Sunday, May 12, 2019 • 10:00 am
Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ
AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION
WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

*Please rise, in body or in spirit, at places marked with an asterisk.

Prelude
Selections from “Lyric Pieces, Op. 12”       Edvard Grieg

Call to Worship (Adapted from Matthew 28:6, John 14:17 & I John 4:8)       Timothy Tutt

One: God is Spirit, Truth, and Love.
All: Let us worship and let us live in Spirit, Truth, and Love.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit      “A Song for Nurses and Doctors” from Whitman Introits       Alec Davis

I have perceiv’d that to be surrounded by beautiful, curious, breathing, laughing flesh is enough,
To pass among them or touch any one, or rest my arm ever so lightly round his or her neck for a moment...

I do not ask any more delight, I swim in it as in a sea.
There is something in staying close to men and women and looking on them,
and in the contact and odor of them, that pleases the soul well,
All things please the soul, but these please the soul well.

Centering Words

To live is so startling it leaves but little room for other occupations.

- Emily Dickinson

*Hymn of Praise      “Now Thank We All Our God”       Number 419

The choir will sing this hymn first in German; then, we will sing verses 1 through 3 together in English.

Hymn

During this hymn, all children are invited to gather our Children’s Collection,
then sit on the chancel steps for our Time for Children.
TIME FOR CHILDREN

Following the Time for Children, all children are invited to Church School.
Children, Ages 3-5: Yellow Room; Children, Grades K-2: Red Room; Children, Grades 3-5: Blue Room

HYMN FOR CHILDREN

Shalom cha-ve-rim, shalom cha-ve-rim, shalom, shalom.

Shalom cha-ve-rim, shalom cha-ve-rim, shalom, shalom.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Feel free to pray in the words or language of your tradition.

Alternative titles† for God include: Mother, Loving Parent, Creator . . .

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.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S GOOD WORD

*SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 147

Leader: Praise the Holy One!
Choir: How good it is to sing praises to our God!
Leader: God is gracious!
Choir: A song of praise is fitting.
Leader: God builds up the holy habitation.
Left Side of the Congregation: God gathers the outcasts of Israel.
Leader: God heals the brokenhearted.
Right Side of the Congregation: God binds up their wounds.
Leader: God determines the number of the stars.
Choir: God gives to all of them their names.
Left Side: Great is our God and abundant in power.
Right Side: God’s understanding is beyond measure.
All: God lifts up the downtrodden.
Leader: Sing to God with thanksgiving.
Choir: Make melody to our God.
Leader: The Holy One covers the heavens with clouds,
Left Side: prepares rain for the earth,
Right Side: makes grass grow on the hills.
Leader: God gives to the animals their food,
Choir: and hears the young ravens when they cry.
Left Side: The Holy One does not delight in the strength of the horse,
Right Side: nor pleasures in the speed of a runner;
Leader: but God takes pleasure in those who live with wonder.
All: The Holy One takes delight in those who hope in God’s steadfast love.
Choir: Praise our God, all you people.
Left Side: God grants peace within your borders;
Right Side: God fills you with the finest of wheat.
All: Praise the Holy One, the Source of Life, the God of the Universe

*Congregational Response*

One: May God give us wisdom and courage
for the hearing, interpreting, and living out of these words.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Anthem “The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”

Tom Fettke
Text by Linda Lee Johnson,
Adapted for Inclusive Language

When I gaze into the night skies
and see the work of your fingers;
The moon and stars suspended in space.
Oh, what are we that you are mindful of us?
You have given us a crown of glory and honor,
And have made us a little lower than the angels.
You have put us in charge of all creation: beasts of the field,
The birds of the air,
The fish of the sea.
Oh, what are we?
Oh, what are we that you are mindful of us?
O Holy God the majesty and glory of your name
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Holy God; little children praise You perfectly,
And so would we.
And so would we.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
The majesty and glory of Your name.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
The majesty and glory of Your name.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! (Alleluia!)

SERMON

“Gratitude As Resistance”
Timothy Tutt

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN

“God, Bless Our Homes”

MISSION MOMENT & CALL TO OFFERING

Sidney Fowler

The Strengthen the Church offering will be collected on Pentecost Sunday, June 9.

