberts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karn Schmidt

*OPENING PRAYER

Karn Schmidt

*HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

UMH 64

1. *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

3. *Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.*

2. *Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shall be.*

4. *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.*

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" - words by Reginald Heber; music by John B. Dykes CCLI #1550924

*AFFIRMATION

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

*RESPONSE

The Gloria Patri

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

"Gloria Patri" - words The Lesser Doxology, music by Charles Meineke CCLI #1550924

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Lord Will Be My Shepherd

WUMC Chancel Choir

By Nancy Price & Don Besig

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*OFFERING MOMENT & DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" - words by Thomas Ken (adapt. Gilbert H. Viera), harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams
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*HYMN

How Great Thou Art, vv. 1, 3-4

UMH 77

*O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.*

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

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*And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin. (Refrain)*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! (Refrain)

"How Great Thou Art" - words and music by Stuart K. Hine © 1953, renewed 1981 Manna Music, Inc. CCLI #1550924

*SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ³Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

¹⁴Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.' ¹⁶Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.' ¹⁹But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' ²¹And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the Lord!' ²²Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' ²³He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.' ²⁴The people said to Joshua, 'The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' ²⁵So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

This is the word of God for us, the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Decisions, Decisions

Rev. Trey Burns

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN

We Gather Together

UMH 131

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known.

The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

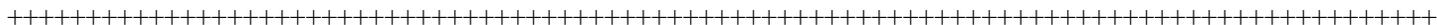
*Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning; thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!*

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.

Let thy congregation escape tribulation; thy name be ever praise! O Lord, make us free.

"We Gather Together" - words from *Nederlantsch Gedenckclanck*, trans. by Theodore Baker; music Dutch melody, arr. by Edward Kresmer
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*BENEDICTION



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget! We're looking for volunteers to help our church stay connected with our members who aren't able to attend worship in person at this time. If you'd like to be a part of this team, talk to Pastor Trey or send him an email (trey@whitehouseumc.com).

Our 2020 Charge Conference will be held on today in the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. If you plan to participate by Zoom, please check your email for the access info. There will be no Sunday School today in light of Charge Conference.



PRAYER LIST

The Weavers	Sandra Walton	Gaige Hendley	Kristen Longfellow
Janice Dupree	Andrea Harris	Jason Krob	Ryan Baron
The Wilkes	The Loros	Brenda Caps	Lauren Lawler
Guy DeLaMarter	Joyce Bammes	Luke Shaeffer	Bri Benoit
Harold Marshall	Matt Lockwood	Nathan Lane	Betty Garner
Cindy North	Teresa Mitchum Hughes	Carl Lintner	Gene Ruelle
Carolyn & Patrick McClain	Bobbie Akers	Michael Robinson	Bert Gardner
First Responders	Kelly Kea	Our Schools	Debby Baker
Hannah Dintelman	Paul Rider	Members of our military	Our elected officials
Our church family	Our Country	Our Community	

We continue to pray for our nation, its leaders, and all those working to ensure the presidential election is conducted safely and with integrity.



THIS WEEK AT WUMC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
Charge Conference
11:00am – Sanctuary
Cub Scouts
3:00pm – Friendship Hall

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9
Finance Committee
6:00pm – Conner Hall
Cub Scouts
6:30pm – Pike & Friendship Halls
Trustees

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
Cub Scouts
6:30pm – Friendship Hall
Boy Scouts
7:00 pm – Pike Hall
7:00pm – Conner Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
Bible Study
5:00pm – Conner Hall
Youth Group
6:00pm – Youth Room & Friendship Hall
Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm – Conner Hall



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