

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost  
Sunday | July 5 | 2026  
9:30 a.m.



*Laboureur in a Field* (or *Laboureur dans un champ*), 1889, Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890)

**Preacher**

Anne Galliher

**Liturgist**

Jeb Jeutter

**Musicians**

Katrina Liao | Laura Lillian Baggett

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## Gathering

\* Asterisks invite us to rise in body or spirit.

**Words in bold** are for everyone to say or sing.

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Matthew 11:28-30 *The Message*

Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion?

Hear the words of our Lord:

“Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life.”

Christ shows us how to take a *real* rest, beckoning us:

**“Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it.**

**Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.”**

Jesus won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on us.

To keep company with him is to learn to live freely and lightly.

#### \*HYMN 339

*This text by James  
Weldon Johnson,  
paired with music by his  
brother J. Rosamond  
Johnson, is nationally  
recognized not just by  
the African American  
community but all who  
champion freedom.*

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

#### \*CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

**Gracious God, in our arrogance we see ourselves as  
“the wise and the intelligent” when it is in fact childlike  
trust in you which makes us truly wise. We confess that we have  
failed to seek the things that are above, choosing instead to make  
idols of things on earth like money, power, and status.  
We have failed to take the yoke of Christ upon our shoulders,  
choosing instead to be yoked to the myth of self-reliance and the  
futile pursuit of perfection. Grant us the gentleness and humility  
of Christ and send us forth to live as those who have been made new.**  
*(Time for silent prayer)*

#### \*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

\*RESPONSE

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where there is ha - tred,  
let me bring your love. Where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don,  
Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

## We Proclaim God's Word

PRAYER FOR  
ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 3:1-4

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 11:25-30

SERMON

Easy Yoke?



*Oxen in Spring [Two Oxen with Yoke], c.1960s, Maud Lewis*

## We Respond to God's Word

\*HYMN 851

*This song originated from the Mooiplaas congregation in South Africa and draws directly from this morning's Matthew 11 gospel reading.*

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God

WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO

PRAYERS OF  
THE PEOPLE

**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.**

OFFERINGS

Come to Me

Wendell Kimbrough, composer



Scan to give Offerings

\*AFFIRMATION  
OF FAITH

from *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*

What is the chief end of humanity?

**Humanity's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever.**

What has God given us to direct us in how we may glorify and enjoy him?

**The Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy God.**

What do the Scriptures principally teach?

**The Scriptures principally teach what we are to believe concerning God, and what God requires of us.**

What is God?

**God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable. God's very being is wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.**

# We Go In God's Name

\*HYMN 340

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

*This hymn begins  
with a prayer for  
international peace  
and concludes with  
quotes from  
the Lord's Prayer.*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE



Scan to make a Prayer Request

*During worship, children are welcome to explore and play with items from the crates and bookcases in KidsPoint.  
Those who prefer to stay in their seats are welcome to bring items back with them.*

[Click here or scan below to view updates to the Four Pillars of Promise renovations.](#)



The bridge and Carol Copeland courtyard are temporarily closed due to construction.  
You can enter via Pickard or Geneva Hall.

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## *Joys* & CONCERNS

### IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

**Patricia Jane Hunt** – June 22, 2026

### PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

**Anne Bailey and family**, on the death of her grandmother,  
Dorothy “Dot” Goddin Freeman, June 27, Winston-Salem, NC

### MARRIAGES

**Amelia Anne Potratz and William Anderson Marlowe, IV**,  
June 27, Beaufort, NC, son of E and Anderson Marlowe

If you have experienced a birth, marriage or death you want to share with the church,  
email Lindsay Dew at [ldew@whitememorial.org](mailto:ldew@whitememorial.org) or Lisa Crumpler at [lcrumpler@whitememorial.org](mailto:lcrumpler@whitememorial.org).

If you have a relative or church friend who is hospitalized, email Caroline Parker at [cparker@whitememorial.org](mailto:cparker@whitememorial.org)  
or call 919-834-3424 during regular business hours so our pastoral staff can reach out. If you have an urgent pastoral care need  
that is outside of normal business hours, call our after-hours pastor on call at 919-605-4593.