OFFERTORY MUSIC
*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Timothy Tutt

WE GO FORTH INTO GOD’S WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

“O God, Whose Steadfast Love”

Number 426

*BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE

Timothy Tutt

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on “NUN DANKET”

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Please greet those around you with a word of welcome and peace;
then, join us for our Fellowship Hour in the Social Hall, where we’ll have brownies available for sale.
Proceeds will go to the youth summer mission trip.

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The painting on the bulletin cover is “Orange Roses for Gratitude” by California artist Haleh Mahbod.
**Prayer & Care**

Remember friends and family with kindness and prayer: prayers for the Craven–McGuire family following the death of Matt’s mother, Nicole; Leon and Maryn Goodson following the death of Maryn’s sister-in-law, RuthAnne Price; John Duncan; Doris Prichard, mother of Amy Tutt; Matt; Alicia; Sandy and Warren Roades (aunt and uncle of Doug Hallward-Driemeier); Joe and family (friends of Debra Neumann); William White, the brother of Judy Fogt; Doris Taylor; Dana Mutz Ost; Tessie S; Tom Winans; Courtney Holmes; Genny Basler; Frances Wilson (Sarah's mother); Stephanie Shi (friend of Jan Forbes); Ashley (friend of Sarah Frye); Martha Lyman (mother of Barbara Varangis); Bob Springer (Laurie Moore’s brother). *If you want to include someone on this list or know of someone needing support, a visit, a call, a note, or a prayer, contact Samantha at Samantha@WestmorelandUCC.org.* New items this week are listed in bold.

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**Congregational News**

**The 2019 Church Directory** is available in the Narthex, and on Westmoreland’s website.

**The United Church of Christ** says thank you to the members of Westmoreland for your support of Our Church’s Wider Mission, which funds the communal ongoing life of our denomination.  
- John C. Dorhauer, General Minister and President, UCC  
  Rev. Freeman Palmer, Conference Minkster, Central Atlantic Conference of the UCC

**Generosity and Gratitude.** At the congregational meeting last Sunday, we voted on a budget that reduces our expenditures and calls for increased giving of at least $11,000 to our church’s general fund for 2019. Since then, three households have made commitments to increase their giving to the general fund. A fourth household has committed increased gifts to the capital campaign. That generosity is much appreciated. If you have never made a financial gift to the life of our church, now is great time to begin. Please complete a pledge card or give online at WestmorelandUUCC.org/giving.  
- JoJo Shelton, Generosity and Stewardship Team

**What does “open and affirming” mean to you?** On June 6, we will celebrate Westmoreland’s 20th anniversary of being an “open and affirming” community of faith. On June 2 and June 9, we will include words in the bulletin about what that means to you. Send your thoughts (250 words or less) to tim@westmorelanducc.org by Sunday, May 19 to celebrate 20 years of being ONA.

**Staff Leave.** Our office administrator, Samantha Steinfeld, will be away from Thursday, May 30 through Sunday, June 9. Samantha Steinfeld, samantha@westmorelanducc.org

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**Welcome to Westmoreland**

Welcome, guests! Please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex and the Fellowship Register in the pews. A “quiet” room to the back right of the Sanctuary has personal sound amplifiers, water and cups, cushions, and a phone for emergency calls. Diaper-changing facilities are in the bathroom and in the nursery in the hallway behind the Sanctuary.
Middle East Committee Meeting. May 19 at 11:45 am in the parlor. Israel’s Recent Election: What does it mean? What happens now? Speaker: Lara Friedman, President of Foundation for Middle East Peace. With more than 25 years working in the Middle East foreign policy arena, Lara is a leading authority on U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East, with particular expertise on the Israeli-Arab conflict, Israeli settlements, Jerusalem, and the role of the U.S. Congress. Prior to joining FMEP, Lara was the Director of Policy and Government Relations at Americans for Peace Now, and before that she was a U.S. Foreign Service Officer, serving in Jerusalem, Washington, Tunis and Beirut. Everyone is invited. Maryn Goodson, mpgoodson@comcast.net

Gun Violence Community Forums. Reducing Urban Gun Violence: What Works and How You Can Help with DC Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, May 15, 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Temple Sinai. Sponsored by DC Area Interfaith Gun Violence Prevention Network and Moms Demand Action. Gun violence prevention rally and march starting at the Silver Spring Civic Center led by Moms Demand Action and Communities United Against Hate, June 8, 10:00 am to noon. Be sure to wear orange, the color for GVP. As the date approaches, we can organize a group from Westmoreland to go together. Nancy Lohman, nlohman@comcast.net.

