



8:30AM | September 24, 2023

*You are invited to join the pastors, on the right side of the altar,
for a time of prayer before we begin worship this morning.*

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C Major
J.S. Bach

Dr. Esequiel Meza, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let us know that you worshipped with us today: www.westernhillsep.org/attendance/
See our full list of announcements here: www.westernhillsep.org/happening-now/

***HYMN**

Sweet Hour of Prayer

UMH #496

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 42)

UMH #777

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When shall I come and behold the face of God?

My tears have been my food day and night,

while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

These things I remember as I pour out my soul:

**how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God whom again I shall praise, my help and my God.

***HYMN**

As the Deer

TFWS #2025

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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UMH #880

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN **O Lord, Hear My Prayer** TFWS #2200

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

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***SCRIPTURE READING** **Luke 18:1-8**
Romans 8:26-28, Luke 18:9-14
The Word of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

***DOXOLOGY**

MESSAGE **I Believe: Prayer** Rev. Kim Kinsey

GIVING TALK AND OFFERING

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You may also give electronically on our website at www.westernhillsep.org/donate

***HYMN** **Be Thou My Vision** UMH #451

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **The Solid Rock** Judi Wilkinson, piano
Bradbury/Choplin
You are invited to sit and listen to the postlude.

LAY READER: *Jacque Skov*

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