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

*in the manner of Christ*



## Sunday, July 5

### Monday, July 6

- Bridge with Friends
- Pickleball

### Tuesday, July 7

- Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
- Women's Breakfast/Circle
- Gentle Yoga
- Mahjong

### Wednesday, July 8

- Lectio Divina
- Pickleball

### Thursday, July 9

- Pet Loss Support Group

### Friday, July 10

### Saturday, July 11

## Looking at the week and beyond

You can find details on these and other events on our website and church calendar.  
[whitememorial.org/events](http://whitememorial.org/events) | Register for events: [whitememorial.org/register](http://whitememorial.org/register)

### PET LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

**Thursdays | 7:00–8:30 p.m. | C300**

Support for those grieving a companion animal. All are welcome.

### SUMMER MEALS TO GO

**Wednesdays & Thursdays July 9 - July 30 (except 7/1 & 7/2)**

Take a break from cooking this summer and order our delicious meals to go. [Reservations must be made by 11:00 p.m. the Sunday prior.](#) Payment via online only, no cash. Pick-up between 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

### SAVE THE DATE! WASHINGTON, DC AFRICAN AMERICAN PILGRIMAGE

Join the WMPC M.O.R.E. Team (Ministry on Racial Equity) September 18-19 for our fourth African American History Pilgrimage, this time to Washington, DC! **Registration closes July 31.**

### PORTRAITS OF RESISTANCE

We invite you to check out the beautiful quilt display called "Portraits of Resistance and Resilience," which is now on view outside Main Hall through July 31st. These quilts were made by women from Wilson Temple Methodist Church and West Raleigh Presbyterian Church.

### DRIVE-THRU FOOD PANTRY: A GREAT TURNOUT!

We still need your help. Donations of non-perishable food keep this ministry going. Drop items in the red bins outside the Outreach Room or [shop our Amazon wish list.](#)

Mark your calendar. The next Oberlin Road Churches Drive-Thru Food Pantry **will be on Saturday, July 18.** If you'd like to help volunteer, please contact Ruth Landers or Michelle Jeutter for more information.

### WDS IS LOOKING FOR FLOATING ASSISTANT TEACHERS!

The Weekday School is looking for caring, dependable floating Assistant Teachers to support our infant, toddler, and two-year-old classrooms. If you love working with young children, and are ready for an active, hands-on day we want to hear from you. Want to know more? Contact Cynthia Baggett at [cbaggett@whitememorial.org](mailto:cbaggett@whitememorial.org) or Blair Miller at [bmiller@whitememorial.org](mailto:bmiller@whitememorial.org).

# Welcome!

We are glad you are worshiping with us today.

Deacons can be found around Main Hall to offer a friendly greeting, answer questions and provide directions. New members are received after attending the *Believing & Belonging @WMPC* class. Visit [whitememorial.org/join](http://whitememorial.org/join) or contact Lindsay Dew at [ldew@whitememorial.org](mailto:ldew@whitememorial.org).

## Things to Know

### Restrooms

are located outside of Main Hall

### Nursery

Childcare is available for children up to four years old in the Calvin Building

### Sunday School (resumes 9/13)

### Refreshments

Coffee and water stations are located outside the Main Hall

### Hearing Assistance

Loop system and FM system available in the Main Hall

### AED/NARCAN

Available in Main Hall, Lobby in Ross, Lobby in Calvin and 3rd floor Luther

### Live Streaming

Services available at [whitememorial.org](http://whitememorial.org), Facebook and YouTube

### We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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## 339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en  
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -  
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had  
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening  
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry  
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought  
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -  
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at  
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.  
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

## Come, Bring Your Burdens to God 851

*Woza nomthwalo wakho*

*Leader*  
(no.) Come, bring your bur - dens; O

*All*  
Come, bring your bur - dens to God; come, bring your  
Wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa - kho; wo - za nom -

come, bring your bur - dens; O come, bring your bur - dens.

bur - dens to God; come, bring your bur - dens to God, for  
thwa - lo wa - kho; wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa - kho U -

*(except last time)*  
Je - sus will nev - er say

Je - sus will nev - er say no.  
ye - s'a - ka - so - za - thi hayi.

A great strength of music from southeastern Africa is that it usually emerges from communal life, and in singing such songs we unite our sung prayers with those of the people who created them. This one is based on the singing of the Mooiplaas congregation in South Africa.

## 340 This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-2, Lloyd Stone; stanza 3, Georgia Harkness, all.

MUSIC: Jenn Silbellus, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933, alt.

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FINLANDIA

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but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.