Young Adult Pilgrimage to Palestine and Israel. The Olive Oil Ministry Network is sponsoring a Young Adult Pilgrimage (ages 18 to 35), to Palestine and Israel from October 30 to November 10, 2019 for members of the OOM’s 23 partner congregations. The trip includes guided visits to important holy sites in Bethlehem and Jerusalem, learning and hearing first-hand the contemporary, multi-narrative story of the people of the Holy Land, and 3 days of volunteer work and residence at Tent of Nations, a Palestinian-Christian family-owned farm near Bethlehem supported by the OOM. The OOM is offering a limited number of $1,000 scholarships. Robert Mertz, ramertz@gmail.com.

Shaw Community Center - Send a Kid to College. Make a donation to Shaw Community Center Scholarships. Your contribution can have a direct impact on helping deserving students complete their college degrees. Send contributions to Shaw Community Center (1701 11th Street, NW, Washington, 20001). Melissa Herman, hermanml@aol.com
In Our Community

'Music Without Borders' Concert. Supporting Sanctuary DMV and the Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition. Friday, May 17 at 7:00 pm at First Congregational UCC (945 G Street NW). Featuring guitarist and singer-songwriter Lilo Gonzalez, who first came to the United States in the 1980s after fleeing El Salvador amidst civil war. firstuccdc.org

Gender & Name Change Clinic. Whitman-Walker Health and Trans Legal Advocates of Washington leading this clinic for DC and MD residents. Meet with law professionals to start the name and gender change process Friday, June 7 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at Davis Construction (12530 Parklawn Drive). Learn more here. Elizabeth Graham, lizzyg0816@gmail.com.

Beginner Ballroom Dance Classes. Thursdays, June 6 through July 11 from 7:30 to 8:30 pm in the Mabry Room. Learn basic waltz steps and figures. Singles and couples welcome. No dance background necessary. $20 per person, $35 for couples. Alice Dessauer, amdance2001@yahoo.com

Worship & Spiritual Growth

Sunday Morning Meditation. Every Sunday, 9:00 am in Room #32. Tim Tutt, tim@WestmorelandUCC.org

Pub Theology. Meaningful conversation and the beverage of your choice at “holy happy hour” at Pizzeria Paradiso, 4850 Massachusetts Ave NW, 6:30-8:00-ish pm, Wednesday, May 29. Tim Tutt, tim@WestmorelandUCC.org.

We will honor our graduates on Sunday, June 2. Please send Samantha Steinfeld (samantha@westmorelanducc.org) the names of any high school, college, or graduate school graduates by Wednesday, May 22 so that we may include their name in the bulletin.

Summer on the Circle. From June 16 through September 1, we will ‘live out the Bible’ – congregants of all ages will have the chance to participate in acting out a different Bible story during worship each Sunday, followed by discussion about what each story means. From June 16 through July 28, we will hold Summer on the Circle classes after worship from 10:55 through 11:30 am. Classes include Dance as Spiritual Practice led by Samantha Steinfeld, Wrestling with God (Without Breaking Your Hip): Big Theological Questions led by Barbara and Dunstan Hayden, and more!

Dance as Spiritual Practice Class. Samantha Steinfeld will be leading a tap dance class every Sunday from June 16 through July 28 - all ages welcome, no experience necessary! There will be a limited supply of tap shoes available to borrow. You can also “tap” barefoot or in your regular church shoes, or you can contact Samantha (samantha@westmorelanducc.org) about purchasing a pair, available for $30.
Children & Youth

**Buy brownies** for your mother (or yourself) today at Coffee Hour. Our youth will have pans of brownies for sale (suggested price $10...or more!). This is a fundraiser for the youth summer mission trip to Puerto Rico.

Membership & Fellowship

**Coffee Hour.** The Board of Membership and Fellowship invites you to host Coffee Hour. To volunteer, contact Linda Ernst at lindaernstwme.com.

**Church Retreat.** Camp Wabanna in Edgewater, MD. October 18 to 20. Friday night campfire, Saturday discussion sessions, plus kickball, giant swing, and game night, Sunday morning worship. *Elizabeth Benton, elizabeth.benton@gmail.com.*

Music

**Tickets for the final Green Stairwell Concert** will soon go on sale for this music and art collaboration featuring percussion instruments made from condemned houses of Baltimore, interactive lighting, powerful artwork, and the ability for audiences to stand and walk around. Audiences will be limited to 50. Performances May 31, June 1, and June 2. More at GreenStairwell.com. *Alec Davis, alec@westmorelanducc.org.*

**The Four Freedoms Concert: III. Freedom from Want.** Saturday, May 18 at 8:00 pm. The program addresses matters of compassion, poverty, and need. Alec Davis will guest conduct and will feature the Festival Chorus singing Caroline Shaw's "To The Hands." Tickets at GreatNoiseEnsemble.com - use discount code "WSSMT." *Alec Davis, alec@westmorelanducc.org*

**Brahms Requiem.** Sunday, June 16 at 5:00 pm. A collaboration between the Washington Conservatory Community Orchestra and Festival Chorus, featuring Rachel Barham and James Rogers. This Father’s Day concert is free to all and will raise funds for Bethesda Cares. Singers and Instrumentalists are invited to join for this end of year community event. Contact Alec (alec@westmorelanducc.org), or sign-up on Westmoreland’s website.
Sunday, 12 May 2019
9:00a  Child Care through Age 2       N
      Youth Class       YL
      Choir Rehearsal    S
      Sunday Morning Meditation   MP
10:00a Worship Service        S
      Church School       RED/BLUE/YELLOW
      Our Whole Lives     YL
11:30a Fellowship Hour        SH
5:00p  Great Noise Ensemble Rehearsal  S

Monday, 13 May 2019
12:00p  ACOA Meeting         MR
5:00p  Great Noise Ensemble Rehearsal  CR
7:30p  Personnel Committee Meeting   L

Tuesday, 14 May 2019
11:00a  Staff Meeting         L
5:00p  Great Noise Ensemble Rehearsal  CR
7:30p  Women’s AA Meeting    MR
      Deacons’ Meeting        L

Wednesday, 15 May 2019
9:30a  ESL Classes
12:00p  ALANON Meeting        MR
5:00p  Great Noise Ensemble Rehearsal  CR

Thursday, 16 May 2019
9:30a  ESL Classes
7:00p  Great Noise Ensemble Rehearsal  S
7:30p  Chancel Choir Rehearsal    CR
8:30p  Festival Chorus Rehearsal  CR

Friday, 17 May 2019
10:00a  ALANON 4th Step        L
12:00p  ALANON Meeting         MR
8:30p  AA Meeting              MR

Saturday, 18 May 2019
9:00a  Yoga                    S
5:30p  Generosity & Stewardship Dinner Off-Site
8:00p  Festival Chorus & Great Noise Concert  S

Sunday, 19 May 2019
9:00a  Child Care through Age 2       N
      Youth Class       YL
      Choir Rehearsal    S
      Sunday Morning Meditation   MP
10:00a Worship Service        S
      Church School       RED/BLUE/YELLOW
      Our Whole Lives     YL
11:30a Fellowship Hour        SH
      Middle East Committee Meeting   P

Children’s Collection for May: Books for Children and Youth

Project Transformation works with neighborhood churches to provide after-school and summer programs for children from low-income areas of DC. They intentionally engage college students to work with the children to help create future servant leaders.

We will collect new (or gently used) books for children and youth to build Project Transformation libraries in classrooms and recreation spaces.
COFFEE HOUR is hosted today by Caryn McTighe Musil.

THE FLOWERS today are given by Leslie and Mike Weber in memory of Sarah Lucas Weber and in honor of Audrey Layton Ford.

USHERS FOR MAY: Ralph Wooden, Peggy Alfonso, Jenny Backus, Ed Pagano, Belle Belew, Josh Sarnoff, Abby Bronson, Casey Fannon, Trey Holloway, Keller Staley, Mary Staley, Pete Welch, Jane Williams, Jayne MacLean (Usher Emeritus).

GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS: Lisa Choate (Moderator), John Timmer (Moderator-Elect), Jan Stohlman (Clerk), Lee Alekel, Mary Hallward-Driemeier, Susan Kirk, Nancy Lohman, Greg Perla, Adam Thomas, Tim Tutt (ex-officio as minister).

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The Westmoreland Sanctuary has a hearing loop that provides a wireless signal for hearing aids when set to ‘T’ (Telecoil).